



8th October 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

My letter was all ready to come to you last week, but unfortunately we had technical issues with our emails; this meant we could only email individuals. A big thank you to Mrs Ryan and Mr Davis in the School Office, who have added in everyone's emails once again – a big job!

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Year 6 parents for their support following the Year 6 residential. Regretfully, we did have a few Covid-19 cases following the residential. We have implemented our Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan to ensure we keep the rest of the school community as safe as possible and aim to limit any further spread amongst the Year 6 children. Until Tuesday 12th October, all of Year 6 are operating as one bubble and are remaining in separate parts of the school. In addition, we have reintroduced additional cleaning, limited indoor mixing between all classes and cancelled visitors to school. Year 6 had a brilliant time in Anglesey and made some life-long memories. Hopefully, next week the Year 6 children will all be back in their own classes and feeling much better. Please can we ask that you continue to monitor the children and if your child is showing any signs of being unwell a Covid-19 test may be the best next step – thank you for your continued support in such challenging times.

There is a letter on our website from the DfE, which may offer you guidance on different situations related to your child and covid-19 [Click here](#) It is really important to still be aware of the three main symptoms – a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and/or a loss or change to sense of taste/smell. However, we often find that symptoms display differently in children. The Government Guidance for this term is very different to what it was in the summer term. We are not required to inform parents of single cases of Covid-19. However, if there is an increased number within a year group/class and cases are not connected via households (e.g. siblings) we will be in touch – this was the action that we followed for Year 6.

Teaching & Learning...

Lots of exciting learning opportunities have been taking place at West Kirby Primary School! Have you seen our pictures on Twitter?

EYFS have had visitors as part of their people who help us. This is what they had to say....

"I liked the fireman because I liked squirting the hose."

"The lollipop lady keeps us safe from the cars when she puts her big stick out."

"I liked the pharmacist and her big pot of cream!"

"My favourite bit was the tractor because they dig up the mud and the ground."

Year 5 have been taking part in Bikeability, learning lifelong skills, riding out on the playground and out in our local community.

"I liked Bikeability because we got to practise in the playground before we went into the road."

"What I liked was that we learnt new things like indication and U-turns but my favourite thing was I got to do my 3rd favourite hobby."

"What I liked about Bikeability was doing the U-turns, riding in the two's. I also enjoyed when we learned about the signs in our spare time."

Governors...

Our Governing Body fulfil a vital role within our school. West Kirby Primary School has a supportive, knowledgeable and committed team, who work incredibly hard behind the scenes. Attached within this email is a letter from our Chair of Governors, John Cresswell. John would like to take this opportunity to explain more about the role of the Governing Body - the letter can also be accessed by following this [Link](#) .

WKPS PTA..

Our brilliant PTA are always looking for more members. They have their next meeting on Wednesday 3rd November at The Dee Hotel at 8pm. They warmly welcome new members to come along to the meeting and in particular they are looking for new or current members to be the Year 1 and Year 4 PTA representatives. If you have children in these year groups and think you may be interested, please contact the School Office and we will pass on your details to the PTA. The year group representatives will keep you up to date of events, meetings and any other information.

Please see the list below to see who your year group representative is.

F2 representative – Rhiannon Davis, Katy Hinks, Chris Jones

Year 1 representative – Vacancy

Year 2 representative – Rebecca Simpson, Alexia Oliver

Year 3 representative – Gillian Seale

Year 4 representative – Vacancy

Year 5 representative – Lisa Langley

Year 6 representative – Katy Pierce

Our PTA have lots of exciting events coming up soon...

On Thursday 21st October the children can come to school with spooky hair and donate £1.

Spooky Jars are making a return – look out for more information about this.

There is also going to be a Pumpkin Competition were an exciting prize of two Spooky Walk Tickets donated by Benty Farm can be won. This year Benty Farm have got a pumpkin picking patch as well as their Spooky Walk.

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.

Attendance

As I outlined in my last letter attendance is really important for the progress and attainment of the children. Expected attendance of all compulsory age school children in **97%**. I wanted to take this opportunity to draw your attention to our year group attendance figures for the last two weeks.

Year Group	Attendance
F2	95%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	88%

Well done Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 who have met the expected attendance over the last two weeks Year 6, we know that it has been a challenging week for attendance, but we are sure you will continue to strive to 97% in the coming weeks.

Polite Reminders...

It is challenging to be able to park at the start and end of the day when you are dropping off or collecting children.

However, please can we request that you...

- Do not park in the disabled parking outside school, unless you have a permit.
- Do not park on junctions as this causes difficulties for our local community.
- Do not park opposite cars that are already parked, as this makes it incredibly narrow for other cars and buses to get through.
- Are not verbally unkind to others over parking issues. We have had a few reports of this directly to school this week, which I find particularly sad and not what I want our children to see or hear.

Please continue to ensure that you stop when our Patrol Crossing is making her way out into the road or is in the middle of the road. Miss Jane Bird, our Patrol Crossing came to visit EYFS last week and taught them how to safely cross the road – thank you.

School Meals...

You may have seen on the news that schools are concerned that they may face shortage of food supplies. I have spoken with Louise our cook this morning and we are doing our best to ensure that we have key ingredients in that can then be used in many different ways. Our kitchen team are very flexible and skilled and make many of our food items from scratch. However, we would like to pre-warn you that there may be days when we need to make some last-minute changes to the menu.

Harvest

Thanks to Dan Sach our Year 1 – Year 6 children have all had an assembly about harvest and how we can help others at this time of year. We will be collecting Harvest items from next week and Wirral Food Bank are coming to collect the items on Wednesday 20th October. They are looking for items such as **tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, jam, fruit squash, coffee, rice pudding, custard, instant mash, packet/cup a soup and deodorant**. We would be grateful for as many donations as possible so that we can show our support to the food bank – thank you in advance.

Anti-Bullying...Odd Sock Day

Bullying is not tolerated at our school, and we always encourage the children to talk to a trusted adult if they are having any peer issues or friendship issues. This year, Anti-Bullying Week takes place November 15th – November 19th and has the theme **One Kind Word**. In support of Anti-Bullying week and to raise awareness about bullying we will be taking part in Odd Sock Day on Monday 15th November. On this day your child is invited to come to school in odd socks. More details to follow nearer the time.

Online-Safety Meeting...

Our Online Safety Meeting for Parents was held on Monday, thank you to those of you who attended, we hope you found it useful. If you were unable to attend, we are aiming to deliver it again in the second half of the autumn term. The presentation from the meeting can be found [here](#) and our latest online safety newsletter, which was emailed to you yesterday, can be found [here](#)

EYFS Phonics Workshop...

Last week our EYFS team delivered a phonics workshop. The presentation is now available on our school website for you to access. [EYFS Phonics Workshop Slides - Click Here](#)

Dates for your Diary...

- Friday 15th October: Wear Red Day
- Tuesday 19th October: Parents Evening via Teams EYFS – Year 6
- Wednesday 20th October – Parents Evening via TEAMS EYFS only
- Thursday 21st October: Nasal Flu Programme (F2 – Year 6)
- Thursday 21st October: Spooky Hair
- Thursday 21st October: Parents Evening via Teams Year 1 – Year 6
- Thursday 21st October: School closes for October Half Term
- **Friday 22nd October: Inset Day (School Closed to all children)**

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.

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

Mrs E Bailey
Headteacher