



West Kirby Primary School

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Dear Parents,

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We are pleased to be able to offer a new and exciting opportunity in Year 4: The Junior Award Scheme for Schools (JASS). Think of JASS as the Duke of Edinburgh award for primary schools. JASS develops the whole individual by offering recognition in four key areas: physical exercise, personal interests / skill, community work and outdoor adventure.

Please note that there is a large time commitment, and pupils will be required to work towards all four areas for the rest of the Autumn term. The children will be aiming for their bronze award, which requires them to log 28 hours on a digital log book.

JASS Club will start on the 1st October and run on a weekly basis until 26th November. Mr Procter and Mr O'Rourke will run JASS club and will be guiding the pupils through 3 hours of adventure, 3 hours of a skill, 3 hours of physical activity and 1.5 hours of community work. The first JASS session will be for both parents and pupils, and will be held in the computer suite. In this session, you will see how to use the electronic log book and can ask questions about the award. There will then be two sessions on 8th and 15th October in which the pupils will learn survival skills on West Kirby Beach. After half term, we will have five sessions (29th Oct, 5th Nov, 12th Nov, 19th Nov, 26th Nov) in which the pupils will learn first aid, practise sport and take part in a local litter pick. JASS club will run from 15:30 – 17:00, but the first session will finish at 4:15.

The 'Physical', 'Community' and 'Skill' areas require 8 hours whereas 'Adventure' only requires 4 hours. Pupils will have to achieve the remaining hours (the ones we don't cover in school) in their own time, through activities such as jogging, swimming, football, martial arts (Physical); sewing, musical instruments or researching something of interest (Personal interest / skill); fundraising, volunteering or helping younger children at school (Community); hill walking, going to Hilbre Island; orienteering (Adventure). We will give more information about this on 1st October.

On the parent and pupil session on 1st October, you will receive a detailed outline of the content of the school based JASS club as well as further information about clothing requirements and collection locations. If you would like any further information about the award, please visit <https://www.jassschools.org.uk/>.

JASS develops interpersonal skills, problem solving, and teamwork and builds self-confidence. It aims to create an awareness and respect for oneself, others and the environment.

The price to take part in the JASS award is £12.50 (or £6.25 for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium*). This will pay for access to the online logbook, certificate and badge. If you wish for your child to participate in the JASS award, please complete the slip below and return to school by **Friday 28th September**. Places are limited and will be allocated as soon as return slips are received.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Takashima
Headteacher

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JASS award and club – Autumn Term (Mr Procter and Mr O'Rourke)

Name: _____ Class: _____ Year: _____

☐ I do wish my child to take part in the JASS award and they can attend the JASS club starting on Monday 1st October.

☐ I enclose £12.50 / £6.25 to cover the cost of registration to JASS.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

* Pupil premium includes families eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years, armed forces families and children who have been 'looked after children'. We do not want cost to be a barrier to **any** child participating. If finance is a problem please make an appointment to discuss this in confidence with me.

