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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and are looking forward to the half-term holiday – we certainly are!

Already, this has been a busy term with the children enjoying a variety of curriculum enhancement activities. We all loved Magic Molly's visit and her mindfulness story was very well received. Paramedics, Lee and Jack, caused quite a stir when they came to visit! Everyone was so excited to go into the ambulance and try their kit on; the children especially liked seeing their teachers wearing bandages! Harold the Giraffe, along with Nancy came in to teach the children about healthy living and they absolutely loved working in the SCARF tent.

Our ultimate event was the celebration of the coronation of King Charles III, when the children dressed to impress at our Coronation Ball, and enjoyed their gala picnic. A great time was had by all and we hope the children remember this for years to come.

After half term it will be equally busy with the following:

- 8th June - Year 2 trip to Danbury park
- Week commencing 11th June - Year 1 phonic screening check
- 13th June – class photos
- 13th and 15th June – PTFA Father's Day gift and wrap
- 14th June - Walk to school day
- 21st June – Reception trip to Langdon Nature Reserve
- 4th July at 2pm – Sports Day
- Week commencing 10th July - whole school concert

More information will follow about all of these events.

Please see below for some important reminders and some activity ideas for the half term holiday.

Parking

Please be reminded to park considerately when dropping off or collecting your child from school. I receive numerous complaints from residents who are inconvenienced when their driveway is blocked. Similarly, wheelchair users find it extremely difficult to navigate the pavements when cars are parked on them. Thank you.

Earrings

Please be reminded that jewellery of any kind is not allowed in school. It is Essex County Council policy that jewellery is not worn for PE, even if taped, and, as our children participate in physical activity every day, it is school policy that jewellery is not worn at any time as they are a hazard to the wearer and to others. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please do so at the start of the summer holidays to give them time to heal before they return to school in September.

Parent Survey

I recently sent you a link to a parent survey and I will be very grateful if you would spare a few minutes to complete it. Here is the link again <https://forms.office.com/e/gZrktqaJcH> and, if you give your name, you will be entered into a prize draw to win a £20 shopping voucher. **The survey will close on Monday 12th June, so please submit your responses before then, to be in with a chance of winning the voucher.**

Quiz Night

Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery has been nominated to receive a donation from the proceeds of a community quiz night, which is to be held on Friday 30th June at 7.30pm, at The War Memorial Hall, High Street, Canvey Island. It is £5 per person, for teams of up to 8 people. Take your own drinks and snacks. The quiz night is organised by Angie and Gary Walford, whose son attended this school some time ago, so if you would like to join in please telephone 07986 778642. We have requested some new toys for the children to play with at lunchtimes, so your support will be very much appreciated. If you are unable to attend but would still like to support, donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Thank you.

LEGO® in Libraries

An exciting project has launched in Essex, giving children the chance to develop their problem-solving, literacy and coding skills. This Essex County Council funded project is bringing LEGO® Education kits to Canvey Library from 30th May 2023. To book, please visit the [Essex Libraries](https://www.essexlibraries.org/) website.

Castle Point and Rochford School Sports Partnership

Flying Start Family Festival

We are delighted to provide details of a fun and exciting Family Sport and activity festival which will take place on Tuesday 30th May from 1pm - 3pm at Waterside Farm Leisure Centre. This is free to all children and their families on Canvey Island in Years 1, 2 and Reception. We hope children and grown-ups will have lots of fun trying out the activities together. No need to book – just turn up!

Ready, Steady, Go to School

For those of you with pre-school children, Essex Library Service are running 'Big School Meet Ups' during half term, for children who will be starting school in September. The session at Canvey Library is on Tuesday 30th May from 10am – 12pm. Additionally, the library has a brand new challenge for pre-schoolers where children can earn stamps in a special booklet. This challenge runs from May to July and will include a range of fun activities for children to complete with their adult. For more information, follow the link <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/ready-steady-go-to-school-challenge> .

School Grounds

I'm sure you will have noticed the hard work that has gone into updating the planters on the playground. Mrs Moon, our amazing Caretaker's wife, has been spending her weekends weeding, planting and watering the tubs to keep the school looking nice. Mrs Moon's plan is to plant some bulbs that will flower at different times in the year, so if you would be willing to donate some bulbs, we will all be very grateful. Thank you.

School day timings

As promised, I am reminding you of the change to the timings of the school day that will commence on **Monday 5th June**. The doors will open at **8.40am** and the register taken at **8.45am**. Any children arriving after 8.45am will need to enter through the School Office and will receive a late mark in the register. The end of the school day will remain at **3.15pm**. Please remember to let your childminders and other carers know.

Reception

After the half term break, Reception children will enter school each morning via the blue door. A member of Reception staff will be there to greet the children every day to support them with this transition.

Tea-towels

As part of our Coronation celebrations, the children have drawn a picture of themselves as a king or a queen, which will be printed onto a tea-towel that will be available for you to purchase. If you would like to place an order, they are priced at £3.50 each. Please complete the slip and return to school by Friday 16th June, along with full payment, in a clearly marked envelope. The order will then be placed and you will receive the tea-towels before the end of term.

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Please check Mrs Kiln's newsletter and add the dates to your diary. More information will follow closer to each event.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington
Headteacher

ORDER FORM

Child's name _____ Class _____

I would like to purchase _____ tea-towels at a cost of £3.50 each.

I enclose full payment of _____.

Signed _____