

# NEWSLETTER



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### Reminders



28-11-23 Netball Match

30-11-23 PC Paul Hill Cybercrime Year 6

04-12-23 Whole School Panto

05-12-23 Netball Match

14-12-23 Christmas Dinner

14-12-23 Christmas Jumper day

Dear Parents,

As you are all aware we had OFSTED visit our school recently. This was a great opportunity to show case our school and the inspectors were very impressed with how well behaved and respectful your children were. Can I please say a big thank you for the overwhelmingly positive response on their Parent-View page. No school is without its problems, but I truly believe it is the positive relationship between yourselves and us in school that help make things run so smoothly.

Unfortunately, I have had another resident complain about parking opposite the school, could I please ask that consideration is taken before parking your car.

The build up to Christmas is well under way here in school as the children start to learn their songs for the Christmas concerts. A letter with times etc will be going out soon and you will have the opportunity to book your spaces to come and see your child's performance.

On 14th December we will be having Christmas dinner and your children can wear their Christmas Jumpers to school, however, they will still need to wear full school uniform alongside their Christmas Jumper.

Have a great week.



### Last 2 weeks at Canvey Junior School

13-11-23 Year 5 Road Safety Walks

14-11-23 Year 6 London Bus Workshop

15 & 16-11-23 OFSTED

17-11-23 Basketball Competition

21-11-23 Boys County Football Finals

## Girls Football

The girls played their first league game of the season away against Kingston last Friday. The girls played really well, keeping possession of the ball so that the other team could rarely threaten our own goal. The first half remained 0-0 for quite some time, despite lots of efforts at their goal; however, the girls persisted with their attack and eventually broke the deadlock before half time. In the second half, the girls continued their pursuit of more goals, eventually scoring three more to finish the match 4-0 winners.

# **Boys Football**

The boys began their league campaign following their successful tournament win. The game started well with both teams having plenty of efforts on goal with the first half finishing 0-0. The game continued in the same way but we managed to score the first goal of the game after some great play from the boys. However, Northwick scored a goal themselves to level things up again. The momentum was with Northwick and we had our goalie to thank for making so many saves, but our luck ran out a minute before the end of the game, as Northwick scored the winning goal.























### **Enterprise** Week

Last week was Enterprise Week and all the children spent time in Maths looking at money and money problems. They also had the opportunity to handle money by buying fruit at playtime, which was a huge hit with the children. The children also brought home their Christmas card designs for parents and carers to order. Thank you for all those who have ordered some of the lovely cards and gifts as so far, we have raised around £110 in commission. Finally, each year group competed against each other in a TT Rockstar battle of the bands competition. Well done to 3MD, 4AL, 5AC and 6MC who were this year's winners!

# Essex Fire Museum Family Open Day: December (Santa's Grotto)

Essex Fire Museum are holding a family open day on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, in which the latter will also incorporate a Christmas open day / Santa's grotto. These events are completely free but visits are by appointment only, so book now! There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in their fire safety room, partake in craft activities and a sit on their fire engines (and squirt water activities are interested, please email: <a href="museum@essex-fire.gov.uk">museum@essex-fire.gov.uk</a> and state the number in your party and the time you would like to arrive (they are open from 10.30am to 4.00pm).

#### **Remembrance Memorial**

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November the School Council attended a remembrance service at The Knightswick centre and on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November they also attended the remembrance service at The Paddocks. The children laid a poppy wreath at both services and observed the two-minute silence. Through both services the children were respectful and a credit to our school. We would like to thank them and the parents for taking time out to attend the services.

### Winter Games

Last week, selected children represented the school at the Winter Games held at the Deanes school. We had a team of three competing in a Boccia tournament and a team of four competing in a New Age Kurling competition.

Boccia is very similar to Boules but throws are taken from a seated position. Each match consisted of three games in which our team did well, winning their fair share of games, and ended the competition in fourth place.

Our Kurling team used Kurling stones, which are on wheels, and rolled them towards a target mat. The team who had their stones closest to the centre of the mat were the winners. They also played three games per match and we managed to win most of them, only losing their first match. The team played some great shots throughout the day and ended the competition in second place. Well done everyone!

### E-Safety

Did you know <u>#WhatsApp</u> requires users to be 16 or older? But even with the age restriction, 55% of 3-17-year-olds use the messaging app.

While it is a popular social media app, where children connect and communicate with friends, family and communities, it is important to ensure that children's accounts are safe. There are many ways to ensure this through the privacy settings on your device, which are detailed further in the attached leaflet.

By talking to your children about the importance of keeping personal information private and showing them where to get support if they see something worrying or if something goes wrong, then the risks associated with this app will be lowered. As always, if you have any E-Safety concerns please get in touch – we are here to help.

If your child does have access to communication apps online, we urge parents to regularly check-in with their child to ensure they (and others they are talking to) are using them safely and respectfully.

### **Attendance**

We are now coming into the season for coughs and colds. The link below will help you decide whether your child is too ill to attend school. Is my child too ill for school? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Regular attendance in school is vital to ensure your child is successful later in life. If you have any worries or concerns, please speak to a member of the office team.

### Attendance League

Whole school attendance up until 24-11-2023 is 95.4%

The classes with the best attendance for:

Week Beginning 13-11-2023 is

Week Beginning 20-11-2023 is

Lower School – 98.6% - 4AL Upper School – 97.1% - 5BF Lower School – 97.9% - 3MD Upper School – 97.1% - 5BF