



# WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year; the summer term. Hopefully, we will see the weather improve as we move into May. I hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter Break and you were able to spend some time together. Thank you to those of you who attended Mr O' Rourke's Multisport Camp. I heard it was another very successful week.

A warm welcome to several new families who have joined West Kirby Primary School this week. We hope that the children have had an enjoyable first week and you have begun to meet other members of our school community.

School places for 2024 have been allocated and shared with families this week. We are looking forward to our F1 children moving into F2 and new families joining us from within the local community. Further information about F2 transition events for new families will be shared as soon as we have finalised everything.

The current Year 6 transition day for our oldest children who are moving onto Secondary Education is due to take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Secondary Schools will provide further details about this nearer the time



As you returned back to school on Monday morning, you will have noticed that we have had some work carried out over the Easter Break. We have removed some of the wooden planters/seating areas as it was rotting in many places and becoming unsafe. We have removed some of the old benches as these were damaged and unsafe in places. In addition, the wall has been removed so that we could open the area up to create more space and improve supervision when the children are on the playground. When the children have been outside on the playground this week, there has been much more space for them to use and play in, which was our aim. A few of you have asked about what the plans are. Our first aim was to remove some of the structures and create more space, which we have done. We would really like to tarmac the area outside Class 3/4 and where the wooden structures were, but this comes at a considerable cost – we are working on this. We would also like to purchase new, round wooden tables for the children to sit on outside Class 3/4 and Class 4. As we get used to the space and see how it works, we can then think about what next. Many of the children have commented positively about the changes, which is brilliant!

## Congratulations

I would like to share some lovely news with you. Over the Easter Break Miss O'Toole had a very special day, her wedding day. She has been busy planning her special day for some time and she had an amazing day. Miss O'Toole's new name is Mrs McNerlin, but for now, and to avoid confusion with the children in EYFS, she is still using her maiden name. Miss O'Toole will start using her new name (Mrs McNerlin) from September 2024.



## Class 4

I would also like to welcome Mrs Burrows back. As you know, Mrs Burrows underwent an operation in February and she has been recovering. Mrs Burrows was in Class 4 on Tuesday and she will be returning to her usual 2.5 days over the next few weeks.

## Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

As we begin a new term, I would like to share with you our **new** Parent & Carer Code of Conduct, which has been approved by our Governing Body. Please can I ask that you take some time to read through this and ask that you adhere to it. All of our staff always want the best for the children and we hope that this Code of Conduct will support this. It is attached to your email and can also be found on our website [here](#)

## Policy Collection of Children

Just in case you missed it in my letter before the Easter Holidays, here is a link to our **new** Collection of Children Policy, please take some time to familiarise yourself with it. Staff will adhere to this, so please ensure the children are collected in line with this policy. It can be found [here](#)

We have also reviewed how we dismiss the children from WAVES and after school clubs at 4:20pm. This is to ensure the safety of all children at all times. It is possible that it may take a little bit longer to dismiss the children and we ask you to support us with this.

Please can I remind you that children in F1 – Year 4 should not be left unaccompanied on the school playground before the whistle goes at 8:40am. A Year 5 or Year 6 child who walks to school on their own, should not be responsible for a younger child on the playground between 8:30am and 8:40am. Spaces are available in WAVES and can be booked in advance through the school office.

## Online Safety

Please also find attached to this email, our latest edition of our Online Safety Newsletter. In the April edition, you can find information about Cyber Bullying, Tik Tok, Online Challenges and a game called Poppy Playtime that may be unsuitable for children to view.



This week we have been made aware of unsuitable posts on What's App groups, which some WKPS children are members of. The Whats App legal age has been reduced recently; however, the minimum age to register and use Whats App is 13, which is secondary school age, not primary.

## Health & Safety - Earrings

We have noticed that quite a few children have had their ears pierced over the Easter break. Our WKPS Uniform Policy states that these need to be covered with tape during PE lessons. This is for Health and Safety Reasons. Please also note that staff are not permitted to remove earrings. If the children are unable to remove their earrings due to them being recently pierced and still healing, they need to be able to cover their own earrings with their own tape. Our WKPS Uniform Policy can be found on our policies page on our website - [Click Here](#)

### Special Request from EYFS

EYFS would like to continue to enhance their outdoor area and their latest project is the stage area! They are asking for donations of any of the following;

- Chest/storage box for dress up
- Plastic crowns
- Wings
- Wands
- Animal ears/masks
- Capes
- Hats (e.g. plastic crowns, cow boy hats, etc).
- Plastic glasses
- Walking stick

If you have any of the above items that you no longer need/require, we would be more than grateful. They are not looking for costumes at this time - many thanks EYFS Team

### Important Dates

These are some upcoming dates...



- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Spring Interim Report to Parents via Marvellous Me
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Year 4 MTC Parent/Carer Meeting 6pm via Teams (this will be recorded due to an event at WKGS)
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April: Parents' Evening (In School)
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April: Parents' Evening (Online Via Teams)
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Class Photographs
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday – School Closed**
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Year 1 Share a Story
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May: EYFS Reading Café (School Hall)
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: WKPS Healthy Week
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 (current Year 5) Residential Meeting 6pm via Teams
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May: WKPS Olympics Sports Day (KS2 will take place in the morning)
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May: WKPS Olympics Sports Day (EYFS & KS1 will take place in the afternoon)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: EYFS Visit to West Kirby Library – author event (am)
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: School Closes at 3:20pm for May Half Term.**
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Inset Day – School Closed to all pupils**

*\*Please note this is not all the dates, please keep checking the online calendar on our school website for added dates/events. [West Kirby Primary School - Calendar](#)*

### Contact us

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact our phase leaders using the key stage emails. We will do our best to get back to you as soon as we can.

Phase	Phase Leader	Phase Email address
EYFS	Mrs Catt	<a href="mailto:eyfs@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk">eyfs@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk</a>
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LKS2	Mr Procter	<a href="mailto:lks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk">lks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk</a>
UKS2	Mrs McCann	<a href="mailto:uks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk">uks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk</a>
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Have a good weekend and we will see you on Monday at 8:40am.

Yours sincerely,

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(Headteacher)