



17th September 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are just over two weeks back into the new academic year and it has been a credit to the children as to how settled they have been. The children have settled into their new classes with their new teachers really well. From talking with the children on the playground and around school they have been telling me about the exciting lessons that have been taking place in their classrooms, which is great to hear. EYFS are currently learning All About Me, KS1 are learning about Toys, LKS2 are learning about The Tudors and UKS2 are learning about Crime and Punishment.

Covid-19...

We are continuing to adhere to Government guidance for schools to control and limit Covid-19 within our setting. As you know Covid-19 has not gone away and we have had a couple of isolated cases within our school. All of our staff are ensuring that doors and windows are open to maximise ventilation and the children are washing or sanitising their hands regularly. We have kept some additional measures in place such as phase assemblies and classes eating together for lunch to maximise everyone's safety as much as possible. Please can I draw your attention to a letter on our website from the DfE, which may offer you guidance on different situations related to your child and Covid-19 [Letters Link](#) It is really important to 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 are also finding that symptoms display differently in children.

Attendance

I hope that the Attendance Matters Newsletter that we sent out last week was useful. Despite Covid-19 bringing us challenges the attendance of your child is really important. Good attendance in school improves Reading, Writing and Maths skills. If your child misses two days a month, this means your child will miss 10% of the entire school year. The expected attendance of all compulsory school aged children is 97%. This week our average attendance across the school was 95% as you can see we must keep striving to 97%.

Polite Reminders...

A polite reminder that our school is completely nut free and we operate a nut free kitchen at all times. The children should not have any nut products in their lunch box. This includes Nutella or Peanut Butter on sandwiches, Nutella Snacks or any breakfast bars which also contain nuts. We have some children who have severe nut allergies, who may have a reaction if seated next to your child in the hall at lunch time.

Now that all the children are arriving and leaving school at the same time again it is really busy outside our school. Please be considerate of our neighbours and avoid parking across driveways, blocking roads or leaving cars running for long periods of time outside houses. Jane, our Crossing Patrol has right of way in the road when she is crossing pedestrians. Please ensure that you stop when she is making her way out into the road or is in the middle of the road – thank you for your cooperation.

E-Safety...

We are living in a fast-paced changing society where technology is a huge part of our everyday actions. Technology has many fantastic advantages and opportunities for us all. However, it is paramount that we educate our children and ensure that we safeguard our children when they are online. At West Kirby Primary School, our aim is to ensure that we educate our children to be digitally aware citizens of the future. We have a few new ways in which we are supporting this, this year.

Firstly, within this email is our September online safety newsletter. This has been produced by Knowsley City Learning Centres. This month the newsletter addresses ages for Social Media Apps, information about creating strong passwords and a focus on Snapchat. We hope you find it informative.

On Monday 4th October, we will be holding our first Online Safety Meeting for Parents. This will be held via Teams at 5pm. During the meeting Mrs. McCann, who is our Computing lead, will aim to address the following...

- The latest research in relation to children and online activity
- Supporting your child with online safety
- Online safety books
- Parental Controls/Home Filters
- The E-Safety part of our website [WKPS E-Safety](#)
- Our subscription to National Online Safety, which parents can access
- Our new Digital Leaders Programme

***Look out for the link to the meeting, which we will send nearer the time.**

Meet the Teachers.

Last week we held our Teacher Meetings for KS1, LKS2 and UKS2. Thank you for attending these, we hope that you found it useful. If you feel that there was anything missing from the meetings it would be great to hear this so that we can add it in next time. The presentations are now all available on our school website for you to access.

[KS1 Teacher Meeting](#)

[LKS2 Teacher Meeting](#)

[UKS2 Teacher Meeting](#)

Supporting your child...

Our Autumn 1 Topic Webs, Learning Mats and Home Learning documents are all now available on our website

- Topic Webs give an overview of what the children will be learning across the curriculum.
- Learning Mats show the knowledge and vocabulary that the children need to know and understand.

[Click here for Topic Webs and Learning Mats](#)

- The Home Learning Document is where you will find key dates, weekly spellings, reading expectations and weekly Mathletic tasks.

[Click here for Home Learning documents](#)

WKPS PTA.

Yesterday morning our PTA organised a tea and coffee morning for parents and carers. It was a lovely sunny morning, and it was great to see so many of you there. We hope you enjoyed a chance to catch up and meet other parents/carers. Our brilliant PTA are always looking for more members. They have their next meeting on Wednesday 22nd September at The Dee Hotel at 8pm. They warmly welcome new members to come along to the meeting.

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.

Dates for your Diary...

- Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st September: Calday Open Evening
- Wednesday 22nd September: West Kirby Grammar School Open Evening
- Monday 27th September: EYFS (F1 & F2) Phonics Workshop with Mrs Catt and Miss Raraty – 5pm via Teams.
- Monday 29th September – Friday 1st October: Year 6 Residential Visit to The Conway Centre, Anglesey.
- Monday 4th October: Online Safety Meeting. All Parents & Carers are welcome. Mrs McCann will be presenting this meeting via Teams at 5pm.
- Thursday 7th October: Pensby High School Open Evening
- Tuesday 19th October: WKPS Parents Evening via Teams
- Thursday 21st October: Nasal Flu Programme (F2 – Year 6)
- Thursday 21st October: WKPS Parents Evening via Teams
- 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

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