



WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

This time last week information was emerging about the devastating accident on the M53. Discovering that it involved two of our local secondary schools impacted us deeply at West Kirby Primary School. We have shared our thoughts and condolences with both of the schools and are thankful to the emergency services and local community who worked together to help so many of our young people. Our thoughts are with the families of Jessica Baker and Stephen Shrimpton.

EYFS Visitors

This half term the children in EYFS have been learning about people who help us. They have had visitors to support their learning – School Crossing Patrol, Midwife, Architect, Nurses and an Aircraft Technician. Thank you for giving up your time, this is a great way for our children to learn about the people who help us.

Next week, Year 5 will be learning all about different career opportunities. If you feel you would be available to visit our school and talk to Year 5 about your profession, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mr McCrum using the Upper Key Stage Two email address (see below).

Sporting Events

Our Cross Country season has got off to a great start and children in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 have showed dedication and determination competing in races against other local schools. For some children, especially Year 4, this was their first race and they did WKPS proud. We enjoyed hearing about the race, your positions and seeing your medals.

Class 5 have been swimming this week, they have enjoyed the experience and I have heard that there has been good progress with their swimming skills. Look out for the dates for when Class 6 and Class 5/6 will be swimming in the new year.

Well done to our Year 6 Tag Rugby Team who took part in a competition after school on Wednesday. They played really well together, showing determination and teamwork. They won three out of their 4 matches. Thank you to Miss Gerrad for supporting the children at this event.

On Friday 29th September, Year 5 enjoyed an outdoor STEM Learning opportunity at Royal Liverpool Golf Club. Coordinated by BIGGA, the children had the opportunity to learn about the role of a Greenkeeper. During the visit, the children learnt about the tools used on the golf course, the different types of seeds and grass on the golf course, how technology supports the job of a Greenkeeper, how bunkers are made, the wildlife on the golf course and much more. It was a fantastic opportunity and we are thankful to BIGGA and Royal Liverpool Golf Club for such a brilliant opportunity.

Year 5: Royal Liverpool Golf Club



Learning about wildlife



Building a bunker



Putting Skills



Learning about the seeds & grass

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 29th September, WKPS and WKPS PTA supported Macmillan Coffee Morning, a charity that we know does amazing work. Our coffee morning was attended by WKPS staff from 8:00am and then Parents/Carers from 8:40am. Thank you to those of you who supported the event by attending, baking and/or contributing. I would also like to thank one of our local businesses – Sybils, who sold the items that we had left. We are pleased to share that our **WKPS Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £401.**

PTA

WKPS PTA are a fantastic team who work together to ensure that they raise additional funds for our school. A record amount of just over **£16,000** was raised by our PTA last year (2022-2023). This is a huge achievement and WKPS are very grateful.

The funds have enabled us to purchase new technology equipment (Interactive Whiteboards, a new screen and sound system in the hall, Ipads and a new server), fund events for the children (author visits and crazy golf) and buy other equipment and resources (books, plates and bowls). The PTA met on Monday 2nd October for their AGM meeting and plans are already underway to begin the great work for 2023-2024. Look out for details about Spooky Hair, Jolly Jars, Spooky Discos and EYFS Halloween Fun and Games.

If you would like to become involved with our PTA – please drop them an email.

wkps_pta@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk

School Applications

If you have a child who is currently in Year 6, their secondary school application must be completed by **31st October 2023**.

If you have a child due to start F2 in September 2024, their school application must be completed by **15th January 2024**. If your child is currently in F1 in WKPS, you must still apply to Wirral School admissions. Schools have no control over F2 places.

[Apply for a primary or secondary school place | wirral.gov.uk](https://www.wirral.gov.uk)

If you have any questions, please ask at The School Office.

Important Dates

These are some of the upcoming dates for the next few weeks

- Monday 9th October: EYFS Parents/Carers to Visit School Library (1:00-3:00pm)
- Tuesday 10th October: World Mental Health Day
- Tuesday 10th October: Year 1 Share a story (2:40-3:05pm)
- Tuesday 10th October: EYFS & Year 1 Phonics Meeting (5:45pm via Teams)
- Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th October: Year 6 Residential (Winmarleigh Hall – PGL)
- Wednesday 11th October: Year 1 Come Dine with Me (11:30am)
- Thursday 12th October: KS1 Seasonal Walk (pm)
- Tuesday 17th October: Parents' Evening (face to face in school) – bookings to will be emailed on Monday 9th October
- Wednesday 18th October: Year 2 Come Dine with Me (11:30am)
- Wednesday 18th October: Parents Evening (online via Teams) – bookings to will be emailed on Monday 9th October
- Friday 20th October: Year 3 Harvest Festival (9:00am in the School Hall – Parents Welcome)
- Friday 20th October: PTA Event – Spooky Hair (£1 donations)
- Friday 20th October: PTA Event – Selling of Halloween Jolly Jars
- Friday 20th October: School closes for Half Term
- Monday 30th October: School Opens for Autumn Two
- Monday 30th October: PTA Spooky Discos (Year 1 – Year 6)
- Wednesday 1st November: EYFS Fun and Games 3:20pm to 4:20pm

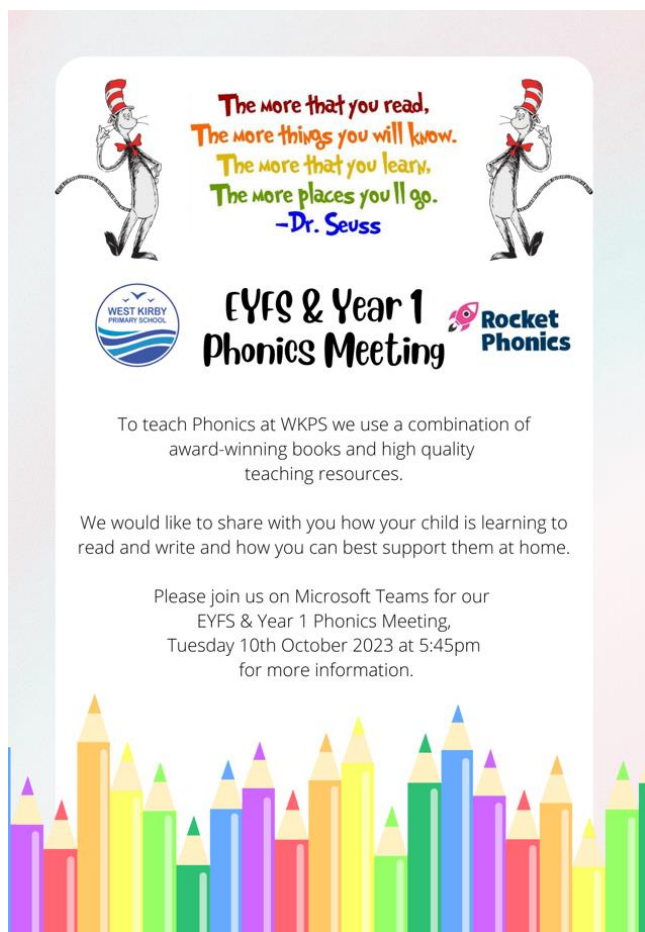
**Please note this is not all the dates, please keep checking the online calendar on our school website for added dates/events. [West Kirby Primary School - Calendar](#)*

Keeping Children Safe - Online Safety

West Kirby Primary School subscribes to National Online Safety as part of our whole school drive to keeping children safe online. As a Parent or Carer, you too can also register to access this excellent site.

It provides multi-award-winning online safety courses, guides and resources; everything you need to understand the online world. There are 350+ courses, guides and explainer videos to help you keep children safe online and there is unlimited access for all parents and carers anytime, anywhere. Just follow the link to our site and add your details to get started. Our school enrolment link is <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/west-kirby-primary-school>





EYFS & Year 1 Phonics Meeting

We are delivering a Phonics Meeting for Parents & Carers who have children in EYFS and Year 1.

Please join us via Teams on Tuesday 10th October (5:45pm) to find out more about how Phonics is delivered at WKPS.

Even if you attended in EYFS, we would still recommend you attend for your Year 1 child.



Come Dine with Key Stage One

Have you booked for Come Dine with KS1?

Following the great feedback and success of these events in the summer term, we are offering this opportunity again

Please come and join your Year 1 or Year 2 child in the coming weeks.

You will be able to have a delicious Roast Dinner, including a pudding and experience lunch time with them.

To secure a place, adult meals must be paid for in advance on Parent Pay.

Payments

Please can I request that payments on Parent Pay are cleared as soon as possible. As a school, we can't afford to have outstanding debt for services that have already taken place or been provided.

- School meals must be paid for and your Parent Pay account should **not** be going into debt.
- Before and After school clubs, including WAVES need to be paid for in advance. If you have an outstanding balance on your account, you will be unable to book for Autumn 2.
- Any F1 provision which needs to be paid for must be paid in full each half-term.

Playground Equipment

A polite reminder that the Trim Trail and all of the equipment in the EYFS area is not to be used by children before or after school. We also request that there are no ball games on the playground before and after school. In addition, all bikes and scooters should be dismounted at the school gates and walked/pushed to the bike racks/scooter racks.

Nuts

A reminder that we are a nut free school. Our school kitchen has no nut products or products that may contain nuts. We have children in our school who have nut allergies. Therefore, we politely ask that there are no nut products in snacks or lunchboxes – this includes Nutella items.

Contact us

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact our phase leaders using the key stage emails. We will do our best to get back to you as soon as we can.

Phase	Phase Leader	Phase Email address
EYFS	Mrs Catt	eyfs@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk
KS1	Mrs Hughes	ks1@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk
LKS2	Mr Procter	lks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk
UKS2	Mrs McCann	uks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk
	School Office	schooloffice@westkirby-primary.wirral.sch.uk

The weather is looking warm this weekend, especially for this time of the year – enjoy the sunshine. I wish you all a lovely weekend, and look forward to seeing you all at 8:40am on Monday morning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Bailey
Headteacher