

# WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 6<sup>th</sup> 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for volunteers to help out in school. We are busy matching you up to the jobs we need so please bear with us. We hope to be in touch with you all before half term.

## Parent Meetings

This term we will be trialling an on-line booking system for appointments for Parents Evenings. We will be writing to you with more details just after half term ahead of our November meetings with you. At this meeting, class teachers will talk about how well your child has settled into the class and share a brief report with you which will include targets for this academic year. Appointments are for ten minutes. If you need a longer meeting, this may need to be arranged at a different time.

## Parents of pupils in EYFS

It was good to see many of you yesterday afternoon as staff explained the Library and Home learning arrangements and introduced you to our new on line Learning Journal called Tapestry. We hope you will enjoy seeing snippets of your child's learning in school and sharing with us learning at home too.

We look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October for a Phonics workshop. You will have the opportunity to find out how we teach phonics to our youngest children and to see some of the games and activities in action in the classroom.

## Parents of pupils in Year 6

Those children who took the 11+ tests should receive the results by 21<sup>st</sup> October. We ask that you wait until children come home from school to share this information. Please bear in mind that not all children will receive the news they are hoping for and encourage your child to be sensitive.

Please may we remind you that the deadline for applying for a Secondary School place is October 31<sup>st</sup> 2017. Applications received after this date will not be considered until other applications have been processed, so it is important not to miss this deadline.

## Free course for parents

Youth Connect 5 is a 5 part course that aims to give parents and carers the knowledge, skills and understanding to help children develop strong emotional well-being through resilience building techniques. You can use these techniques to strengthen your child's ability to adapt well to adversity, trauma and stress- skills which will help them right through into adulthood.

The course will be led by Alan Jemmett, a parent at our school, who was so impressed by the benefits that Youth Connect 5 offers to children and families that he then attended the training for trainers, and has offered to run the course here on Monday evenings after half term.

Please click on the link below for information and to book.  
<https://youthconnect5.org.uk/parents-carers/>

or email him directly with any queries:

[jemmettalan@gmail.com](mailto:jemmettalan@gmail.com)

## Mrs Igglesden

We want to say a big Thank You to Mrs Igglesden for the commitment she has shown to the children of our school over the past 7 years. We are saying goodbye to Mrs Igglesden on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## Keeping children safe

Wirral has an updated safeguarding website which has information about local procedures and services.

Please click on the link below to access the Parents and Carers section:

<https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Scroll down to the very bottom of the on-line safety page (past all the posters) to find information relating to cyber bullying.

## Lucy's Pineapple fund

Thank you to all who supported the green and yellow day held a couple of weeks ago which raised £615.47.

Lucy is currently receiving treatment in Mexico and responding well.

We try to hold no more than 1 fund raising event in a half term. Next half term we will be supporting Children in Need and World Prematurity Day- both on November 17<sup>th</sup> - more details to follow.

## Packed Lunches

*Spoons Please!* We seem to be losing a lot of spoons from the Dining Hall. We would be delighted if you could check at home and return any that have gone astray.

Please provide any cutlery your child needs if they bring a packed lunch so we don't run out in school.

Just a reminder that our Packed Lunch Policy follows the same nutritional guidance as school meals and we ask that you follow this if sending a Packed Lunch to school. Chocolate is not banned as an ingredient but should not be the main constituent of any item. We ask you to avoid packs of crisps/ quavers etc. and avoid sweets, chocolate bars and other items sold as confectionary during school time. We will ask children to save these items until they go home and offer fruit instead.

Look under the Policies and Procedures tab on our website or click here to read it [Lunch Box Policy](#). Please contact the School Office if you have any queries.

## Medication

If your child requires medication in school, please hand it to the Office Staff and complete a form to authorise staff to administer the stated dose. We can only accept medication in the original packaging and cannot give more than the prescribed dose. At the end of the day medicines will only be returned to an adult.

Please do not let children bring any form of medication into school.

## Data Collection Sheets

Please may we remind you to return your Data Collection Sheets if you not already done so. It is important we have the most up to date medical information and contact details.

## Clubs

Next half term we will be offering Japanese, Multi-Sports, Musical Theatre, Athletics, Library Club, Philosophy Club and Recorder Club. Look out for letters during the week before and the week after half term.

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## School Uniform

Just a reminder to check all items are labelled with your child's name so we can return anything mislaid. We cannot help with unnamed items but will place them in the Lost Property cupboard in the foyer and invite you to help yourself to any unnamed items that fit.

## Fabric and Craft sale

A former parent, Jane Gordon, is setting up the Artists and Makers Library to provide art equipment to local schools. We are delighted that this is being trialled at our school this year. There will be a fund-raising Fabric and Craft sale on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at The Sewing Shed, 21 Boulton Avenue, West Kirby from 10am-6pm to which you are invited. To find out more about the Artists and Makers Library, please visit:

[www.crowdfunder.co.uk/young-artists-and-makers-library](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/young-artists-and-makers-library)

This link will be live from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

## PTA

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9.10am in school and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 8.00pm at The Dee Hotel, Wetherspoons. Everyone welcome

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Takashima  
Headteacher

## Autumn term diary dates 2017 and holiday information

*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.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Years 3 & 4 to Speke Hall

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Open Evening Pensby High School 6.00 – 8.30pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival in aid of Wirral Foodbank

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October** – Last Day for old £1 coins

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - PTA Meeting 9.10am in school

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – EYFS Phonics Workshop 2.30pm

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Individual photographs - rearranged

**Please note this date has been changed to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Half Term ends 3.30pm

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** – Half Term

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – Term starts

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Deadline for Secondary School Applications

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – PTA Meeting 8.00pm at the Dee Hotel (Wetherspoons)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Individual Photographs

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Years 5 and 6 to Styal Mill

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu Immunisations for children in F2 – Year 4

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents Evening

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents Evening