



West Kirby Primary School
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Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been an actioned packed week at West Kirby Primary School with lots going on for Healthy Week. We had great weather for our Sports Day and we hope that you enjoyed being able to spend it with us. The children have enjoyed Yoga in the hall with Mr Procter, team games and sports with Dan Sach and UKS2 took part in Personal Safety Sessions. We have also had UKS2 children out at Sporting competitions this week, Mrs Burrows praised their effort, determination and sportsmanship.

KS1 have walked to Sandlea Gardens today, which is linked to their science work.

Thank you to all of the Parents and Carers who have supported us to ensure that the correct ratios are maintained when we have been walking to the different locations.

Platinum Jubilee Lunch

Thank you to our brilliant PTA team, who provided a fantastic opportunity for the children on Wednesday, with a whole school outdoor Jubilee lunch. An amazing atmosphere was created on the garden playground as the whole school came together to enjoy lunch. Staff and children looked great in their red, white and blue outfits. The playground had been set up and decorated by the PTA and our Kitchen Team worked really hard to create an afternoon tea for the children. Several weeks ago, we launched a cupcake competition to design a special Platinum Jubilee Cupcake. The winning entry was from Class 1 and this cake was created and served on Wednesday. Thank you to Rustic Hire, Cheshire, who kindly provided all of the tables and chairs free of charge. <https://rustichire.co.uk/>

Important Dates...

Monday 6th June	School Closed
Tuesday 7th June	Inset Day
Wednesday 8th June	School reopens for all pupils at 8:40am
Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th June	Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 16th June	Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check
Friday 17th June	PTA Coffee Morning
Monday 20th – Friday 25th June	Science Week
Monday 4th July	Classroom Open Afternoon (3:20-5:00pm) More details to follow soon
Tuesday 5th July	French Day – children to wear French colours or French outfits



Friday 8th July	End of Year Reports to Parents
Saturday 9th July	School Summer Fair 11:30-2:00pm

Staffing...

It is with great sadness to inform you that Mrs Kate Ryan will be leaving our Office Team at the end of this academic year. In 1998, Mrs Ryan used to collect her niece from our school nursery, then from 2000, Mrs Ryan volunteered in the classrooms. In 2003, Mrs Ryan started working part time in our school office, which progressed to full time Office Manager in 2006. Mrs Ryan has seen many changes at our school, including four Headteachers. I know that Mrs Ryan is a very familiar person to you and she knows many, if not all of our families really well! She has a wealth of knowledge that has always supported me in my role of Deputy Headteacher and Headteacher at West Kirby Primary School over the last 8 years. She is the first port of call when many of our staff have questions. Mrs Ryan will be truly missed by the whole West Kirby Team, but we wish her every happiness for her early retirement with her husband Mr Ryan, who many of you know used to be a teacher at our school and is where they met. We hope that she will come back to regularly visit us.

New School Logo...

Hopefully, my letter made its way to your inbox yesterday about our new school logo and our new branding, which you will slowly see creeping in. Thank you for your positive emails and messages that we have received in response to this positive change. I am sure you will agree that Kim Waters did an amazing job supporting us to enable this to evolve. We are very close to launching our updated website. We have been informed that our uniform, with the new school logo, will hopefully be available in local uniform shops from the end of June. We will keep you up to date with this.

Attendance...

As you know attendance really does matter at all times of the year – 97% or higher is always our aim. Leave of absence will only be approved in **exceptional circumstances**. Below are our attendance figures for this week – Well Done to F2 and Year 2 for being over 97%.

	Attendance
F2	97.13%
Year 1	94.5%
Year 2	97.8%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	95.6%

Marvellous Me...

Thank you to the 87% of you who have signed up to Marvellous Me. It would be fantastic if we can increase this percentage so that all Parents & Carers are able to see how Marvellous your children are. The app is totally free and allows class teachers to send you badges, messages, postcards and reminders. We are now using it to send out the children's weekly spellings with the aim that they are more accessible for you each week. If you need any support in setting Marvellous Me up, please ask our School Office Staff, who will be happy to help.



Link Governors...

In recent letters we have been hearing about the roles of our Link Governors. This week, our wellbeing Link Governor, Bryn Williams has taken the opportunity to explain his role to you.

One of the roles of the school governors is to monitor how the school is progressing towards its agreed educational goals. To fulfil this objective, we have to monitor all aspects of school life and to do this effectively we choose Link Governor roles where we each have responsibilities to scrutinise particular areas of the school and report our findings back to the full governing body. In turn, this allows us to talk to Mrs Bailey and her team in a careful balancing act where we are both supportive, yet also ready to challenge and ask tough questions if progress is not as expected.

My Link Governor role is the wellbeing of pupils and staff. My monitoring process involves a range of duties, including: perusing the wellbeing policies; questioning Mr Procter (our Wellbeing Lead) about the policies and the ways that pupil and staff wellbeing is supported; analysing all the information available that will allow me to understand the success (or otherwise) of the policies; and also speaking to staff and seeing the pupil activities used to promote wellbeing, such as topics in PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education), My Huge Bag of Worries, Wellbeing Ambassadors, Self-Care Wheels, Wellbeing week, Play Makers, guided breathing and calming techniques. An impressive list, which sounds good - but is that it? Something that sounds good? I needed some expert help to make things clear - my Year 6 daughter. The way she was able to fluently articulate how wellbeing was addressed at school was a very persuasive piece of evidence supporting the effectiveness of the West Kirby Primary School wellbeing strategy.

I would encourage anyone interested in the development of young people in our community to consider becoming a Governor. Like anything worthwhile, it requires some time and effort but, in return, you will quickly learn a lot about how education works and about the effectiveness of this school.

What have I learnt in particular? I have learnt that West Kirby Primary School is a very positive and happy place for both staff and students and I have learnt that the leadership team and all the staff here never settle - there is a culture of innovation driven by a desire for continuous improvement in supporting the growth and education of all the unique children who have the good fortune to attend the West Kirby Primary School.

Thank you,
Bryn Williams
(Parent Governor)

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 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) or pop in and see us.

A big thank you to all our Staff and Governors, who have had a really busy half term. Our whole school community work really hard to ensure the best opportunities for all our children at all times.

Have a lovely half term, enjoy the additional bank holidays and any Platinum Jubilee celebrations that you may be taking part in with friends and family. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 8th June for the last half term of this academic year.

Mrs E Bailey



Headteacher

