



West Kirby Primary School

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Dear Parents

14th January 2019

We are pleased to be able to offer a new and exciting opportunity in Year 5: The Junior Award Scheme for Schools (JASS). Think of JASS as the Duke of Edinburgh award for primary schools. JASS develops the whole individual by offering recognition in four key areas: physical exercise, personal interests / skill, community work and outdoor adventure.

Please note that there is a large time commitment, and pupils will be required to work towards all four areas for the rest of the Spring term. The children will be aiming for their bronze award, which requires them to log 28 hours on a digital log book.

JASS Club will start on the 21st January and run on a weekly basis until 11th March. Several teachers will be sharing their talents each week at JASS club and will be guiding the pupils through adventure, skills, physical activity and community work. The first JASS session will be for both parents and pupils, and will be held in class 4. In this session, you will see how to use the electronic log book and can ask questions about the award. This session will finish at 4.15pm. Sessions for the pupils will then run every Monday from 3.30pm– 4.30pm (some times may differ). Please note that these sessions only supplement the log book. 22 hours of activities must be logged outside of school.

The 'Physical', 'Community' and 'Skill' areas require 8 hours whereas 'Adventure' only requires 4 hours. Pupils will have to achieve the remaining hours (the ones we don't cover in school) in their own time, through activities such as jogging, swimming, football, martial arts (Physical); sewing, musical instruments or researching something of interest (Personal interest / skill); fundraising, volunteering or helping younger children at school (Community); hill walking, going to Hilbre Island; orienteering (Adventure). We will give more information about this on 21st January.

On the parent and pupil session on 21st January, you will receive a detailed outline of the content of the school-based JASS Club. If you would like any further information about the award, please visit.

<https://www.jassschools.org.uk/>

JASS develops interpersonal skills, problem solving, teamwork and builds self-confidence. It aims to create an awareness and respect for oneself, others and the environment.

The price to take part in the JASS award is £12.50 or (£6.25 for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium*). This will pay for access to the online logbook, certificate and badge. If you wish for your child to participate in the JASS award, please complete the slip below and return to school by **Thursday 17th January**. Places are limited and will be allocated as soon as return slips are received.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Takashima
Headteacher

* Pupil premium includes families eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years, armed forces families and children who have been 'looked after children.'

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JASS Award and Club – Spring Term 2019

Name: _____ Class: _____ Year: _____

☐ I do wish my child to take part in the JASS award and they can attend the JASS club starting on Monday 21st January.

☐ I enclose £12.50 / £6.25 to cover the cost of registration to JASS.

☐ I will pay the amount of £12.50 / £6.25* (please delete as applicable) via ParentPay once I have been informed my child has a place.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

