

30th November 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Christmas...

Christmas preparations are well underway in school, which has been lovely to see and hear after a very unusual December 2020. At the moment our plan is for EYFS (F1 and F2) and KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) to perform to an audience in the coming weeks. We are continually keeping up to date with National and Government guidance as well as our Local Authority guidance to ensure that we are abiding correctly. We will keep you fully informed and need to make you aware that there could be last-minute changes to our plans if we are advised to do so or if local area levels of positive Covid cases increase.

We appreciate that many of you many need to make arrangements to join us for our performances and we apologise for the delay in getting this information to you, we have been working hard behind the scenes to fit everything in.

Our Christmas Performance dates are as follows...

<p>Tuesday 14th December</p>	<p>EYFS (F1 and F2) Presents: <u>Whoopsy Daisy Angel</u></p> <p>9:20 am - 1st performance of the day 2:15 pm - 2nd performance of the day</p> <p>More information will follow in relation to obtaining tickets for one of the above performances.</p> <p>*If your child is in F1 and is not in school on a Tuesday, they are very welcome to join our performance. F1 parents should contact the school office as soon as possible to let us know if they would like to participate and be part of the performance.</p>
<p>Wednesday 15th December</p>	<p>KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Presents: <u>Eddie and Frankie Save the World.</u></p> <p>9:15 am - 1st performance of the day 10:45 am - 2nd performance of the day 2:15 pm – 3rd performance of the day</p> <p>More information will follow in relation to obtaining tickets for one of the above performances.</p>
<p>Key Stage Two Presents: <u>Christmas through the decades</u></p> <p>Our Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) performance will be available <u>online</u> before we finish for the end of term.</p>	

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In order to adhere to our Covid Risk Assessment we plan to have the following measures in place for the EYFS and KS1 performances.

- Two tickets per child
- Attendance at one performance only
- Use a Lateral Flow Test before attending
- Do not attend if you have any of the Covid Symptoms
- More performances to allow for smaller audiences, which will enable us to have more distance between households
- Increased ventilation in the hall, please wrap up warm
- Face Coverings to be worn by anyone over the age of 11
- Hands to be sanitised on arrival
- One-way system in place for entry and exit

PTA Event...

On **Friday 3rd December** all of the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in return for donating chocolate or a bottle for the Tombola. The Tombola Stall will be located in the hall from 3:20pm on Friday 3rd December, entry will be through the car park gates to the hall. We look forward to seeing many of you there supporting our brilliant PTA to raise funds for our school.

*UKS2 (Year 5 and Year 6) also have their Intra Sports Tournament on this day; therefore, please can we request that they opt for suitable sports clothing with trainers for their non-uniform – thank you.

Local News...

I am sure many of you are aware of the very sad news over the weekend in Liverpool, and our condolences go to the family and friends of Ava White. Some of our older children (Year 5 and Year 6) have raised this in conversation and have expressed worry or concern about what happened. We have not discussed it in school but have listened to some of the children who had raised concerns. I just wanted to bring this to your attention so that you can talk to your children if you feel it is necessary or appropriate for your child. If you feel your child is particularly affected or struggling, please let us know so we can help support them and look to sign post you further.

WKPS Sport...

On the 17th November, a team of Year 5 and Year 6 girls and boys participated in a Tag Rugby Tournament on a cold and breezy day at St Peters Catholic Primary School. They fully embraced the spirit of the competition and were complimented on their passing skills. The team came 3rd and scored points in every game. They were polite and courteous and a credit to West Kirby Primary School. Well done to our team and thank you for making it such a fun occasion.

Last week, Class 5 returned to the pool with 5 days of swimming. Each session was an hour and this really paid off, as every child made progress. The children enjoyed being back in the water, even the most reluctant of swimmers.

Now that pools are fully open again, we would like to take this opportunity to ask parents to source swimming lessons for their children, if needed. It is a skill that could save a life, especially as we live in an area so close to the sea.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank parent helpers involved in sport and swimming for their time in helping the children access these opportunities. Without that support, we could not attend events or access swimming so easily.

Attendance...

Well done to Redwing Class who have been the winners of Attendance Ted for the last two weeks.

Our attendance for the latest two-week period (15th November – 26th November) can be seen below. We are aiming for every year group to be 97% and above – well done Year 2 and Year 5.

F2	94 %
Year 1	96 %
Year 2	99 %
Year 3	96 %
Year 4	95 %
Year 5	97 %
Year 6	95 %

Road Safety...

Having been told that Bridge Road would remain closed into the new year, it is now once again open. Hopefully this will relieve some of the traffic along Anglesey Road. We may see the road closed for further work in the new year.

Local Residents...

Unfortunately, I have heard from a few of our local residents and neighbours over the past few weeks, who have reported to me that there has been conflict over parking issues. Some of our children have been witness to this and I find this really upsetting. When children see or hear conflict, they often come into school at the start of the day upset. The reputation of our great school is really important to all of us and these situations can bring negativity towards our school from the local community. Please can I ask that we all remain polite, calm and kind towards each other in particular for the wellbeing of our children – thank you.

Social Media...

If you are not already following us on Twitter please do so, you can find us at: @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

Important Dates for your Diary...

Thursday 2nd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS Trip to West Kirby United Reformed Church (am) LKS2 (Year 3 and Year 4) Intra Sports Tournament (am)
Friday 3rd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Uniform Day for Tombola Donations (UKS2 need sports clothing) UKS2 (Year 5 and Year 6) Intra Sports Tournament (am) Tombola 3:20pm onwards in the school hall – everyone welcome
Monday 6th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UKS2 PTA Christmas Craft Event (3:20pm – 4:45pm)
Tuesday 7th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 5 Trip to West Kirby United Reformed Church (1:15 pm to 2:45 pm) LKS2 PTA Christmas Craft Event (3:20pm – 4:45pm)
Wednesday 8th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LKS2 (Year 3 and Year 4) Trip to West Kirby United Reformed Church (am) KS1 PTA Christmas Craft Event (3:20pm – 4:45pm)
Thursday 9th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 5/6 Trip to West Kirby United Reformed Church (10:30-11:45am) Class 6 Trip to West Kirby United Reformed Church (1:15-2:30pm) EYFS PTA Christmas Craft Event (3:20pm – 4:45pm)
Friday 10th December	<p>Christmas Jumper Day If your child would like to, they can come to school in a Christmas Jumper rather than their school jumper or school cardigan. We are asking for a donation of £1 for The Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.</p>
Tuesday 14th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS Christmas Performance: Whoopsy Daisy Angel 9:20am and 2:15pm
Wednesday 15th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 Christmas Performance 9:15am, 10:45am and 2:15pm
Thursday 16th December	<p>Christmas Hat Day If your child would like to, they can come to school wearing a Christmas Hat and donate at least £1 for Claire House.</p>
Friday 17th December	<p>Last day in school before school closes at the end of the day for the Christmas holidays.</p>

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Tuesday 4th January 2022	Inset Day School closed to pupils
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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.

Thank you for your continued support.

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