

CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Reminders



- 6-2-24 Themed lunch
- 7-2-24 Indoor athletics competition
- 8-2-24 Year 5 at Castle View to watch school production
- 14-2-24 Valentines disco
- 16-2-24 Break up for 1/2 term

Last 2 weeks at Canvey Junior School

- 22-1-24 Year 6 test week
- 26-1-24 Year 5 first aid training
- 31-1-24 Team sports festival
- 5-2-24 Year 5 test week

Dear Parents,

Across the school there is a real buzz of learning. The year 5 and 6 children are busy completing their assessments so we can track their progress and identify any gaps in their knowledge, alongside this they have been having fun in their lessons within their Art and DT lessons. Year 4 are working tirelessly to learn all their times tables as they have formalised multiplication tests at the end of the year and it is so good to see the creative ways their teachers reinforce their learning. A letter to all year 4 parents went home last week detailing this assessment. Year 3 assessments are slightly more structured as they complete these with the help of their teachers.

Tomorrow we have a themed lunch to promote fun and friendship and the children will be offered hotdogs and smiley faces but there is still the option of a Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings.

During half term, The Deanes Sport Centre are offering holiday camps again. They offer a variety of activities from sporting activities such as Tennis, Multi Sports as well as activities such as Lego, Slime and Craft and Dino Day.

I have attached a flyer to this newsletter for more information.

Remember, we are always on the gate or at the end of the phone if you have any queries or concerns.

S. Townsley



E-Safety

Here in school we look for every opportunity to ensure your children are educated on how to keep themselves safe online. We also have a duty of care to monitor their activity to check that they are not accessing, or trying to access, inappropriate content. In order for us to do this we have a programme that scans all computing activity and it sends alerts to the safeguarding leads. This has proved to be such a successful way to ensure our children are staying safe and it has allowed us to hold extra conversations with children. So if your children come home to say they have been questioned about their online activity, it is the SENSO programme they are talking about.

Are you aware that your children's online activity at home can be monitored via your broadband provider to ensure that they stay safe online? GoCompare have compiled a guide to broadband parental controls and internet safety for children which is attached via the following link: <https://www.gocompare.com/broadband/parental-controls/>

Valentines Disco

Tickets for the annual Valentines disco have gone on sale from today.

The disco starts at 3.15 and finishes at 4.30. As always, your children can bring in their own change of clothes, smellies and make up. Refreshments will be on sale throughout the disco and water is provided for everyone. We also always make sure there is a quiet space so your children can attend the disco but also spend some time away from the noise if needed. Ear defenders are available as well if necessary.

School Meals

Tomorrow we have a 'Fun and Friendship' themed lunch of hotdogs and potato smiles. Jacket potatoes are still available.

Team Sports Festival

On Wednesday 31st January, a small group of children went to Deanes to take part in a team sports festival. Children moved between seven different games, such as curling, football, basketball, hockey and dodgeball. It was a great chance for children to experience some different sports and enjoy them without the competition element. The children all had lots of fun and were well and truly worn out at the end of it.

Headlice

Headlice will always be a battle in primary schools, however we can all try to minimise the spread by following some simple tips.

If your child has long hair, it is it is advisable to keep their hair tied up. Also, even if your child has short hair, check them regularly as early intervention can minimise the spread.

Attendance

Regular attendance in school is vital for not only your child's education, but also their mental health. There are clear links between those children who have irregular attendance and those with anxiety. Often poor attendance can affect your child's friendship groups as they feel isolated from the games being played and missed conversation's in the playground. They can also feel anxious in the class due to lack of understanding as to what is being taught because they have missed previous learning.

As a school, we understand the effects the pandemic had on attendance and have seen an increase in missed school days since children returned to school full time. However, things are not improving.

Therefore, to help you decide if your child is well enough for school, I have attached a couple of links which offer advice as to when a child should be kept off school and if so, for how long.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

As always, if you have any queries or concerns or are ever unsure, please do not hesitate to contact us here in school.

Attendance League

Whole school attendance up until 05-02-2024 is 95.3%.

The classes with the best attendance for:

Week Beginning 22/01/2024 is

Lower School -1st Place - 3MD 99.7%
Upper School - 1st Place - 5BF 99.3%

Week Beginning is 29/01/2024

Lower School -1st Place - 3DS 98.1%
Upper School - 1st Place - 5AC 97.7%