

# WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**May 4<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Dear Parents,

## **Keeping children safe**

Again, a request that drivers park legally and considerately to keep our community safe. We have received a complaint from a neighbour, who was unable to access their own property in Ridley Grove. Parents with blue disabled badges have told me they cannot always park in the disabled bay due to other non-authorised vehicles filling this space.

## **Reading in Foundation Stage**

Parents/ Carers /Grandparents are welcome to join us from 8.50am - 9.10am for our next 'Read with Us' on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Home learning and topic webs**

The latest Home learning tasks and topic webs for this half term are available to download [Here](#) Please refer to these to find out what we are asking your children to work on at home - and to see the topics they will be covering across the curriculum in school. We are happy to print off paper copies on request.

## **Sports events**

We gave away all of our free tickets for the Women's British Basketball League Trophy Final, which took place during the holiday. We have heard from the children that it was an exciting match, and was won by Leicester Riders for the first time. Mr Procter is currently running a basketball club for children in Years 5 and 6 here at school this half term on Tuesdays at 3:30pm.

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March eight of our Key Stage Two children took part in a Tri Golf Festival at St. Paul's Primary Schools in Prenton, against 6 other schools. They had a fantastic time, and came in first place – Well Done!

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, seven of our Year 6 children competed in a Netball festival at Birkenhead school. They were praised for their effort and improvement that they demonstrated during the festival. Well Done!

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, eight children for Year 3 and Year 4 took part in a Premier Sport Athletic Festival, which was hosted by West Kirby Primary School. Unfortunately, the weather was not great on the day, and the festival was cut short. However, the children still had lots of fun and did our school proud – Well Done!

We have more Inter-School Sports Festivals and Sports Tournaments during the summer term: We will let you know how we get on in our next newsletter.

## **Health & well-being week**

During the last week of this half term it will be our Health & Well-Being Week. The children will be thinking about how to keep healthy, and how to look after their well-being. There will be several events going on during the week – whole school Zumba, Gymnastics, Football, Personal Safety, Bike it Breakfast and Sports Day. Hopefully, we will have nice weather for the week.

EYFS Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the morning.

Key Stage Two Sports Day will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May in the morning.

Key Stage One Sports Day will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May in the afternoon.

## **Family Zumba**

After half term we will have a new after school club running – Family Zumba. Parents are invited to join their children in an after school club for 6 weeks. Look out for more information coming soon. Places will be limited.

Children should be aiming to do 60 minutes of physical activity every day – this should range from moderate activities such as walking cycling or playground activities, to vigorous activities, such as running, tennis, football or swimming.

## **Staffing changes**

Welcome to Mrs McGorry, who is teaching Class1/2 this term and to Mrs Burrows, who is teaching Class 3.

## **Governor News**

John Cresswell has been elected as our new Chair of Governors and we are delighted to welcome three new Parent Governors: Mrs Catherine Howell, Mr Aaron Leach, Mr Bryn Williams and one new co-opted Governor: Mrs Geraldine Evans

## **Parent Meetings coming up in May**

Next Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm we are holding a meeting for parents of pupils in Year 2 to show you how we teach calculation methods in school.

The following week on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45pm, we are holding a meeting for parents of pupils in Year 1 to explain how the Phonic check will take place and how you can help at home.

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, at 6pm we are holding a meeting for parents of pupils in Year 5 to explain the procedure for applying for a Secondary School place.

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm, we are holding a meeting for parents of pupils in Year 6 about the forthcoming residential.

The information slides from the phonics presentation and the secondary transfer presentation will be available to download from our school website after the events.

## **Eco- Council**

Our Eco-Councillors are encouraging us all to avoid the use of single-use plastics wherever possible. This week the year 3, 4 and 5 Eco-Councillors went to Wallasey Town Hall to meet and work with artist Lulu Quinn. They assisted in making an 8 metre plastic bottle sculpture from recycled plastic bottles, which will be installed in New Brighton as part of Wirral's Tall Ships Regatta celebrations in May. We discussed single use plastics, made a school pledge and worked with several other schools to add messages about single-use plastics to the sculpture.

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## Picture news

We wrote to you recently about this resource which is now available under the Home Learning tab on our website. Every fortnight, we will upload a picture of a current news item with suggestions for discussion. Click [Here](#) to have a look.

## School meals

Congratulations to our kitchen team, who have maintained their 5 star food hygiene rating.

## Weather reminder

Just in case we have sunny weather coming our way, please remember to ensure your child/children have applied a long-lasting sun-cream in the morning and remember to bring a named water bottle and sun cap/hat.

## Request for medical information

If your child attends any kind of medical or other professional assessment, it is very helpful if you share this with us. We realise that many people assume that we receive reports from paediatricians, opticians, speech and language/ occupational therapists etc. Please check with us so that we can follow any advice provided.

## Wirral CAHMS Advice line 0151- 488- 8453

The Advice Line is open Monday-Friday 9am – 10 pm, weekends and bank holidays 12- 8 pm. It is staffed by experienced CAMHS practitioners who will provide advice about any concerns about the mental health of a child. Often the lines are busy but if you leave your name and number, you will get a call back within a day or two.

## GDPR

The law is changing and the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come into effect on 25th May 2018. Schools will have a legal duty to comply with the GDPR. It is designed to strengthen and unify all data held within an organisation. We have been reviewing our procedures and will be writing to you shortly with more information.

## PTA

The next event is our annual Father's Day table event. This is a special event where every child on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June can come along with some pocket money (presents cost between £1 - £3.50), and buy a gift to treat their Dad with on Father's Day. The annual summer fair is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June - details to follow soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Takashima  
Headteacher

## Summer term diary dates 2018 and holiday information

*Please note that term time and holiday dates including INSET days for 2017 - 18 and 2018 - 19 can be found under the School Info tab on our website or please [Click here](#)*

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.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** - School Closed - Bank Holiday  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 2 Maths Meeting for Parents 2.30pm  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 6 SATs week  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 1 Phonics Meeting for Parents 2.45pm  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** - Years 3 and 4 to Liverpool Museum  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 5 Secondary Transfer meeting for Parents 6.00pm  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May** - Deadline for Class photograph orders  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May** - 'Read with Us' in Foundation Stage 8.50am – 9.10am  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Start of Healthy Week  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Foundation Stage Sports Day 9.30am  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - KS2 Sports Day 9.00am  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 6 Residential meeting for Parents 5.00pm

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** - School Closed INSET Day

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June** - School Closed INSET Day

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 1 Phonics Testing Week  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5 Water Sports Day  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Fathers' Day Table  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June** - Fathers' Day Table  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 Residential  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5 Bikeability  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5 Bikeability  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - School Fair - details to follow  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** - Induction Day  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** - School closes for summer 3.30pm

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** - School closed INSET Day  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** - School closed INSET Day  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** - School opens for autumn term 8.55am