

# Canvey Island Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we are on countdown to the long summer break, I thought I would update you on what has been going on in school and refresh your memory as to what is coming up.

## Ducklings

The children have had a wonderful week. I am sure they have been telling you all about the 6 cute ducklings that hatched last week – number 5 actually hatched in Mrs Price's car as she took them home for the weekend! The children have absolutely loved the whole experience and were even more excited to watch them swimming for the first time this week. The ducks, Pekin and Runner varieties, have now returned to their farm in Norfolk where they will enjoy free-range life with their friends.

## Olympics

This week, each class have been finding out about a different country, in the run up to the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. The teachers came up with some wonderful experiences for their classes including cooking, crafts, learning to count in a different language, and researching landmarks.

Although we were unable to go ahead with Sports Day with spectators, each class had a mini-sports day where they were able to earn points for their team. A fantastic time was had by all and the winning team will be announced by Miss Maynard in a special assembly on Monday.

Other activities this week have been a mini-tennis day with coaches from the Deanes School, a dance workshop where the children learned a traditional dance from their class country and a steel pan workshop where they found out about the instrument and then had a turn at playing it themselves. Children have been practising their hockey skills, leaping over mini hurdles and running on the track. Phew! I'm exhausted even writing about what they have been up to!

I'm sure you will agree when I say it has been a fun-filled week.

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## Football

I know many of us are looking forward to the Euros final on Sunday with huge anticipation and I do appreciate that this is not something that happens every day. That said, the school staff will be in school, as usual, on Monday morning and the morning arrangements will remain the same. Registers will close at 9am and children arriving after that time will be given a late mark. If your child arrives after 9.30am, this will be deemed as an unauthorised absence. Please note, dinners will be cancelled for children who are not in school by 9.30am.

Should England win the match, and I hope they do, class teachers will be organising celebration activities for the children to enjoy.

## Display days

You are invited into your child's classroom to see their work. A day has been allocated for each Year Group to avoid bubbles mixing. Please make your way to the gate onto the field and you will be admitted. Classrooms will be open 4.00pm – 5.15pm.

**Please only come on your child's allocated day.**

Year 2	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 1	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July
Reception	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July

You will need to sanitise your hands on your way into the classroom.

**A maximum of 6 adults will be able to enter the classroom at one time.**

**Please note, we cannot accommodate siblings, prams, pushchairs or any other children. A face covering will need to be worn at all times.**

## Birthday Parties 16<sup>th</sup> July

Class birthday parties will go ahead on 16<sup>th</sup> July. If your child's birthday is between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> August, they can come to school in their party clothes to enjoy their celebration. Invitations for the Birthday children will be sent out next week.

## Summer Concert

We will be recording our Summer Concert next week and it will be uploaded to the website, in the secure area as soon as we can.

## Year 2 Leavers 21<sup>st</sup> July

Year 2 leavers will perform their leavers song on the back field on the last day of school (21<sup>st</sup> July) at 2.30pm.

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### ... and Finally

Although Government restrictions will, hopefully, be lifted for everyone on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, we will remain working in year group bubbles for the remainder of this term, as there is still a requirement for schools to continue contact tracing measures should a positive case of Covid-19 be reported.

Enhanced cleaning and social distancing measures will continue to ensure that everyone is well at the start of the summer holidays. However, from 19<sup>th</sup> July, if we do enter stage 4 of the roadmap, you will not be required to wear a face covering whilst on the school premises. Please note, however, if you do need to enter the school building, a mask will need to be worn for the remainder of this term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington  
Headteacher

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