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Dear Parents and Carers

Spring has well and truly sprung at Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery! The sound of children practising their performances for our Spring Concerts fills the air and it is wonderful to hear. I don't think you will be disappointed!

Just to remind you that year group performances will last around 20 minutes and are as follows:

Nursery – Friday 1st April at 9.30am
Reception – Wednesday 30th March at 9.30am
Year One – Tuesday 29th March at 9.30am
Year Two – Thursday 31st March at 9.30am

Your child will be allocated 2 tickets for their performance which will be given out on Monday 28th March. **You must remember to bring your tickets with you or you will not be admitted.** If you have any access requirements, please let me know and I will do all I can to accommodate you.

New arrival

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Milne has announced she is expecting a special arrival in August. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Mr and Mrs Milne as they look forward to welcoming their baby girl into the world. Mrs Milne intends to complete the school year with Class 4, who were very excited when they were told the good news.

Book Week

As you know, this week is Book Week and today is World Book Day. The children have been participating in a variety of activities based on the stories of Hollie Hughes. Unfortunately, Hollie Hughes, was unable to come into school today due to a family emergency, but has promised to come into school very soon. Tomorrow, Justin, author of the Zip Dog stories, will be reading another of his stories to the children and will be working with the Year 2 children on their story writing skills. I am sure he will be amazed to see what the children come to school dressed as – I can't wait either!

To celebrate World Book Day, your child will be coming home with a World Book Day voucher they can exchange for a book, from a selected range, in local supermarkets. I am sure your child will enjoy sharing their book with you.

Comic Relief – Friday 18th March

We will be supporting this worthy charity again this year. Children may wear something red to school, along with their uniform, and, if you are able to, please send in any donations with your child.

School Trips

We are planning a whole school trip for the Summer Term this year – more information will follow.

Platinum anniversary

Not only does Her Majesty the Queen have a celebratory year, so do we! This school first opened its doors in the academic year starting in 1951 so we will be celebrating our Platinum Anniversary on Saturday 25th June. The PTA have a day of fun arranged, so look out for more information from them very soon.

Parent and child activity days

Each year group are arranging a special day in school where we will be inviting parents to join their children for some learning activities.

Pebbles are having an Easter Craft session on Friday 1st April

Reception are looking forward to their minibeast day on 18th March

Year One will be going back in time to a Victorian School (date to be arranged)

Year 2 will be taking part in a virtual workshop, hosted by Dermot O'Leary, on Tuesday 15th March

More information about these events will follow very soon.

Parent meetings

Thank you for making the effort to attend a meeting with your child's teacher. It is so important that you know how well your child is doing at school and to discuss with their teacher how you can support them at home. If you did not manage to make an appointment, please contact your child's class teacher.

Water Bottles

We are still seeing children coming into school with breakable water bottles. Please make sure your child's water bottle is unbreakable. We have seen so many children who become upset when their fancy bottle breaks. Children do take their water bottle out on the playground with them and they are likely to be dropped at some point.

Communication

We endeavour to notify you of information and events with as much notice as possible. However, it is important that you check your emails regularly to enable you to keep up to date with what is going on in school.

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Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all at one of our planned events.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington
Headteacher

Learning is a journey, not a destination