

## CANNON LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Cannon Lane School Newsletter

#### Issue 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week of extreme weather! For the early part of the week we've enjoyed temperatures of almost 30 degrees - doing our best to provide shade and places for everyone to keep cool. Today we had a deluge of rain with puddles everywhere!

When we do have wet and rainy days, please do your best to leave for school in plenty of time and do everything you can to avoid rushing. Even though it's wet, we'd still ask that you park cars further away from the school to avoid congestion. This is important and we only say this to keep our children safe. It's also important that all children come to school wearing a coat when it's wet or cold.

Thank you to those of you who were able to come along to 'Meet the Teacher' this week. We hope that you found this useful and I know that the teachers were pleased to meet with you.

We have been delighted with how well our new Reception children have settled into school. Yesterday they all met together as a class and towards the end of next week the children will start school full time. Thank you to Reception parents and carers for your support with this.

#### Site security at the beginning and end of the school day - **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

In order to keep children safe, all external gates to school are locked each morning by 8.50am. Children arriving after this time will need to enter via the front door and will be recorded as late. The school is required to keep a record of children arriving late for school which is monitored by the Local Authority.

At the end of the school day, **all external gates will be locked by 3.30pm.** It is important that we do this to ensure that the site is secure and that children who are taking part in after school clubs are safe in school. We would ask all parents to leave the playground promptly with their children at the end of the school day (before 3.30pm) so that we can lock up the gates. Children should not be playing on the school fields or on the adventure trail at the end of the school day as they will not be supervised by school staff.

If your child is taking part in an after school club, **they will be brought out to the front door** to meet you when the club finishes. I will be speaking to all club leaders to ensure that they are aware of this and that they communicate collection arrangements with you.

I know this may be a change to what we have been doing recently but it is very important that we secure the site at the end of the school day for safeguarding reasons. Please speak to your child's club leader if you would like any clarification about this. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Parents' Contact Information**

Please ensure that all of your contact information is up-to-date. If you have changed your address or phone number recently, it is important that the school office is aware of this. Thank you.

## **Health Warning**

Please can I remind you that Cannon Lane School operates a 'nut free' policy. We have a number of children with allergies to nuts which can result in very severe reactions. For this reason we ask that no nuts are brought into school. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Some useful advice from the NSPCC**

The craze of Pokemon-Go seems to have swept the world over the last few months. If your children play this, you may find the following link useful:



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide/>

## **Labelling school uniform and all personal items**

Please remember to ensure that all school uniform, lunchboxes and drink bottles are labelled so that we can return them to children if they are mislaid. We now have around 750 brown jumpers in school each day so it's very important that each one of them is named! Thank you.

## **Water bottles**



Please remember to send your child to school with a named water bottle. Teachers will ensure that water bottles are accessible in class and provide opportunities for children to have regular drinks throughout the day. Bottles should be taken home regularly to be cleaned. Thank you.

## **Social Networking**

The use of social media is now very much part of our culture and this is a very useful way for people to keep in touch and share information. I am aware that a number of groups have been set up for different classes in school and that Friends class reps use these to share information about forthcoming school events.



Once again I would politely ask that you do not use these groups for airing concerns or seeking clarification about school policies or procedures. Our experience shows that this can often be very unhelpful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety or confusion. If parents ever have any concerns or would like further clarification about school matters, I would strongly encourage you to contact the school directly. You are always very welcome to do this and by dealing with the school directly, you are guaranteed an accurate and informed response rather than what might amount to speculation. Please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. If an issue requires further clarification, you are also very welcome to speak to one of our Assistant Head Teachers or Mrs Brown our Deputy Headteacher. In addition to this, I will always try to make myself available to parents and I welcome any feedback you have to offer. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Parent Mailbox**

We have attached a mailbox to the left hand side of the front door to school as an easier way for parents to drop off notes or letters for the school office. This is emptied daily and will always be checked by 9.30am. We hope that you find this helpful.

### **Letter from Mrs Longhurst**

*Dear Parents, Staff and children*

*It is with sadness that I write to you to say a huge thank you for the kindness you have shown to me as I leave the School Office, where I have had the pleasure to work for the past twenty-seven years. The Leaving Assembly that was held for Mrs Richmond, Year 6 children and staff like myself who were leaving, was an absolute joy and was enjoyed by everyone – especially as the weather was so kind to us. My thanks go to Mr Phillips, Mrs Skerton, Mr Kirwan, Mrs Buckner and the children for making it so special for us.*

*I was overwhelmed by my gifts of John Lewis Vouchers and flowers, but the most special gift was the two huge cards – containing a drawing and message from every child in school and decorated by all the Teaching Assistants – which I have spent many hours reading at home and which I will treasure for ever.*

*Thank you all so very much – you have made my working life here so very happy and I will never forget you. I wish you all every success and happiness in the future.*

*Elaine Longhurst ☺*

In addition to the above letter from Mrs Longhurst, Mrs Richmond has asked me to pass on her thanks for all of the good wishes and gifts that she received at the end of term.

With very best wishes,

Mr A Phillips  
Headteacher

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