

# WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 11<sup>th</sup> 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who completed Parentview and who have expressed their support in so many ways over the last week. We are expecting to receive the Ofsted report in the next 3-4 weeks and will share it with you then. A huge thank you too for the hard work of our staff team and to the children who were a credit to everyone!

## Y6 end of KS2 National Tests

Well done to all of our Y6 pupils who have completed the full set of national tests in English and Mathematics this week. We have been impressed at their mature, calm and positive attitudes - they have set an excellent example to the whole school.

## Y5 Community Performance in Ashton Park

We are very proud of our Y5 pupils who took part in a local Community Drama production involving various local schools and other groups (including West Kirby Transition Town and a group of EAL students from Liverpool) in the park last Saturday. The event was very well planned and organised by LIPA (Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts) second year students.

The theme of the day was that our hope for the future comes from being kind to one another and to the environment - a great theme for us all – and one that links closely to our school curriculum core themes too. Each group performed a different piece of drama linked by this theme - and by the music of Bob Dylan. At the end, our children planted seeds to encourage the bees before all of the groups came together for a picnic and a Ceilidh.

Thank you to all of the families who supported the event and well done everyone!

## Summer Term Home Learning & Curriculum

Information about our Home Learning and Summer term 1 topics along with what will be covered in each curriculum area is up on the website. Just click on the [Home Learning](#) & [Curriculum](#) tabs then select your child's key stage from the menu on the left, then click on Summer 1 2017.

This information is also on display in the school foyer and paper copies are available on request from the school office. Staff continue to be available after school each Friday in the ICT suite for families who wish to ask questions or complete tasks in school.

There is more information about maths methods and reasoning as well as about phonics, grammar and assessment – just scroll further down the menu on the Curriculum menu.

## Children's school books at the end of the year

We ask that you return all school books/ library books at the end of the academic year (by the end of June) for a stock check.

The children will be able to bring home their own exercise books at the end of term so that they can share and celebrate their achievements with you.

## Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/west-kirby> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by June 9th, 2017.**

## Keeping children safe

This term, KS2 pupils are learning about managing worries and coping with changes. Children in Y5 and Y6 are also completing a unit of work considering different types of bullying and what children can do to address it and prevent it.

**Safety in the sun:** A reminder to ensure that your child brings a clear named water bottle to school each day so they have plenty to drink. Please administer a long-lasting sun cream each morning and provide your child with a named hat to be worn outdoors.

**No-smoking Policy:** A reminder that the No Smoking policy also applies to vaping. Please refrain in all areas of the school premises.

## Waste Week

Eco Council have worked hard to raise awareness of food waste in school. They interviewed our Catering Manager Lou to learn more about how to reduce and reuse leftovers. The children were also asked to compose an acrostic poem to raise awareness of Waste Week.

The competition winners were by Jasper Carney (KS1) and Lois Carter Jenkins (KS2) who each won a gardening set to grow their own fruit and vegetables and a dessert of their choice.

## Toys in school

We have plenty of play equipment for children to use at break times so do not encourage children to bring their own toys into school in case they get lost and cause upset. We cannot be held responsible.

However, we have always allowed children who need to, to play with a small toy from home at playtime, as long as it is small enough to stay out of sight in their pocket apart from at playtime. Toys appearing at any other time are confiscated by the class teacher until the end of the day.

## West Kirby's Got Talent

Some of you may be aware that two of our former pupils, sisters, Julia and Alice Carlile, are taking part in the current series of Britain's Got Talent. They form part of a dance group 'Just us' who got the 'golden buzzer' taking them straight through to the semi-final. Julia in particular has overcome some significant challenges to get this far and will have to have surgery on her back to correct a curvature of her spine. We are proud to see how resilient she has become - and inspired by the girls' dancing...

## Parent survey

89% of the parents who responded to Parentview last week said they felt homework is appropriate - up from 73% last summer. We are pleased to see the impact of the changes we made in response to your feedback.

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Following our request for more suggestions about community involvement, we would like to thank Mrs Baldry who has volunteered to help us take a group of children litter picking locally during the summer term.

If you wish to provide any further feedback, please message us via the school website/email or use the Comments Box in the school foyer. We will leave out response slips during Parents Evening which can be posted into the Comments Box as you leave.

## More community litter picking opportunities...

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am - West Kirby Beach  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am – Coronation Buildings  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am - Bramhall Close & Grammar School Lane  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am – West Kirby Beach

And on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am – Gardening at Sandlea Park

## Secondary Transfer 2018

Last night we held a meeting for parents of pupils currently in Y5. The presentation about the admission arrangements may be downloaded from the website. Just click on the School Information tab and select Secondary Transfer 2018.

## PTA

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Mother's Day table a huge success and we hope you liked your presents from the children. They had great fun picking out the gifts and we raised over £200 too! Thank you in particular to Sybil's in West Kirby who helped provide the fantastic gifts and gave great support throughout the event. The PTA has recently invested in new Maths & English learning materials alongside new Library Books that will help ensure the children are learning with the latest and best equipment.

Our next event is Film Night on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, more details to follow shortly and volunteers to help would be very welcome. Our next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 8.00pm at the Dee Hotel, West Kirby – everyone is welcome!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Takashima  
Headteacher

## Summer term diary dates and holiday information

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – PTA Meeting The Dee Hotel 8.00pm

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Years 3 and 4 to Indian Restaurant at lunchtime

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – PTA Film Night

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – School closes 3.30pm

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - Half Term

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – INSET Day

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – School re-opens 8.55am

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – KS1 Art Day

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 at Marine Lake and Beach

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – New Parents Meeting 6.00pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Father's Day Table

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Father's Day Table

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Healthy Week

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Bike-it Breakfast 8.15am

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Parents meeting re residential 5.00pm

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – EYFS Sports Day – am

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – KS2 Sports Day – am

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – KS1 Sports Day – pm

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** – EYFS Reserve Sports Day – am

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** – KS2 Reserve Sports Day – am

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** – KS1 Reserve Sports Day – pm

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Fundraiser Day for Cancer

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Transition Day

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 'Leavers Do'

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 6 Residential

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leavers Assembly – details to follow

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July** – School closes 3.30pm

*Please note that term time and holiday dates including INSET days for 2017-18 can be found under the School Info tab on our website or click [Term Dates](#)*

Please be aware that schools are not permitted to authorise term time holiday absence apart from in the most exceptional circumstances and that approval from the Headteacher should be sought prior to booking. Schools are required to record and report instances of unauthorised absence as it is a legal requirement that children of statutory school age attend regularly. Please be advised that Wirral Borough Council may issue a fixed penalty notice with a fine for unauthorised absence. Our Attendance procedure and leave of absence form can be downloaded from our website

[http://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/attendance\\_and\\_term\\_dates/17375](http://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/attendance_and_term_dates/17375)