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4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

### This week...

This week has seen our successful International Food Week. At lunch time the children have enjoyed a range of traditional food from around the world, including Chinese, Italian, British and American – thank you to the kitchen team for making this happen. We celebrated Chinese New Year on Tuesday and the children took part in a range of activities during the day to celebrate the Year of the Tiger. Our weekly assembly this week explored Queen Elizabeth II as this Sunday (6<sup>th</sup> February) marks 70 years of our Queen being a British Monarch. As the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations continue into the summer months, we will be learning more about this special achievement. Our week has been concluded with a celebration of number by taking part in the NSPCC Number Day. Thank you for all of your donations.

### Key Dates...

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Children's Mental Health Week

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February:** Safer Internet Day

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** LKS2 Football Intra Festival

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** Supporting Children's Wellbeing. An informative TEAMS session delivered by Mr Procter - we hope you can join us (See attachment)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – Wear a SCARF to School, this is part of Children's Mental Health Week to celebrate the SCARF values.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February:** EYFS (F1 and F2) Dinosaur Workshop

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February:** UKS2 Football Intra Festival

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February:** School closes at 3:20pm for half term

**Safer  
Internet  
Day 2022**

**Tuesday  
8 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

**Wear your scarf  
to school day  
11th Feb 2022**

**SCARF**





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### PE News from Mrs Burrows...

Spring 1 has continued to see West Kirby Primary School embrace the joy of sport and PE.

Mr O'Rourke has been running a Gymnastics Club for KS1 and KS2, the number of children attending has made it one of the most popular after school clubs that we have offered.

On Thursday mornings, Edsential have been offering an Indoor Athletics Club. The children who have taken part have shown great enthusiasm and stamina at such an early hour in the school day.

On Friday mornings, for UKS2, we have welcomed the return of a Fencing Club. This offers a unique opportunity for children to try a very different skill and sport.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February saw a Year 5 Indoor Athletics Team, 4 boys and 4 girls, enter an after school competition at St. Werburgh's Catholic Primary School. They were absolutely amazing! Their speed and agility was superb and they were a joy to watch; so much so that staff from other schools commented on their ability. May, I take this moment to thank the parents who took and collected the children as it was not an easy journey through rush hour and school traffic.

In the lead up to the half term, we still have two football tournaments- Year 3 and 4, and a Year 6 Indoor Athletics Competition. This is as well as our Intra Football Competition, which is due to take place on the Astro pitch.

More competitions and clubs will follow in Spring 2.

As part of my role as PE Lead, I have also spoken to children across the school about the skills that they have learned and remembered from their PE lessons. Their answers showed a good understanding of what PE is all about: enjoyment, participation and keeping safe and well.

Once again, a big, big thank you to parents for helping the children attend events. It would not be possible without you all.

We have seen a number of children bring in their own basket balls to use at playtime. Please can we ask that these are not brought to school for use at playtime or lunchtime as they are big and heavy balls that can cause accidents on a very busy playground.

**Mrs Burrows (PE Subject Leader)**

### Curriculum...

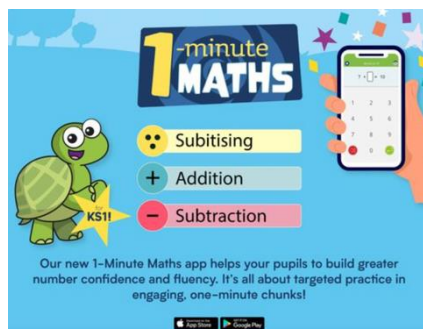
Just a reminder that our current Topic Webs, Knowledge Organisers and Home Learning documents are all on our website for you to access. Looking through these will support you to know what your child is currently learning in school. They are under the curriculum tab [Click Here](#)



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### Maths APP for KS1...



White Rose Maths have launched a brand-new Maths APP to support children's learning. The new 1 -minute Maths App aims to help children to build greater number confidence and fluency. When the one minute's up, the questions are automatically marked and presented on a breakdown screen giving instant feedback on how they have done. If they are struggling with a question, a Hint button reformats the questions as a familiar manipulative display that mirrors the approaches used in the White Rose Maths Schemes of Learning, which we follow at our school. We would love to hear your feedback about it.

This first version of the App is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils (Year 1 and Year 2) and focuses on adding and subtracting. The free Mobile App is available for Apple/iOS, Android and Kindle.

### Children's Mental Health Week...

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is Growing Together, which is aiming to encourage children and adults to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time and sometimes we might feel a bit stuck and need to learn new strategies to overcome this.

We have been acknowledging Children's' Mental Health Week for a few years, and each year we have a focus book. This year our book is A Huge Bag of Worries by Virginia Ironside. Each class will be reading this book next week and thinking about the key messages that it helps us to understand.



As part of our weekly timetable all classes have regular PSHE lessons. To support our PSHE curriculum we use the Coram Life Education SCARF resources. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February is wear a SCARF to school day, this is to raise awareness of the SCARF values that are embedded within our PSHE lessons.

**S** - Safety  
**C** - Caring  
**A** - Achievement  
**R** - Resilience  
**F** - Friendship

### Covid -19...

I wrote to you last Monday specifically about Covid-19, if you missed this letter it can be found on our website [Covid-19 Letter 31 1 22 Click Here](#)



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As the week has gone on, we have the number of positive cases begin to reduce. I know that many of you have been regularly testing the children to support us to identify positive cases quickly and reduce transmission. Thank you for your continued support in this.

A reminder, that your child needs to have two consecutive negative tests before they can return to school. The earliest that they can test is day 5. If they have two consecutive negative tests, do not have a temperature and are feeling well, then they can return to school.

If your child is absent from school due to Covid-19 and is well enough to complete schoolwork then class teachers will upload work to the VLE. Your child will need to log in to the VLE through our school website. Work will be uploaded to the VLE from the second day of your child being absent. On the first day that they are absent they can complete the initial isolation tasks, which are already uploaded onto the VLE. Please inform our school office if your child is well enough to complete work so that we can communicate with class teachers.

### **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 have an Instagram account – please log on and find us westkirby\_primaryschool

Please remember to contact us if you have any worries or concerns. It is always better if we try to discuss things at the onset of a worry or a concern so that we can do our best to improve a situation. 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.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Bailey  
Headteacher

