


13th November 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our autumn term, usually one of the exciting times of the year with Christmas preparations. We know that Christmas events haven't quite been the same lately, and we are still in a situation where we need to be taking precautions. However, we are starting to make some Christmas plans and we hope that some year groups will be able to perform to you. We are following both government and local guidance and are very aware that things may change last minute. More information will follow in the coming weeks...

Important Dates for your Diary...

Monday 15 th November	Odd Sock Day If they wish, children can come to school in odd socks
Monday 15 th -Friday 19 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need If they wish, children can dress in spots, yellow or Pudsey items and donate at least £1
Monday 22 nd - Friday 26 th November	Class 5 Swimming at The Concourse
Thursday 25 th November	PTA Tea/Coffee Morning – please come and join us
Friday 26 th November	EYFS Open Day for perspective EYFS parents (9:30am, 1:30pm and 3:45pm) Please book through the school office
Monday 29 th November	EYFS Maths Workshop (via Teams) More details to follow soon
Thursday 2 nd December	EYFS Trip to West Kirby United Reformed Church
Wednesday 8 th December	LKS2 Trip to West Kirby United Reformed Church
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day If they wish children can come to school in a Christmas Jumper and donate at least £1 for Charity
Friday 17th December	School closes for the Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)



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Relationships and Health Education (RHE)...

I would like to draw your attention to our new RHE policy, which was approved by our Governing Body in the Summer Term. All primary schools are now required to teach Relationships Education and have a corresponding policy, which we have published on our website.

To support our teaching and learning with this part of the curriculum we are using the Coram Life Education SCARF programme. SCARF provides us with a clear age-appropriate framework of planning and assessment. SCARF is a whole school approach and ensures that we are meeting all of the DfE requirements for statutory Relationships and Health Education.

The acronym SCARF stands for **S**afety, **C**aring, **A**chievement, **R**esilience and **F**riendship.

We invite you to read through our new policy and become familiar with the content of this part of the curriculum. We welcome any thoughts, comments or questions during this consultation period to our school office email address. Emails will then be passed to myself and Mr Procter (PSHE Subject Lead).

[WKPS Policies - Click here to locate the RHE Policy](#)

WKPS Sport...

Year 6, six a side Football Team - On October 21st, the Year 6 team played in a tournament, organised by Tranmere Rovers Football Club, at Bidston Tennis Centre. They won this tournament and went through to the finals on the 11th November. The competition was of a high standard and they came 3rd out of 6 teams. More importantly, they played with enthusiasm, energy and great team spirit. They were fantastic role models for WKPS and it was an absolute pleasure to be with them. Mr O'Rourke and Mrs Burrows enjoyed the event just as much as the children, parents and grandparents.

Year 3 / 4 Dodgeball - On November 3rd, Miss O'Toole took a Dodgeball Team to compete against other schools. Once again, the team were successful and came joint first. The children played with great sportsmanship and a sense of fair play. Miss O'Toole was very proud of the way that they competed.

Please look out for photos of the school teams on our Twitter account.

May we take this opportunity to thank the parents and grandparents for taking the children to these events and for organising transport between families. Without that support, we could not attend sporting events and give the children these fantastic opportunities.

Attendance...

As Autumn one came to a close, we have been monitoring attendance really carefully. I appreciate that in this current climate attendance is challenging and Covid situations can't be helped. However, if your child is fit and well they should be in school each day and on time. The whistle goes at 8:40am and the children can start to head into classes. Please can I remind you that school starts at **8:45am** and the children need to be sat down, and ready to learn by this time.

Well done to Redwing class last week, who were the winners of Attendance Ted with 99% attendance.
I wonder who it will be this week? We will find out on Monday.

Autumn One Attendance – we are aiming for every year group to be 97% and above.

F2	96 %
Year 1	96 %
Year 2	95 %
Year 3	97 %
Year 4	95 %
Year 5	96 %
Year 6	91 %

National Online Safety...

It is really important to keep our children safe online and to ensure that we are educating them about how to stay safe online. The world of technology is progressing at a fast rate and as adults there is often a lot for us to understand and keep up to date with. Check out our monthly online safety newsletter for top tips and information this month. [Click Here - November Online Safety Newsletter](#)

As a parent of WKPS you have FREE access to National Safety Online. If you haven't already created an account and explored this further, please use the link below.

To create your FREE account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/west-kirby-primary-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type. Once logged in you will have access to Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online clips, resources and weekly guides.

PTA...

Our PTA continue to do a great job funding raising for our school. We are currently in the process are researching a new phonics scheme, which we will have in place in September 2022. The PTA are looking to support us with the funding of this. I would like to thank the PTA for their work in the first half term, they have already raised £1000 in a short space of time. However, this would not happen without you all supporting recent events that have been held – tea/coffee morning, pumpkin carving competition, jolly jars, spooky hair and the Halloween lucky dip.

Look out for many more exciting PTA events this half term...

Road Safety...

The safety of all of our children is our priority. We are continuing to monitor Anglesey Road to ensure that the actions by everyone keeps our community safe. You may have seen the enforcement officer outside school recently, this is to support us during these busy times of the day. The children have been doing a brilliant job listening to Miss Bird on the crossing and ensuring that they wait until she is positioned in the centre of the road before crossing. We have been informed that Bridge Road is going to continue being closed into the new year. We can see that this is having an impact on Anglesey Road as there is increased traffic from the Grammar School as well. Unfortunately, Bridge Road is not safe to open and needs to undergo significant repairs, which will take time.

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Anti-Bullying...Odd Sock Day...

Bullying is not tolerated at our school, and we always encourage the children to talk to a trusted adult if they are having any peer issues or friendship issues. Anti-Bullying Week takes place next week and has the theme **One Kind Word**. In support of Anti-Bullying week and to raise awareness about bullying we will be taking part in Odd Sock Day on Monday 15th November. On this day your child is invited to come to school in odd socks.

Social Media...

If you are not already following us on Twitter please do @WKPSWirral
Our PTA also have a Facebook Group, please give them a like and follow them.
We now also have an Instagram account – please log on and find us westkirby_primaryschool

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.

Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.

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