



28th May 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

This Week...

There have been lots of exciting learning and events going on in school this week...

- EYFS have been learning about bees, making honey biscuits and watching their butterflies emerge from their chrysalids.
- Key Stage One have been designing their own West Kirby murals in Art with each class focusing on a different area in our local community.
- Lower Key Stage Two have been using pneumatics to make Moving Monsters, they followed the DT process of research, design, make and evaluate.
- Upper Key Stage Two have been learning about human rights, using the book the 'Journey' - where a family have to flee from a war-torn country. They have been learning about the History of Liverpool and have studied the slave trade, they then discussed the current topical issue of Black Lives Matter.

To celebrate Schools Football Week (24th – 30th May), Years 1 – 6 have enjoyed great games of football at the field. It has been made even more enjoyable by the lovely weather. Thank you to Mrs Burrows and Mr O'Rourke for organising this event.

Swimming...

Just a reminder that Class 6 will be swimming after half term. They will start on Tuesday 8th June and finish on Friday 11th June, they will swim every afternoon.

Class 5/6 will be swimming the following week. They will start on Monday 14th June and will finish on Friday 18th June. Please refer to the swimming letters, that were sent to the parents and carers who have children in these classes, for further information. We are hoping that swimming will continue to resume for other year groups in the new academic year – September 2021 onwards.

Twitter...

Have you checked out our new Twitter Feed? Please search for us and follow us. We have shared some photographs this week of some of the exciting events mentioned above. If you explore who West Kirby Primary School are following, you may find some useful links for supporting your child further with their learning, mental health and wellbeing, reading, maths and much more.

Covid Restrictions...

In recent weeks there have been some local and national restrictions removed. However, many of our Covid safety procedures are currently in place and we ask that you please adhere to these.

- Staggered start and finish times – please avoid bringing your child/children to school before their official bubble start time. Children arriving before their start time is limited to parents who have children in different phases (e.g., a child in UKS2 and a child in EYFS) and/or parents who have to get to work and do not have the option of using WAVES due to the restricted number guidance. However, we do have a few spaces available in WAVES so if you need to regularly drop off before the bubble start times. Please ask at the school office for availability.
- Face coverings must still be worn on the playground at all times.
- Social distancing must be adhered to, please avoid waiting in the playground for younger siblings. All children can stay in the classroom until the last bubble time (3:30pm) if needed.
- One adult per household to collect children.

Thank you for your continued support to ensure that our school community stays as safe as possible.

Test and Trace...

Schools continue to play an important role in contact tracing and the national effort to limit the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Contact tracing support is a key part of the test and trace process and schools hold the data about close contacts and pupil contact details. Therefore, schools are being asked to continue with

contact tracing over half term, similar to the arrangements that were in place over other recent school holidays.

Guidance from the Department for Education states that if a pupil or staff member tests positive for Covid-19 having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation. This is because the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Therefore, as school closes on Friday 28th May we are asking that you make contact with us if your child develops symptoms between finishing school on Friday 28th May and Sunday 30th May. If this is the case, we will need to notify their close contacts if the Covid-19 test result comes back positive. Please contact the school office email to inform us of this, we will be checking this email daily up to 1st June.

schooloffice@westkirby-primary.wirral.sch.uk

If your child develops symptoms **after Sunday 30th May, we do not need to** be contacted and you should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. If your child needs to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case during the holidays, we do not need to be informed about this until Tuesday 8th June.

Dogs...

A polite reminder that only guide dogs are permitted on our playground. No other dogs should be on the playground – Thank you

Share a Story Day...

Yesterday, you received an email outlining an exciting event on Friday 11th June – Share a Story Day. The children are being encouraged to come to school dressed up as a character from their favourite book or story. During the day the children will be participating in a variety of fun reading tasks. We look forward to seeing their outfits.

Attendance...

Regular attendance is central to raising standards in education. Regular attendance at school enables children to gain maximum benefit from the range of educational and wider opportunities available to them. Children who are absent from school or who are persistently late can soon fall behind with their learning. Regular and punctual attendance at school is a legal requirement. Children are classified as 'persistently absent' if they miss 10% or more of school due to authorised and/or unauthorised absence. Therefore, attendance of **90% or under is a concern**. We have monitoring systems in place to identify children who are at risk of falling into this category and will involve parents/carers in formulating specific plans to prevent deterioration and to build back attendance levels. For further information regarding attendance please refer to our WKPS attendance policy. [Attendance Policy - Click Here](#)

Communication...

Please email or call us if you feel there is **anything** that you wish to discuss or anything that is worrying you or your child. We often find that if parents talk to us about things early on or at the first sign of concerns it can sometimes prevent situations escalating. Using the school office email or the key stage emails are both effective ways of making contact with us.

Inset Day...

Monday 7th June is an Inset Day – School will be closed to all pupils. We will reopen for pupils on Tuesday 8th June for the final half term of this academic year.

Dates for your diary...

Monday 7th June: Inset Day - School Closed

Friday 11th June: Share a Story Day – children to dress up

Wednesday 16th June: Supporting Children's Well-Being via Teams with Mr Procter at 4:30pm

Tuesday 29th June: Individual Photographs

Friday 2nd July: Transition Day – Year 6 to new school and F2-Year 5 to new classes

Friday 9th July: Reports to Parents

Week Commencing 12th July: Optional Parents Evening

Tuesday 13th July: MFL Language Swap Day

Friday 16th July: Children finish for the summer holidays

Wishing you all a lovely half term – thank you for your continued support.

Mrs E Bailey
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