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CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## Reminders



- 15.09.25 Year 5 Assessment Week
- 16.09.25 Flu Immunisations
- 19.09.25 6BH Class Assembly
- 24.09.25 Individual Photographs
- 25.09.25 Year 5 Road Safety
- 26.09.25 6JB Class Assembly
- 31.10.25 National Closing Date for Applications for Secondary Admission for Year 6

## Last 2 weeks at Canvey Junior School

- 02.09.25 First Day of Academic Year
- 02.09.25 Friendship Week
- 08.09.25 Year's 3 & 6 Assessments

Dear Parents,

What a calm yet busy first 2 weeks we have had back in school. I have been so impressed with how well our new Year 3 children have settled. We have certainly hit the ground running this term. The children have been screened for Dyslexic traits, they have completed their Star Reader assessments and our Year 6 children have already completed a full week of assessments. The reason behind all this assessing and screening is to give us an accurate picture of the support your children need in order for them to be successful here at Canvey Juniors. Through this, we can identify gaps in their learning and plan interventions to fill these gaps ensuring your children make the most academic progress.

As well as academic progress, we have a strong emphasis on your children's emotional well-being. myHappyMind continues to run throughout the school in lessons and you can also access this at home. We screen the children to assess their mental well being and attitudes to learning, then use The Zones of Regulation online tool to support them if they need it.

Our Year 4 children have now started their swimming lessons. Can I please remind you to make sure you have clearly labelled all of their clothing to avoid confusion when they get dressed after their lessons. Also, please remove all jewellery before they come to school as we cannot remove them for the children nor can we be responsible if they get lost.

Can I remind you all that school photos will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> September as there will not be another newsletter between now and then.

Finally, I have attached the dates for this term so you can prepare for any needed time off work for concerts etc.

Remember I am on the gate every morning and afternoon if you have any queries or concerns.

Have a lovely week.

S. Townsley



## E-Safety

As we begin the new school term, we'd like to take a moment to highlight the importance of keeping children safe online. The internet is an exciting place full of opportunities for learning, creativity and fun but it also comes with challenges. One of the best ways to support your child is through open and regular conversations about what they are doing online. Encouraging your child to share their experiences, whether it's a new game, app, or something they've seen, helps them feel confident in coming to you if something doesn't feel right.

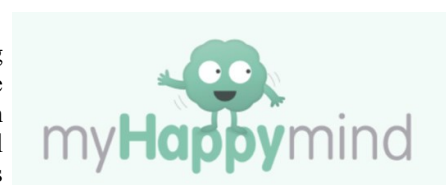
A few simple tips that can make a big difference:

- Show genuine interest in what your child enjoys online—ask them to teach you about their favourite apps or games.
- Remind them that no question is too small or silly, and that they can always come to you if they feel unsure.
- Keep the dialogue positive—children are more likely to open up if they know they won't get in trouble straight away.

Please remember, you are not alone in supporting your child with their online world. If you ever have any questions, concerns, or simply want advice we are always here to help. Working together, we can give our children the skills and confidence they need to navigate the digital world safely.

## myHappymind

As a School we do our very best to promote positive mental health and wellbeing and recognise the importance of doing so. Since we have introduced the myHappymind program across the school we have seen a noticeable difference in our pupils understanding the science of how their brain works when they feel overwhelmed and how to live a happy life. myHappymind has taught our pupils breathing strategies to help them regulate their emotions. We have also seen an increase in pupil's self-esteem and self-worth since using this program. We would encourage all our new parents/carers to sign up in order to be able to access this content at home. Details of how to do this was sent out via our parent mail.



## New football goals!

I would like to say a huge thank you the Phoenix Club on Canvey who very generously donated football goals for our playground. We first got involved with the Phoenix Club when they used our school hall whilst the Paddocks was being renovated. As a thank you for the use of the hall, they treated the children to the goal posts. The phoenix Club is a charity for adults with additional needs who meet every Wednesday at the Paddocks. It is run by volunteers who freely give up their time to organise weekly entertainment and day trips out and about. I am very lucky that they still welcome me each week, even though they are no longer in the school. I must say, it is my favourite time of the week!



If anyone ever has any prizes they would like to donate for the Phoenix Club's weekly raffle, feel free to drop them off in school.



## Attendance

As always, attendance is one of our top priorities and we can't stress enough the importance of ensuring every child is in school. The attendance target set by the Government last year was 96% and unfortunately, we fell short of meeting this target. We understand there are certain circumstances such as illnesses which may result in an absence, however no holidays in term time will be authorised as we strive to reach the target set and work together to improve school attendance.

## Attendance League

Whole school attendance up until 12-09-2025 is 98.1%.

The classes with the best attendance for:

Week Beginning 02-09-2025 is

Lower School -1st Place - 4PK — 100%

Upper School - 1st Place - 6JB— 97.4%

Week Beginning 08-09-2025 is

Lower School -1st Place - 3DS & 4LH— 100%

Upper School - 1st Place - 5AC—98%