

WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

July 7th 2017

Dear Parents,

Thanks to everyone who has supported our Charity Events today. All proceeds to Cancer Research UK - a charity close to many of our hearts. Special thanks to Molly for her wonderful pom-pom suggestion and to all who helped her make them. Thanks also to Dan Sach and the Charity Club for organising events and leading our assembly today.

Foundation Stage

We are happy to report that our Foundation stage classrooms re-opened again once the flooring had been fitted - and the rooms look fantastic. Instead of replacing the carpet, the entire space has been covered in a wood-effect laminate which creates a calm, light and airy feel. We plan to add some rugs to create more cosy corners and comfortable places to sit on the floor.

Thank you to our Caretaker and Cleaning Team for the great job done under pressure of time to enable a rapid move back. Thank you also to the EYFS and Office teams who remained calm and efficient under the most trying circumstances. Thank you also to parents for your patience especially at the end of the day when collecting children from the hall.

Finally, thank you to Miss Liney's class who cared for the eggs whilst they were incubating. They began hatching almost as soon as they moved back into EYFS and we have all been delighted by the antics of the 6 surviving chicks.

We look forward to meeting some of our new Foundation Stage Parents as children come for their visits in the next week or so.

Staff absences and changes

EYFS: Miss Woods will be visiting us on several days next week in order to catch up with her current F1/F2 class and to meet F1 and F2 pupils, who will be in her class from September. She will officially return to work a week on Monday. A huge thank you to Miss Griffiths, who has covered the maternity leave in this class.

Class 1: Mrs Iggesden has been absent from school for the last couple of weeks and is hoping to be well enough to return to work very soon. Thank you to Mrs Makin who is covering this absence.

Class 2: This class is being covered by Mrs Hughes until the end of term. Mrs Green is hoping she will be well enough to return to work in September.

Class 3: We have recruited a new teacher to job-share with Mrs Bailey (Deputy Headteacher) from September.

Class 3/4: We are sorry to be losing Miss Oxtan at the end of term and we thank her and wish her all the best as she moves to the north-east and starts work at her new school. We are still in the process of recruiting a new teacher for September and hope they will be able to meet the new class on Wednesday afternoon.

Class 4: This class is being covered by Mr Wilson. Mrs Boothman plans to be back in school for the start of the new term following a period of absence for family reasons.

Cleaning team: We are sorry to be losing Mrs Scregg, who is leaving us at the end of term to take up a new role. We are advertising on the Wirral website for a replacement.

Classes for next year

Other than the staff changes mentioned in the previous section, teachers will remain in the same classes next year. On Monday afternoon, we will be telling the children which classes they will be going into from September.

The children will bring home a note confirming which class they will be going into.

Just a reminder: We take into consideration a wide range of factors to try to ensure that that children are all within a group of others of similar ability, the gender balance and numbers of children of different ages as well as personalities and friendships. Inevitably, some children may be disappointed with their placement, especially if they end up split from close friends. We ask parents to be prepared to help manage any disappointment and to provide reassurance and positive messages to help them to accept and adapt to the changes. Most children will begin to feel better once they have visited their new classes on Wednesday afternoon.

School reports

End of year school reports for all classes are due to go out next Friday 14th July summarising your child's attainment and progress for the full year. Please use the reply slip to let us know you have received it and to add any comments you wish to make about the progress and attainment of your child this year or about the format of the report.

If there is anything you wish to discuss further with the class teacher or with me, please make an appointment to see us before the end of term via the School Office.

Keeping children and our community safe

This week, our School Crossing Patrol has had two very alarming experiences of vehicles which drove on and did not stop when he was out in the road. Please support him and help to keep all of our families safe by keeping a look out. If you ever witness this happening, please take note of the registration, colour and make of the vehicle.

Another reminder: The disabled parking bay is for blue badge holders only. Please help us by displaying your badge whenever you park here. All drivers should park legally and show our children how to show consideration for all members of our community.

Sports Days

Unfortunately the unpredictable British weather got the better of us for two out of three of our Sports day events. Whilst KS1 went ahead, Foundation Stage and KS2 both ended up being rained off on the day.

We understand the frustration for parents who may have had to take time off work or rearrange other commitments. However, it is not acceptable to vent this on members of staff. Please understand that we share your frustration but cannot control the weather.

With this in mind, we are hoping to be able to reschedule events for next Friday 14th July. The forecast is currently showing sunshine - but it could change... if we are unable to go ahead, we will have to cancel and may not be able to give advanced notice.

Friday 14th July – Sports Day (weather permitting)

KS2 am – 9.30am – 12.00noon – Greenbank Road Field
EYFS pm – 2pm – 3pm - KS2 Playground

We request that no dogs (other than Guide dogs) be brought onto the field. You may take photographs of your

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own child but photographs of other children must not be put on the Internet.

Library Books

Please have a good look at home for any unreturned library books and be prepared to replace any missing items if they are not found by the last week of term.

11+ tests deadline (Y5 parents)

Parents who have submitted an application will receive a test familiarisation leaflet before the end of term once these children have had an opportunity to go through it together.

Year 6 leavers

We are very proud of our Year 6 pupils who have worked hard throughout this year and set an excellent example to the rest of the school with their good relationships with staff and with each other- and wonderful music and singing. We look forward to your end of year Leaver's Assembly on Monday 24th July and to hearing about your Secondary School visits and Residential visit to Anglesey.

Lost property

A mountain of lost property is available to look through in the cupboard in the foyer. Please come along and have a look and feel free to take any unnamed items, which fit! Anything left at the end of the term will be recycled.

Hair

Please could we ask that children wear small hair bobbles? When the children are sitting on the carpet, they are obstructing the view of a child sitting behind them if they are wearing larger ones.

PTA

Our thanks to the PTA for running the Father's Day stall a couple of weeks ago.

The next event planned is our Y6 Leaver's Party, which will be held on Wednesday evening following the Induction day visits to Secondary Schools.

Summer Fair plans are well underway for Saturday 15th July 11.30am – 2.00pm. Volunteers always welcome- please sign up on the slips sent out this week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Takashima
Headteacher

Summer term diary dates and holiday information

Friday 7th July – Fundraiser Day for Cancer Research

Monday 10th July – New F1 Visits 9.30am and 1.30pm

Monday 10th July – Orchestra Assembly 9.30am

Tuesday 11th July – KS1 to the Beach

Wednesday 12th July – Transition Day

Wednesday 12th July – New F2 Visits 1.30pm

Wednesday 12th July – Year 6 'Leavers Do' at The Viking 6.00pm

Thursday 13th July – Guitar Assembly 9.30am

Friday 14th July - Rescheduled Sports Days for KS2 (9.30am-12) and EYFS (2-3pm)

Friday 14th July - Reports out to parents

Saturday 15th July – Summer Fair 11.30am - 2.00pm

Wednesday 19th July – Friday 21st July – Year 6

Residential

Monday 24th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Tuesday 25th July – School closes 3.30pm

Autumn term 2017 dates

Monday 4th September – INSET Day

Tuesday 5th September – INSET Day

Wednesday 6th September – School opens for Years 1 – 6 children

Friday 8th September – School opens for F2 children

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. Our Attendance procedure and leave of absence form can be downloaded from our website

http://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/attendance_and_term_dates/17375