

# WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017**

Dear Parents,

It was great to see all of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and staff dressed as Victorians for their trip to Styal Mill today to experience life in the Victorian era as part of the history curriculum.

## **Topic webs and Home Learning**

Have a look at our website or click on the links below to find out what your children will be learning about at school this half term and how you can help at home.

[Curriculum](#) and [Home Learning](#)

## **Parents of pupils in KS1 and in KS2**

We have been asked by a number of parents if we could run information sessions for parents of pupils in KS1 and KS2 to explain a bit about the curriculum and about Home Learning as we do for parents of EYFS pupils. We will be holding a meeting for parents of pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am and for parents of pupils in Years 1 and 2 a week later on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 9.00am and all are welcome.

## **Parent Meetings**

Thank you to everyone who has tried out our new on-line booking system for our Parents Evenings to be held next week. Staff will be in touch with anyone who has not booked by Monday to offer one of the slots still available. We ask that separated parents attend together if possible.

## **New Winter Menu**

This week sees the introduction of our new Winter Menu, which has been constructed entirely from suggestions made by our pupils. Our Nutrition Consultants check that each meal meets the national nutritional standards with some creative recipes provided by our Catering Manager, Louise. If your child has any particular dietary requirements, please let the School Office staff know. Thank you to everyone who has returned a spoon - we are happy to have cutlery returned at any time. A reminder to parents providing packed lunches - please also provide your own cutlery - and maybe have a look at our new menu and give our delicious meals a try. We are quite happy for you to order meals on certain days if you like the menu - and to provide a packed lunch just on days your child does not like what is on offer. Please put money in an envelope with your child's name on with the days you want your child to have lunch and leave in the box in the school office at the beginning of the week.

## **Individual and family photographs**

Children had their photographs taken yesterday. You will receive the proofs next week and you will then have two weeks to place your orders.

## **Flu immunisation**

On Tuesday next week, the school nursing team will administer the nasal spray to all pupils in F2 to Year 4;

whose parents have given consent. If you have not given consent but would still like your child to receive the flu immunisation, please contact the school office before Tuesday.

## **Keeping children safe**

We are still receiving frequent reports of parents parking irresponsibly and sometimes illegally, obstructing pathways and lines of sight. We ask that if you witness this, you pass on evidence such as registration details and make a model of vehicle to the police. We ask all parents to park responsibly and give due consideration to the safety of others.

Please click on the link below to go straight to the Fire Service fireworks safety advice ready for this weekend:  
<http://www.fireservice.co.uk/safety/firework-safety/>

## **Youth Connect 5 course for parents**

This has been re-scheduled to run in the new year with apologies for any inconvenience caused to parents who have already booked.

This is a 5 part course that aims to give parents and carers the knowledge, skills and understanding to help children develop strong emotional well-being. You will learn techniques for building resilience to help you help your children to deal with adversity and stress as they grow up.

The course will be led by Mr Alan Jemmett, a parent at our school and assisted by Mr Mike Procter, one of our teachers.

Please click on the link below for information and to book.  
<https://youthconnect5.org.uk/parents-carers/>  
or email Alan directly with any queries:  
[jemmettalan@gmail.com](mailto:jemmettalan@gmail.com)

## **Children in Need/ World Prematurity Day**

Our Year 6 Charity Club is organising events for 17<sup>th</sup> November. We will be selling wristbands in school during that week. This year we are also supporting World Prematurity Day. Ted and Faye Jones will be talking to the children in assembly about the importance of this charity to their family. We will be asking everyone to wear something purple and bring a donation for this charity.

## **Christmas Shoeboxes**

Thank you to everyone who has taken a box to fill - and to those who have already returned them to school. Just a reminder that the deadline for returning them to school is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. The boxes will go to Eastern Europe. We still have some boxes available at the school office.

## **Christmas Cards**

Our PTA have arranged for every child to design their own Christmas card in school in the next few weeks. The children will bring home an order form you can use to order reasonably priced packs of your own child's design as cards and/or gift tags. The school will receive a proportion of the revenue, which we plan to spend on Bee bots which are programmable toys to introduce our youngest pupils to robotics.

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## PTA

This year's Christmas Fair is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 5.00pm – 7.00pm. We will be looking for volunteers to help. More information will follow next week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Takashima  
Headteacher

## Autumn term diary dates 2017 and holiday information

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

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.

## Poppies on sale in school up until 10<sup>th</sup> November

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – KS1 Art Day

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu Immunisations for children in F2 – Year 4

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Years 1 and 2 autumn walk to Ashton Park

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents Evening

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents Evening

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** - Shoebox deadline

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** - KS2 Parents Info meeting

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – F2 to West Kirby Library

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need / Prematurity Day

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 4 and Year 5 to West Kirby Methodist Church

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** - KS1 Parents Info meeting

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Deadline for ordering photographs

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Christmas Fair 5.00pm – 7.00pm

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 1 to 6 to see Robin Hood at Williamson Art Gallery

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Foundation Stage and Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 2 Christmas Performance 9.15am

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Foundation Stage and Year 1 Christmas Performance 10.30am

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 2 to the Wednesday Room

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Carol Service 2.00pm and 6.30pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – School closes 3.30pm

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018** – School Opens 8.55am