

WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 8th 2018

Dear Parents,

We hope you are all enjoying the sunny weather – wonderful to have had it over the bank holiday weekend too!

Keeping children safe on the road

Yet again, a request that drivers park legally and considerately, to keep our community safe. Recently, our crossing patrol put himself at risk to prevent a car (stopped illegally on the yellow zig-zags) from reversing into a small child, who was crossing legally under his supervision. The driver did not use the mirrors and appeared oblivious to the near calamity they caused. We want to keep children safe and will report illegal driving to the police.

Keeping children safe after school

We have robust procedures in place to ensure the safety of children as we dismiss them at the end of the day. Please be sure to check with parents and/or school staff if another child wants to come home with you, and let us know of any changes e.g. different adult collecting/ child to walk home alone.

Staffing news

Many of you will be aware that Mrs Green has been absent since February half term. She has decided that it is time for a change, and will not be returning to work at our school. Mrs Green has been teaching here at West Kirby Primary School for 23 years and will be missed. We are sad to see her go, and all want to wish her well for the future.

We want to say thank you to Mrs Askew, one of our Cleaning Team, who will be leaving us next week. This creates a vacancy, which is advertised on the Wirral website [Click here](#)

Parent Meetings coming up in June

Next Wednesday, 13th June, at 6.00pm, we are holding a meeting for parents new to Foundation Stage.

Reading in Foundation Stage

We have been delighted with the great response to our family reading sessions and welcome any Parent/ Carer /Family member to join us from 8.50am - 9.10am for our next 'Share a Story' on Friday 15th June.

Home learning and topic webs

The latest Home learning tasks and topic webs for this last half term are available to download [here](#). Please refer to these to find out what we are asking your children to work on at home, and to see the topics they will be covering across the curriculum in school. We are happy to print off paper copies on request.

GDPR

Next week we will be sending out new Privacy Notices for families along with a new consent form to reflect the changes in legislation. Please complete and return the Consent form to school by the end of the month. We will not ask you to do this again unless there are any further changes to the legislation.

Sports Events

It was great to see so many of you for our KS1 & KS2 Sport Day in the sunshine just before half term. All of the children showed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork, which was great to see. There were two winning teams in each year group, which we celebrated in assembly this week.

On Wednesday 2nd May, our Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in an Intra School World Cup Netball festival. Year 3 and Year 4 have been learning how to play Netball, so this allowed the children to put their skills into action. The winning team was Lithuania – well done!

On Monday 14th May, eight children from Year 3 and Year 4 went to St. Joseph's Primary School to take part in a Footgolf festival, a combination of football and golf. Our team did a fantastic job, working well as a team and came in 2nd place overall – well done!

On Wednesday 23rd May, eight Year 5 boys went to Birkenhead School, to take part in a Cricket festival. Our team showed great sportsmanship and determination, and came in 1st place – well done!
Thank you for all your support in ensuring that your children can get to the different schools to take part in the events.

We have more intra and inter school events taking place over the next few weeks. We will let you know how we do.

Health & Well-Being for all

Family Zumba starts on Monday 11th June 3.30pm – 4.30pm in the school hall for seven weeks. If you would like to attend with your child, please could you let the school office know by lunchtime on Monday. There is no charge for this club. All children should have a parent, carer or a sibling, who is over 16, accompany them. Please dress in suitable sportswear and bring a water bottle.

Special thanks to Mrs Bailey for organising our Health and Well Being Week just before half term, and to all of the staff, who supported her to make so much happen! We heard from many children and parents how much fun they had being so active. Fresh air and physical exercise are also good for our mental health and well-being. Recently, Years 3 and 4 pupils walked to Little Eye. This week, Year 5 and 6 pupils have all spent a day walking out to Hilbre Island, and learning to appreciate the beauty of our local area. Thank you to Mr Procter for leading these activities, and to the staff and parents who supported us on the day. Years 1 and 2 pupils will be walking to Red Rocks on Thursday 5th July. Children should be aiming to do 60 minutes of physical activity every day; this should range from moderate activities such as walking, cycling or playground activities, to vigorous activities, such as running, tennis, football or swimming.

To help achieve this, Mrs Davies has offered to open up the field at the end of the road at 8.30am every Monday morning for any parents/carers/family members over 18, who wish to bring along their children to walk/ skip/ jog for 15 minutes before school. Please note that adults MUST stay in order to walk the children back to school

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for 8.50am, and that you are responsible for your children until they come into school for registration.

We have many sporting clubs running this half term that we hope the children will enjoy – Family, Dance, Dodgeball, Football and Mini Olympics.

Eco- Council

As part of our commitment to reduce single-use plastics, we are phasing out straws at milk time. Year 5 and 6 have already stopped, which will save 5400 straws per year. Other year groups will be trialling it soon, and the eco-team are also looking into ways to further reduce our plastic use.

School of Sanctuary

During Refugee Week 18th – 22nd June, children will be completing work to raise their awareness of the plight of refugees. This work is part of our work towards gaining School of Sanctuary status.

School meals and packed lunches

You should now have a copy of our new summer menu, and it is available to download from our website [here](#). School Council have proposed that our Packed Lunch Policy is amended so that children may bring a treat (apart from nuts) from the list of items usually not allowed (e.g. crisps or a chocolate biscuit) in their lunchbox just on Fridays.

Pupils have voted in favour of this change, which will be implemented immediately. We ask you to stick to this just on Fridays!

Weather reminder

Just in case we have sunny weather coming our way, please remember to ensure your child/children have applied a long-lasting sun-cream in the morning and remember to bring a named water bottle and sun cap/hat.

PTA

The next event is our annual Father's Day table event. This is a special event where every child on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th 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. If anyone is available to help wrap gifts prior to this, please contact a member of the PTA.

The annual summer fair is on Saturday 30th June from 11.30am – 2.00pm. We will need volunteers to help us set up, run stalls and to tidy up afterwards. Please help out for a few minutes if you can. The PTA will be sending details of how to help shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Takashima
Headteacher

Summer term diary dates 2018 and holiday information

Please note that term time and holiday dates including INSET days for 2017 - 18 and 2018 - 19 can be found under the School Info tab on our website or please [Click here](#)

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.

Monday 11th June - Year 1 Phonics Testing Week

Monday 11th June – Family walk/skip/run on field 8.30am

Monday 11th June – Family Zumba 3.30pm

Tuesday 12th June - Year 5 Water Sports Day

Wednesday 13th June - New Parents Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday 14th June - Fathers' Day Table

Friday 15th June - Fathers' Day Table

Friday 15th June - Share a Story in Foundation 8.50am

Saturday 16th June - Charity Cake and Craft Sale at West Kirby Library

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd June - Refugee Week

Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th June - Year 6 Residential

Monday 18th & Monday 25th June- Year 5 Bikeability - Group 1

Tuesday 19th & Tuesday 26th June - Year 5 Bikeability - Group 2

Tuesday 26th June – Years 3 and 4 to West Kirby URC
Saturday 30th June - School Fair – 11.30am – 2.00pm
more details to follow

Thursday 5th July – Years 1 and 2 to West Kirby Beach

Monday 9th July – Year 4 to West Kirby Library

Tuesday 10th July – New Class lists

Wednesday 11th July - Induction Day

Wednesday 11th July – Year 6 Leavers 'Do' 6.30pm

Monday 16th July – Year 6 Performance 2.00pm & 6.30pm

Tuesday 17th July – End of Year Reports

Monday 23rd July - Year 2 to Barnstonedale

Tuesday 24th July - School closes for summer 3.30pm

Monday 3rd September - School closed INSET Day

Tuesday 4th September - School closed INSET Day

Wednesday 5th September - School opens for autumn term 8.55am