



WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcoming - Kind - Polite - Successful

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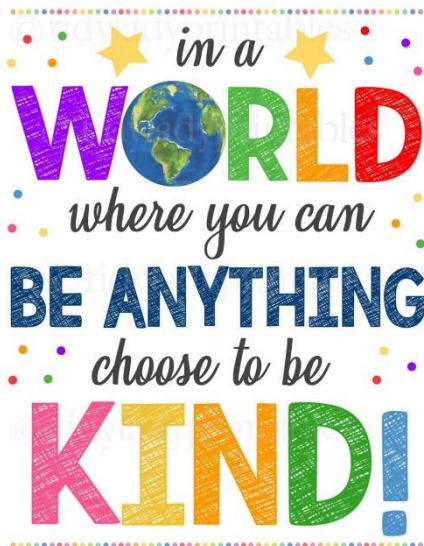
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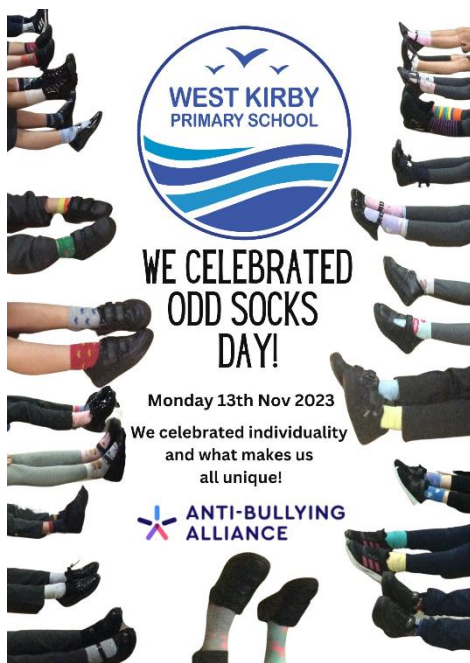
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Dear Parents & Carers,



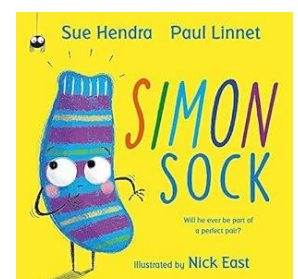
Our week started off with a focus on **World Kindness Day** and reflections about how we can be kind to others. I spoke with the children in assembly about listening to others, helping each other, caring for one another, giving time to each other, understanding each other and smiling at each other. Most importantly we talked about respecting each other and being accepting of each other's individuality. Each class teacher awarded a kindness certificate to one child in each class – well done to our 11 children who were awarded a certificate today.

This week has also been **Anti-Bullying Week**, every class has dedicated time throughout the week to discuss the importance of **Kindness to all and respect to all**. Key Stage Two children have focused in more detail about the definition of bullying and the role of bystanders and upstanders. The theme this year for Anti-Bullying Week is **Make Some Noise**, with the aim of children speaking up if they experience anything or they see anything.



To start **Anti-Bullying Week** the children were invited to come to school wearing Odd Socks. It was great to see the children in their odd socks and listening to them explain that it was to remember that everyone is an individual and we are all unique.

Key Stage One heard the story Simon Sock by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet and learnt that you can be friends and get along, even when you have differences.





Well done to Year 5 who shared an informative assembly to Parents & Carers on Thursday. Their assembly focused on International Day for Tolerance. The assembly consisted of really powerful messages and gave us lots to think about. Year 5 also performed three songs with their brilliant singing voices. Year 5 you were a pleasure to listen to. Thank you for sharing such important messages.

Staffing

Today is Mr Houghton's last working day at West Kirby Primary School. We would like to thank him for his dedication over the last 11 years and wish him well.

As you know, Library Jane will be absent from school for a period of time. This week we have recruited Mrs Langley who will be working in our School Library on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Mrs Langley has previous experience of volunteering in our School library alongside Library Jane. Mrs Langley will support the children to continue using our library effectively.

I would also like to take the opportunity to share with you that Mr O'Rourke will be absent from work for some time whilst he undergoes a knee operation and recovers. Mr O' Rourke will finish work on Friday 24th November and will return in the new year. We are not sure of a date at the moment. We are doing our best to ensure that the clubs that Mr O'Rourke is currently running up to Christmas will still take place. Our Spring One Clubs will run differently. Thank you to several of our teaching staff who will be running a variety of different clubs for Spring One to ensure that we can still offer a range of clubs during this time. Look out for the club sign up email coming soon. In the meantime, I am sure you will join me in sending our best wishes to Mr O'Rourke and we hope to see him back soon.

EYFS Outdoor Area

I would like to extend my thanks to the families who have contributed funds for our EYFS area following the damage and vandalism that we experienced a few weeks ago. Mrs Catt and Miss O'Toole are sourcing the items using the cash you have kindly donated to us. We are still on the lookout for some traffic cones. If anybody has any connections and can source any that are no longer needed, we would be grateful. Traffic cones have many uses within an EYFS setting!

Christmas Reading Event

Don't forget the Christmas Advent Reading Event this year – have you signed up yet?

The reading event is £1 to attend and we welcome children and families to attend. At the event there will be our special Christmas Reading grotto where you can sit and enjoy a book, purchase a book, Christmas/book crafts and refreshments. Please come along and support the event. The money that we raise from the event will be used to purchase new and exciting books for the children.



- Tuesday 28th November: EYFS & KS1 Christmas Reading Event (3:20-4:30pm)
- Thursday 30th November: KS2 Christmas Reading Event (3:20-4:30pm)

**All children must be accompanied by an adult apart from Year 5 and Year 6 Children.*

Important Dates

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

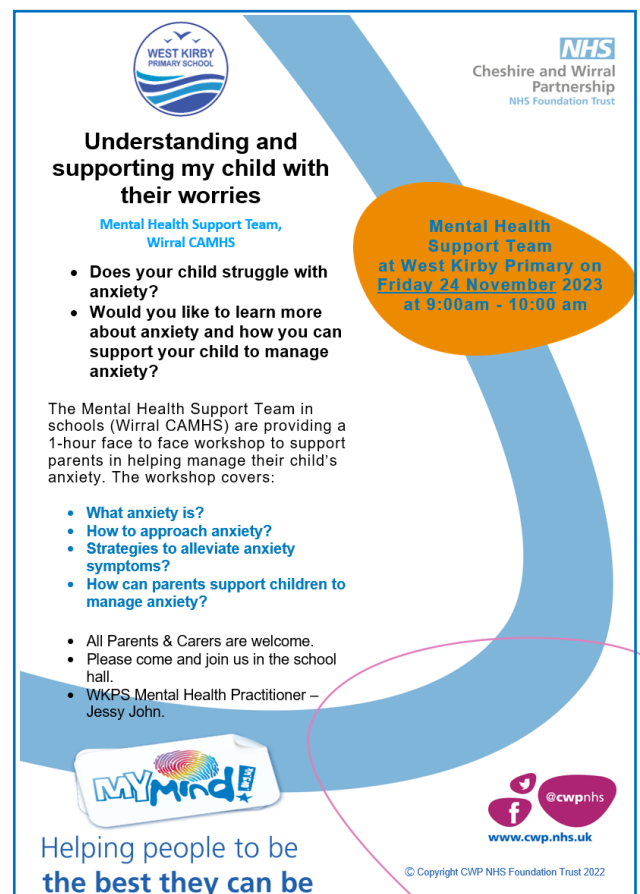
- Saturday 18th November: West Kirby Christmas Light Switch on (WKPS Choir singing)
- Monday 20th November: Year 5 and Year 6 Puberty Lessons
- Thursday 23rd November: Year 4 Puberty Lessons
- Friday 24th November: Understanding and Supporting your child with worries (9:00am-10:00am)
- Tuesday 28th November: EYFS & KS1 Christmas Reading Event (3:20-4:30pm)
- Wednesday 29th November: EYFS Visit to West Kirby United Reformed Church (am)
- Wednesday 29th November: Altu Drama Performance for Key Stage Two
- Thursday 30th November: KS2 Christmas Reading Event (3:20-4:30pm)
- Friday 1st December: Christmas Fair (5:00-7:00pm)
- Tuesday 5th December: Year 5 Visit to West Kirby United Reformed Church (am)
- Wednesday 6th December: Year 6 Visit to West Kirby United Reformed Church (am)
- Wednesday 6th December: Year 3 and Year 4 Visit to The Lighthouse Church, Heswall for a musical Edsential Event (9:30-10:30am)
- Thursday 7th December: Christmas Jumper Day (Donations via Parent Pay only)
- Monday 11th December: EYFS Reading Café (8:45- 9:15am)
- Tuesday 12th December: Year 2 Reading Café (8:45 -9:15am)
- Wednesday 13th December: Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to West Kirby United Reformed Church
- Wednesday 13th December: Whole School Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 14th December: Christmas Pantomime: Aladdin

**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](#) The Christmas Performance dates and times for EYFS and KS1 can be found on the school calendar.*

Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

The MHST support have been working in our school for a few years, this is following national funding for all schools to be able to support children who may need it. Our Mental Health Practitioner is called Jessy and she has successfully worked with a number of our families.

Our Parent & Carer workshop is next week (Friday 24th November). ***The focus of this workshop is 'Understanding and supporting my child with worries.'*** The workshop will take place in the school hall from 9:00-10:00am. Please come along. All Parents and Carers are warmly invited. Parenting is not an easy task, and we all look for tips and ideas along the way. If you have any questions about the event please just ask.



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Understanding and supporting my child with their worries
Mental Health Support Team, Wirral CAMHS

Mental Health Support Team at West Kirby Primary on Friday 24 November 2023 at 9:00am - 10:00 am

- Does your child struggle with anxiety?
- Would you like to learn more about anxiety and how you can support your child to manage anxiety?

The Mental Health Support Team in schools (Wirral CAMHS) are providing a 1-hour face to face workshop to support parents in helping manage their child's anxiety. The workshop covers:

- What anxiety is?
- How to approach anxiety?
- Strategies to alleviate anxiety symptoms?
- How can parents support children to manage anxiety?

- All Parents & Carers are welcome.
- Please come and join us in the school hall.
- WKPS Mental Health Practitioner – Jessy John.

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Packed Lunches

In line with our Healthy Eating and Healthy Lunch Box Policy, which is approved by our School Governors, please can I remind you of the following;

We ask that lunchboxes contain the types of items from the selection below:

- A bottle of water or 100% fruit juice, semi-skimmed milk or yogurt drink
- A sandwich that includes a savoury filling (e.g. egg, tuna, cheese, cooked meat)
- A starchy food such as bread, pasta, rice, noodles
- Fish, meat or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, chick peas, hummus)
- Manufactured meat products and processed foods only occasionally
- Dairy food such as cheese, yogurt, fromage frais
- Savoury snacks such as crackers or breadsticks
- A biscuit, cake or cereal bar **not fully coated in chocolate** (but may contain some chocolate e.g. chocolate chip cookies, animal biscuits, cereal bar etc)
- At least one portion of fruit and/or vegetable (this could include a dried fruit)

On Fridays the children may have a fully coated chocolate item or a packet of crisps in their packed lunch. Please refrain from including the following items from Monday to Thursday - fully coated chocolates, chocolate bars, sweets, crisps/crisp type snacks.

The children who are on school meals will also only be served chocolate products e.g. chocolate cake, chocolate ice cream etc on Fridays. On a daily basis our staff may see what children have in their lunchboxes whilst supervising in the lunch hall. This is an opportunity for them to talk with the children about their lunchboxes and to encourage healthy eating and drinking. If they see an item that we are requesting shouldn't be in their lunch boxes, they will ask the child to save it for after school and offer a healthier alternative so that they are not hungry.

If you wish to read the policy in full, it can be accessed [here](#)

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Reading can take many forms, and engaging through their interests is a great way to encourage your child to read.

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. We have noticed a few accounts that are not up to date.

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 West Kirby Light Switch on is this weekend and our children are singing. The event is running from 4pm – 6pm. WKPS will be on the stage near the end of the evening and will stay on stage for the light switch on. We took part in this event last year and it was a lovely festive evening. Unfortunately, I cannot attend this year, but I know that our singers will have a great time and will do WKPS proud. I look forward to hearing about all about it. If you can attend, please pop along to enjoy the festivities and support our singers. Thank you to Mrs Coombes for organising our singers.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you at 8:40am on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Bailey
Headteacher