

## West Kirby Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Our Spring Term is well underway since we returned to school after the Christmas break.

EYFS arrived back in school to find some mystery eggs had been laid, which they later found out were Dinosaur eggs! Following this there has been lots of learning going on about Dinosaurs. Key Stage One have had lots of fun making moving circus characters and thaumatropes in their DT lessons. Lower Key Stage Two have been learning about plants. Each day they are carefully observing how much they have grown under different conditions. Upper Key Stage Two have been reading the novel Cosmic written by Frank Cottrell Boyce and used it as stimulus for writing their own adventure story.

### Important Dates...

Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments – Parents Meeting <b>6pm Via Teams</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	International Food Week <i>*Opt for a school meal this week to experience Indian, Italian, British, American and Chinese meals</i>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Chinese New Year
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 2 National Curriculum Assessments – Parents Meeting <b>6pm Via Teams</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Online Safety Day 2022
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Intra School Sport - Football Lower Key Stage Two <i>*PE kits needed for an extra day this week (Wednesday and Thursday)</i>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Intra School Sport - Football Upper Key Stage Two <i>*PE kits needed as normal for a Friday</i>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School Reopens for Spring Two



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### Covid 19...

We have a rise in positive Covid-19 cases in school at the moment. Please can we ask that you remain vigilant if your child feels unwell. In children we are seeing symptoms such as headaches, temperatures, tiredness, runny nose and diarrhoea before testing positive. Public Health England have stated that Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) can be used to test children (over 5). If your child has a positive lateral flow, please report it to us (via The School Office) and the Government [Click here to report a LFT result](#)

Many of the children have returned to us after a speedy recovery, which is great. The current Government guidance for the end of self-isolation after testing positive is to test using the LFTs. The earliest that this can be carried out is Day 5. The first opportunity to test is Day 5 and Day 6 and these must be 24 hours apart. Self-isolation can then only end if **two negative** LFTs are produced. If Day 5 and Day 6 are not negative, then you can try Day 6 and Day 7. If that still doesn't produce two negative tests continue until they are. It is possible that you may get to Day 10 before achieving two negative tests. In which case, once the full 10 days of isolation have been completed and if your child does not have a temperature they can return to school. At no point should your child return to school if they have a temperature.

If somebody in the household has tested positive for Covid-19. The current guidance is that everyone else (except under 5's) should be testing daily using the LFTs. If your child has any of the main symptoms, they should book a PCR test. PCR tests are still available for anyone who has the main Covid -19 symptoms.

We understand that the rules are changing rapidly, and it is difficult to keep up at times. Everyone is also very individual, and families find themselves in different situations. Please email or call The School Office if you have any questions and we will do our best to answer them.

### Thank You PTA...

The PTA did a great job during the Autumn Term to ensure that they continued to raise funds. Despite restrictions and not being able to hold some of our traditional events, the PTA raised £2,208. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of the PTA who have all contributed in many different ways. Our PTA members give up a lot of their own time to ensure that the planning and organisation of events runs smoothly. If you are interested in being part of the PTA, look out for the date of their next meeting.

### National Online Safety...Bronze Award

I am pleased to inform you that West Kirby Primary School is now a National Online Safety Certified School. Online safety is an essential part of our curriculum and our safeguarding procedures. Achieving the Bronze award shows our dedication to this important aspect of our everyday lives. If you have not yet registered on The National Online Safety website to see what it has to offer and how it may help you stay ahead of the children, it isn't too late.

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/west-kirby-primary-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set Parent/Carer as your user type.

### Year 3 and Year 4 Times Tables...

Thank you to Mr Procter who delivered the Times Tables session on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January. If you missed this, a recorded version is available on the VLE for Class 3, Class 3/4 and Class 4.

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### Attendance...

Attendance is a challenge at the moment. We know that you are more cautious about sending your children to school if they are unwell and we appreciate this. Despite these difficult times that we find ourselves in, attendance is still really important and does matter. Please avoid booking holidays and long weekends, which means the children miss days in school. Since the start of the Pandemic the children have missed a lot of school and they can't afford to lose more. We want them in school at all times unless they are poorly. Parts of the curriculum were missed when school was closed. Staff are taking every opportunity to fill these gaps. Therefore, the children must attend school when well.

Year Group	Attendance since 5 <sup>th</sup> January
F2	92.4%
Year 1	94.3%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>98.7%</b>
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	92.2%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	92.9%

**Well done Year 2, you have the highest attendance to date!**

### Road Safety...

Please can I ask that you continue to be considerate at our really busy times of the school day.

- If you can park a little further away and walk towards school that would really help the congestion.
- Please do not park in the disabled spaces outside school unless you are a disabled card holder.
- Please do not park across the entrance to the school car park preventing staff from getting in and out of the car park.
- Please be considerate of our school neighbours, be polite and do not block their driveways.
- Please listen to the instructions from our Patrol Crossing and wait until they are in the middle of the road before you cross.

Our neighbours do report incidents to us and give us registration plates, which we can and will report to the police.

### Social Media...

If you are not already following us on Twitter please do @WKPSWirral

Our PTA also have a Facebook Group, please give them a like and follow them.

We now also have an Instagram account – please log on and find us westkirby\_primaryschool

Please remember that we are here if you need to talk to us. You can either phone us (0151 625 5561), email us ( [schooloffice@westkirby-primary.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@westkirby-primary.wirral.sch.uk) ) or pop in and see us.

Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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