

Long Road, Canvey Island, Essex SS8 0JG
Headteacher Mrs S Dorrington B.Ed
Deputy Headteacher Miss H Maynard BA (Hons)
Tel. No. 01268 683257
Email: admin@canvey-inf.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.canveyislandinfantschool.co.uk



21st July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the school year I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your support, not only to me, but to the whole school community. I have had so many cards, gifts and kind words of thanks from many of you and this has been greatly appreciated.

This year has been a year of firsts and of celebrations. Pebbles Nursery opened its doors for the first time with just 3 children and now they are bursting at the seams; we celebrated the 70th anniversary of this school opening, along with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; we have enjoyed workshops, concerts, sports day and so much more.

In contrast, we have battled lockdowns, COVID and staff shortages. Not forgetting the unprecedented weather conditions we have faced this week! You couldn't make it up!

Respect, responsibility and resilience are our school values and every child and member of staff deserves recognition for demonstrating all of them, despite these challenges.

Everyone here is exhausted and looking forward to a well-earned rest. However, it seems that children never rest and I am sure you will be thinking of activities to keep your children entertained this summer. Here are a few suggestions you might find useful.

Children's University Even if your child does not have a passport to learning, there are so many great ideas for how to keep your children busy this summer.
<https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/universities/essex-childrens-university/>

Essex Library Service The Summer Reading Challenge is free; you can also take part in some free workshops that are being held at Canvey Library. For more information please email southend@explorellearning.co.uk with the subject title 'Summer Holiday Workshop – Canvey Library'.

We are so lucky to live in the beautiful county of Essex and <https://www.visitessex.com/things-to-do> has a wealth of ideas for places to visit and things to do.

Learning is a journey, not a destination



Many children will spend a great deal of time playing online games during the holiday so it is important that we help our children to understand the risks that can be involved and to equip them with the skills to keep themselves as safe as possible online. Please take a look at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> for a range of resources to help parents keep children safe when they're using the internet.

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Bull, who will be moving on to another school. The whole school team wish her the best of luck in her new, permanent position.

As you already know, Mrs Milne leaves us today to start her maternity leave and I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best of luck as she awaits the birth of her baby girl. Mrs Milne has been overwhelmed by your generosity with the mountain of gifts she has received this week, and has asked me to pass on her immense thanks.

As we look forward to September, learning journeys will continue and I wish the Year 2 children every success, whichever school they move to. Pebbles leavers will move on to 'big school' and I look forward to seeing some of them join our Reception classes. We will have new members of staff joining us – Miss Clare Dennis, Mrs Hannah Coot and Miss Lisa Allsop have been appointed to support children with SEND and Mrs Amy-Lee Cannon will be joining Pebbles as a Nursery Assistant. I look forward to welcoming them to the team in September.

Once again, thank you for the abundance of gifts that have flooded the school this week – your generosity is overwhelming.

All that is left for me to say is, I hope all of you, and your families, have a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to seeing the new Reception, Year 1s and Year 2s in September.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington
Headteacher

Learning is a journey, not a destination

