

WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. The children have worked hard this week and have started many different areas of learning across the curriculum. Although it is a short half term, there are lots of visits, residentials, and opportunities due to take place – please take some time to read the dates below.

Class 5/6 have been swimming at The Concourse this week. I was able to join them on Thursday afternoon and it was brilliant to see so many talented and capable swimmers. Well done Class 5/6! Next week Class 6 will be heading to The Concourse for their week of swimming.

The Year 4 residential is approaching quickly. The Year 4 teaching team sent out a letter yesterday (29/2/24) to share some of the final arrangements. We hope you found this useful. If there are any further questions, please email Lower Key Stage Two and they will get back to you lks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk

Staying Safe

In assembly this week, I shared with the children all the different ways that we keep safe in school and the importance of staying safe. As always, this is not to worry the children, it is to ensure that they feel safe in school, understand how we keep them safe and what they can do if they feel unsure or unsafe.

We talked about ...

- The school building being locked during the day
- All visitors reporting to the School Office
- Evacuation leaving the building to stay safe
- Invacuation staying inside the building to stay safe
- Being able to identify one or two trusted adults within school to talk to
- What is in place in individual classrooms for children to communicate if they have a worry
- Staying Safe Online
- Definition of bullying, how to be an upstander and respecting everyone

For a number of years, we have shared the NSPCC Pants video with the children. This was also shared with the children this week as a reminder about keeping safe, saying no and knowing who trusted adults are. If you wish to view it, this is the link Let's talk PANTS | NSPCC

Online Safety Newsletter

Our March Online Safety Newsletter is now available. It is available under the Letters to Parents Tab and it is also attached to this email. Please have a read of this to keep up to date with the digital world, so that we can support the children to be online safely.

PTA

Thank you to our PTA for organising the Popcorn with Friends Events this week. EYFS enjoyed Trolls, KS1 enjoyed Monsters Inc and KS2 enjoyed Boss Baby. Our thanks to Hickory's who kindly donated a large amount of popcorn, the smell of it filled the school!

The next PTA event is the Someone Special Table, which will take place on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March. It will take place during the school day. If they wish to, the children will be able to visit the table and make a purchase. To help us with organisation, if you send money in with your child, please put the money into a named envelope, named purse or named wallet – thank you

Local Event





Key Stage One - Seasonal Walk

Unfortunately, due to the wet weather this morning, the KS1 Seasonal Walk had to be postponed. The new date for the Seasonal Walk will be Monday 11th March. We understand that some Parents/Carers who had volunteered to support the walk today may not be able to make this new date. If you are able to join KS1 on the new date, please email the Key Stage One email address and one of the teaching team will get back to you to confirm ks1@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk

Important Dates

These are some upcoming dates...

- Monday 4th March- Friday 8th March: Class 6 Swimming
- Monday 4th March: Year 3 and Year 4 School Concert (Philharmonic, Liverpool)
- Tuesday 5th March: Drama Workshop (EYFS & KS1)
- Tuesday 5th March: Year 5 (Group 2) Calday Law Workshop (am)
- Tuesday 5th March: PTA Someone Special Gift Table (pm)
- Wednesday 6th March: PTA Someone Special Gift Table (pm)
- Wednesday 6th March: Year 5 (Group 3) Calday Law Workshop (am)
- Wednesday 6th March: Year 1 (and some Year 2) Phonics Screening Check Meeting 6pm via Teams
- Thursday 7th March: World Book Day (Please refer to previous letter from Miss O'Toole). This year we are having a non-fiction focus.
- Thursday 7th March: EYFS Visit to West Kirby Library
- Sunday 10th March: Mothering Sunday
- Monday 11th March: KS1 Seasonal Walk (new date)
- Tuesday 12th March: Year 5 and Year 6 Chester Zoo
- Wednesday 13th March: EYFS Visit to Ness Gardens
- Wednesday 13th March: Rock Steady Concert (2:30pm). This is for the children who take part in Rock Steady each week.
- Friday 15th March: Fairtrade Event (8:45-9:30am in the School Hall)
- Monday 18th Friday 22nd March: Scholastic Book Fair
- Monday 25th -Wednesday 27th March: Year 4 Residential
- Thursday 28th March: School Closes for Spring Break (3:20pm)

Monday 15th April: School Reopens for Summer Term

- Monday 22nd April: Spring Interim Report to Parents via Marvellous Me
- Tuesday 23rd April: Year 4 MTC Parent/Carer Meeting 6pm via Teams
- Monday 29th April: Parents' Evening (In School)
- Tuesday 30th April: Parents' Evening (Online Via Teams)
- Wednesday 1st May: Class Photographs

Parent Pay

Please ensure that you credit your child's Parent Pay account **prior** to requesting a lunch in school. Your account should not be in debt. All costs for WAVES and Clubs should be settled in advance.

Please note we will be moving away from Parent Pay from April 2024 and we will be using Arbor. We will share more details with you as we get nearer to the launch of Arbor. We are very hopeful that Arbor will bring improvements for both our families and school.

^{*}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

If you are experiencing any financial difficulties or challenges, please contact me directly and we can work together to devise a payment plan.

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
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Have a good weekend, and we will see you at 8:40am on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Bailey (Headteacher)