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Dear Parents and Carers

The new term is well under way and all children have settled brilliantly. Our new Reception children already have their feet under the table and it is wonderful to see them making new friends.

Each month I will send you a letter with information and updates I hope you will find useful. Although I don't want to bombard you with too much information, I do want to keep you informed of what is going on in the school and remind you of any events that might be approaching.

Attendance and Punctuality

At Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery, we believe that good attendance and punctuality are essential life skills that contribute to a successful future. I would therefore like to thank you for making sure your children are in school every day, and on time. So much learning can be lost when your child is absent from school and it can be difficult for children to catch up when they have missed the teaching of key skills.

Wet Play

As we move into the winter months, there may be occasions when the children do not go outside to play. Although there are toys and games for the children to play with during 'wet playtimes', please send a colouring book into school for your child to use too. Thank you.

Coats and hats

The temperature has certainly dropped lately, so please remember to send your child into school with a warm coat. It is fine to send in hats, scarves, gloves etc but **please write your child's name on everything** – you would not believe how many odd gloves we end up with!

Adult volunteers

A few parents have mentioned they would like to come in and help around the school. We always welcome adult volunteers, so if you would like to find out more about what it involves, please join me on **Friday 14th October at 2.45pm.**

Classroom Market day

The children will turn into young traders on **Thursday 20th October** and will be selling their wonderful craft creations from **3pm**. They are very excited that they will be able to choose what to buy for their class using the proceeds.

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Harvest Festival

Autumn is the time of year when farmers harvest and store their crops ready for the Winter. Traditionally, we recognise this event in school with a whole-school Harvest Festival assembly and collect food donations to be given to needy families in the community. This year, our Harvest Assembly will be during the week of 10th – 14th October, so if you are able to donate one item of non-perishable food we will be very grateful. All donations will be taken to St Nicholas' church at the end of that week.

School Values

Our school values, **Respect**, **Resilience** and **Responsibility** are at the heart of absolutely everything we do at Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery. We have therefore introduced some areas of responsibility that Year 2 children have been given. The children will hold 'office' for one term and then the positions will be offered to different children.

For the Autumn Term:

School Councillors: Aston, Chloe, Skyla, Joe

Library Monitors: Teddy, Hattie, Ada, Oliver

Friendly Faces: Olivia, Safia, Ronnie, Colby, Frankie, Charlie, Sydney, Lottie

These children are very proud to have been chosen for their new role and are keen to get started. School Councillors will meet with Mrs Todd each month to discuss a variety of whole school issues, Library Monitors will meet with Mrs Sadler each week to tidy the library and learn library skills and the 'Friendly Faces' will help other children find friends and play games with them.

And finally, ...

I very much value your comments and suggestions for how we can improve and will be extremely grateful if you would click the link and complete the parent survey. This should take no more than 10 minutes to do and, if you give your name, you will be entered into a prize draw to win a £20 shopping voucher. Thank you. <https://forms.office.com/r/P9rResMhA1>

The survey will close on Monday 14th November.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington
Headteacher

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