

# WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

Dear Parents,

This has been a week of unexpected and unwelcome events, with anxiety and uncertainty nationally and at school.

Following recent terrorist events, we have received advice about supporting pupils and answering children's questions, which our Governors have suggested may be helpful to share with parents. Please click on the link below:

<https://www.winstonswish.org.uk/responding-children-young-people-affected-media-coverage-incident-manchester/>

## Flood in Foundation Stage

We arrived in school on Monday morning to find that a pipe had corroded and had burst over the weekend and that both classrooms were flooded with water. It was hoped that a thorough clean up and dry out operation would enable us to reopen in a couple of days. By Wednesday, it was apparent that the damage was more severe. All of the flooring and some of the furniture needs to be replaced and this is now underway with the help of the Local Authority. The costs will be covered by our insurance policy, but the work may take a couple of weeks. Yesterday we were able to welcome back F2 pupils in a temporary room, and today we welcomed back F1 pupils. Please bear with us with these interim arrangements. We understand how disruptive this has been for the children and for parents and carers too and apologise for the inconvenience caused. We will keep parents of F1 and F2 pupils informed as to when we will be re-opening the unit.

## Staff changes

Miss Oxtan has informed us that she is planning to move to the North - East over the summer so will not be continuing with us in the Autumn term. We will be very sorry to see her go at the end of this term but wish her well with her move.

Today we are advertising on the Wirral website for a replacement teacher and for a part time teacher to job-share with our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Bailey from September.

We are happy to tell you that Miss Woods will be returning to school in July following her maternity leave.

## Classes for next year

We are in the process of planning our classes for next year. We take into consideration a wide range of factors including ensuring children are all within a group of others of similar ability, the gender balance and numbers of children of different ages as well as personalities and friendships. Inevitably, some children may be disappointed with their placement, especially if they end up split from close friends. We ask parents to be prepared to help manage any disappointment and to provide reassurance and positive messages to help them to accept and adjust. All of our classes are mixed ability and some of our classes are mixed-age. We will be letting you know and the children know which class they will be in on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July ahead of their new class

visits on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. We are hoping to be able to introduce the children to our new teachers on this day.

## Summer Term 2 Home Learning & Curriculum

Information about our Home Learning and Summer term 2 topics along with what will be covered in each curriculum area is now 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 2 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.

Ofsted commented very positively to us on the clarity and fullness of information on our website and we are delighted to see the complimentary comments in the report about the breadth, depth and quality of our school curriculum.

## Keeping children and our community safe

Another reminder to consider the safety of all of our children when dropping off or collecting children from school. Please ensure you are parked legally and safely, avoiding all yellow lines, pavements and neighbour's driveways.

If approached by our neighbours, please show respect and be polite- treating others as you would wish to be treated yourself and setting a good example to our children.

## Healthy week – 19<sup>th</sup> – 23rd June

Monday – Zumba Session

Tuesday - Bike it Breakfast (8:15am), Year 5 & 6 to the beach (RNLI), Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics with Mrs Ryan and KS1 Football Tournament (weather permitting).

Wednesday – Year 3 & 4 to the beach (RNLI), Year 6 Personal Safety Session and KS2 Football Tournament (weather permitting)

Thursday – EYFS Sports Day (weather permitting), Year 1 & 2 Gymnastics with Mrs Ryan

Friday – Sports Day (weather permitting)

KS2 am – 9.15am -12.00noon

KS1 pm – 1.15pm – 3.15pm

We will follow the same Sports Day format as last year.

Our aim is for all children to be as active as possible at all times.

We request that no dogs be brought onto the field during Sports Day. You may take photographs of your own child but photographs of other children must not be put on the Internet.

## 11+ tests deadline

Just a reminder that the deadline for current Year 5 parents applications for pupils to sit the 11+ tests in September has now passed. Applications to sit the tests for St Anselms and Upton Hall are still open...

Parents who have submitted an application will shortly receive a familiarisation leaflet via school.

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

We ask that you return all school books/ library books by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June for a stock check. The Library system

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generates messages to parents for any unreturned books. Please have a thorough look so that we can account for all of our books and have the library ready with plenty of choice for the children in September. 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.

## New Parents meeting 2017

On Wednesday next week, we will be holding a meeting for parents of children joining us in Foundation Stage in September. This meeting is not suitable for children, but we will be talking about arrangements for children to visit in the next few weeks.

## PTA

Film Night 2017 was a huge success with the children enjoying a screening of 'Sing' with pizza and popcorn! We also managed to raise over £170 on the night too, which is a great effort which wouldn't have been possible without great help from volunteers and staff to make the event happen – thank you very much.

All money raised from PTA events is in the coming months will be going on a huge school renovation project, which will help pay for new, ergonomically designed chairs for every child in the school and a whole range of new decorations for the school. It's a big project, so all of your support at the forthcoming Summer Fair on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July will be greatly appreciated as we look to raise as much as possible.

Our next event is our annual Father's Day table event. This is a special event where every child on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June can come along with some pocket money (presents cost between £1 - £3.50), and buy a gift to treat their Dad with on Father's Day. The gifts are kindly supplied by Sybil's of West Kirby, thank you again for your support.

The next PTA Meeting is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at the Dee Hotel. This is a really important meeting as we plan for the Summer Fair so if as many people can attend as possible that would be great, your help is really appreciated. The meetings are very relaxed and friendly, everyone is welcome.

Matt & Louise

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Takashima  
Headteacher

## Summer term diary dates and holiday information

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

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

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – PTA Meeting 8.00pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June** - 10 x Y5 Pupils Tag Rugby at Hilbre High

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

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – 6 X Y5/Y6 to Great Meols Primary

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**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** – Recorder Group to Greasby Infant School pm

**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

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** – KS1 Art Day – **New Date**

**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)