

West Kirby Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the summer term of our current academic year. I hope that you have been able to have your Parents' Evening appointments this week with class teachers. If for any reason you haven't, please contact The School Office or use the Key Stage emails to make contact with us and we can arrange a meeting. You should also have received your child's Spring Interim report last Friday. We hope that you found this informative and it gave you information as to where your child has been assessed at, for this point of the year and their target for July 2022.

Important Dates...

Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May	Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments (SAT's)
Monday 9th May	Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check Meeting 6pm via TEAMS Click Here for the Meeting Link on Monday 9th May
Tuesday 10th May	KS1 & LKS2 Lifeguard Sessions (In School)
Tuesday 17th May	Class Photos
Tuesday 17th May	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Meeting (6pm Via Teams)
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th May	Healthy Week
Tuesday 24th May	Sports Day Morning Session – EYFS and KS1 Afternoon Session – LKS2 and UKS2
Wednesday 25th May	Whole School Platinum Jubilee Celebrations At lunchtime, there will be a special afternoon tea for the children (outside - weather permitting) along with other enjoyable events going on during the day, which our School PTA have been organising in conjunction with our Kitchen Team. If your child would like to, they can come to school dressed in red, white and blue. <i>Year 3 and 4 – please ensure that your red, white and blue outfit is still suitable for PE that day.</i>
Friday 27th May	School Closes for Half Term (3:20pm)
Monday 6th June	School Closed
Tuesday 7th June	Inset Day
Wednesday 8th June	School reopens for all pupils at 8:40am



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School Meals...

Louise, our School Cook spoke to each class in the Spring Term to listen to their views about what they would like to see on the Summer Menus. I am pleased to say that our Summer Menus are now up and running and operate over a three-week cycle. Last week was week 1, this week is week 2 and next week is week 3. Our kitchen team do their best to keep to the daily menu. However, we are finding that deliveries and stock levels are being affected at the moment due to different situations going on around the country/world. We apologise if we have to make any last-minute changes, this is always done as a last resort but at times it can't be avoided. Please have a look on our school website at our Summer Menus [Here](#)

Please can I also draw your attention to our revised Healthy Eating and Healthy Lunchbox policy, which is on our website [Policies - Click Here](#).
A reminder that we are a nut free school at all times.

Attendance...

Please can I politely remind you that your child's attendance at school is really important and every day does count. Holidays and isolated days off in term time will not be authorised unless it is exceptional circumstances. Since the pandemic it may seem that missing school for a holiday is ok. However, all the data shows that children are significantly disadvantaged when absent from school. This can have far reaching consequences into their future and so should be avoided at all costs. Please support your child and acknowledge the importance of every day in school unless they are poorly.

Attendance data for the first two weeks in the summer term is as follows. Our target is 97% or higher for each year group - Well done to Year 4!

	Attendance
F2	95.2 %
Year 1	95.4 %
Year 2	95.3%
Year 3	91.8 %
Year 4	97.3 %
Year 5	96.1 %
Year 6	94.2 %

FUPS...FREE Uniform for Primary Schools

FUPS is a local charity which recycles great quality pre-loved school uniforms. Donated school uniforms are collected from Wirral Schools, sorted and then given away for **FREE**. There is no means-testing, or questions about your family, financial or benefit situations. There are seven hubs situated around Wirral, each stocking clothes for the schools in the area. Please explore their website and make contact to check out the stock availability for our school [FUPS Website - Click Here](#)



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Marvellous Me...

Thank you to the 85% of you who have signed up to Marvellous Me. It would be fantastic if we can increase this percentage so that all Parents & Carers are being able to see how Marvellous your children are. The app is totally free and allows class teachers to send you badges, messages, postcards and reminders. We are beginning to use it to send the children's weekly spellings with the aim that they are more accessible for you each week. If you need any support in setting Marvellous Me up, please ask our School Office Staff, who will be happy to help.

PTA Race Night...

The PTA have a very exciting event lined up for **Saturday 14th May** - A Race Night at The Wro in West Kirby. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by using the following [Link](#)

As well as having a great night out, the event also aims to purchase resources and items for the children in our school. Our PTA do an amazing job fundraising for our school. Please support the event if you can – you never know your horse may be the lucky one!

Sandlea Gardens...

Thank you to CGI in partnership with Smart DCC for donating a number of Crab Apple Trees. Our Eco team walked to Sandlea Gardens in West Kirby last week and planted two of the Crab Apple Trees there. We look forward to watching them grow over the coming years. For the Eco Team, it can be a lasting reminder of your time at West Kirby Primary School.

Parent Governor Vacancies...

Last week I wrote to you about our current recruitment for Parent Governors. We are looking to recruit three Parent Governors to join our Governing Body. Our Governors fulfil a vital role in the Leadership of our school. If you would like to know more about our Governors, please have a look at our Governance section on the school website [Click Here](#). I am more than happy to speak to any Parents or Carers if you would like more information before completing a nomination form. If you require further copies of the letter or application form, please ask in The School Office. The closing date for nominations is Wednesday 11th May.

Job Vacancy...

We are currently recruiting for a new cleaner. If you are interested or know anybody else who may be interested, please take a look at the advert which is on the Wirral Website.

[WKPS Cleaner Vacancy](#)

Link Governors...

In my last letter our Chair of Governors, John Creswell wrote to you about our Link Governors and the roles that they fulfil. In the same letter Catherine Howell (Parent Governor) explained about her Link Governor role, which is Attendance. This week, our Safeguarding Link Governor, Chris Gill has taken the opportunity to explain her role to you.

When you hear the word Safeguarding and Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) you possibly have no real idea of how big the whole subject is for a school. As your Safeguarding Governor I don't have the room to tell you about my one role in a paragraph. Safeguarding connects with all aspects of school and life events. I would like to ask you to read the NSPCC summary of the Introductory Guide to Safeguarding and Child Protection for the voluntary and community sector. The full document is also

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available on this link if you want to read more. The summary makes Safeguarding easier to understand and you will find it a very useful guide. [Click Here for the Summary](#) West Kirby Primary School is excellent in all of the areas outlined in the document.

As your Link Governor for Safeguarding my role is to visit School whenever asked and every half term to listen to, speak to, share thoughts, support and be shown details, facts, statistics, which show me that all aspects of Safeguarding is up to date and in place. I then report back to the Governing body about the effectiveness of the school's policies and practice. I am always impressed with how the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Bailey) and her Deputy (Mrs McCann) are well ahead with the ever-changing Safeguarding climate and totally committed to the all-round welfare of our children. Keeping our children safe is the responsibility of all adults in school and Parents / Carers play a crucial role in this. If you are worried about anything tell school or use this link [Worried about a child?](#)

You may like to read the Appendix to the Safeguarding Policy which gives you a flavour of all the headings associated with Safeguarding. This is on the school website [Click Here for School Policies](#)

My role also requires me to keep up to date with all aspects of Safeguarding and training for Governors and I update my Designated Safeguarding Lead training every two years alongside our Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher. If you would like any more information or a chat, please let me know.

Thank you,
Chris Gill.

Mad Science After-School Club...

Mad Science visited our school on Wednesday for a Mad Science Assembly. We are now offering a Mad Science After School club on Thursdays - starting from Thursday 9th June. You can register your children online [here](#) on a first come, first served basis. Please note that Mad Science are currently having issues with their payment provider. They advise that you continue to book and you will be added to a waiting list. They then be in touch with you to provide payment details and a confirmation of your place on the club if space is available. Payment by instalments is available. If you have any problems or queries with booking, please call Mad Science directly on 01772 628844 and they'll be happy to help!

Wirral Country Park Junior Parkrun...

The Junior Parkrun event at Wirral Country Park restarted in November 2021 and is becoming increasingly popular each week. The organisers of this event are finding that there are still lots of families on the Wirral that don't know about them or that they are completely free. Therefore, they have asked me to inform you, and it sounds like a great event that your children could become involved in if they wish to. Their aim is to have as many children on the Wirral keeping fit and active as possible.

What is Wirral Country Park Junior Parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds).

When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

Where is it?

The event takes place at Wirral Country Park, Station Rd, Thurstaston, Wirral, CH61 0HN



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How fast do I have to be?

The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!

For more information, please have a look at their website [Click Here](#)

It would be great to hear if any of our children have been involved.

Thank You...

A huge thank you to Lisa and Laura who are members of our PTA, who gave up their time in the Easter holidays to sort through the PTA storage area in our school. They have relocated to another space in our school to allow the old PTA area to be used to store all of our PE equipment.

In addition, a big thank you to the friends of West Kirby United Reformed Church who has also gave up their time in the Easter Holiday to support Mr Houghton, our Caretaker to undertake several maintenance and improvement tasks around our school. Many hands certainly made lighter work; we are really grateful for your time.

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, the weather is looking to be nice.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs E Bailey
Headteacher

