



# WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

## Dates for your Dairy

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - PTA own clothes day, bring in £1 and give it to the teacher. Children can wear 'something they love' but please make sure it is warm and appropriate for school.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Tom Palmer author visit

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – PTA movie night - F2 to Y2 3.20pm to 5.15pm, Y3 to Y6 5.45pm to 7.45pm – children can bring in money for movie snacks

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – School closes at the end of the day for half-term

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – school is closed for half-term**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – school opens for all pupils for Spring 2 half-term

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – potential Strike Day – we will let you know details as soon as we know

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 4 residential trip to Robinwood

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Fairtrade coffee morning

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March - WKPS World Book Day – children can choose which book character they would like to dress up as

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – PTA coffee morning – straight after drop-off

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Scholastic book fair

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March - UKS2 trip to Royal Liverpool Philharmonic

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – PTA mothers' day table

## Maths in Action

Thank you for attending our Maths in Action event last week, we hope that you found it informative as well as enjoying the opportunity to see the children in action in their classrooms. We have made all of the information from the event available on our website. Please click on 'Parents' on our website and then on 'Meetings for Parents'. From here you can then select the correct phase – EYFS, KS1, LKS2 or UKS2.

## Year 2 and Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments

This week, we delivered the information sessions about the Year 2 and Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments, which take place in May 2023.

The Year 2 assessments will take place over the month of May and the Year 6 assessments will take place the week commencing the 8<sup>th</sup> May. As always, attendance and punctuality during this time is really important.

## PTA –

Our amazing PTA work really hard (for free!) all year round and raise money to directly enhance all of the children's time at WKPS. They have recently bought, and Techease have kindly installed, a new projector and screen in our school hall which is going to be used to host our exciting PTA movie night on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks also to Mr Houghton for helping get the equipment ready

In the spring 2 half-term, there will also be PTA Easter craft events.

### Tom Palmer Visit

As a reading school, different opportunities connected to reading are really important to us. We are excited to have Tom Palmer, who is a children's author, visiting our school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Yesterday, we sent home a letter and order form to the children in Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 to explain more about this. Tom's books are aimed more at these year groups. However, we will still be talking to EYFS and Year 1 about a real author being in our school and hopefully he will be able to pop and say hello to the younger children.

For more information, please explore his website <https://tompalmer.co.uk/>

A huge thank you to our PTA who are funding our Tom Palmer visit. We are really grateful of the great fundraising that you do for us.

Look out for our next author visits in the summer term, which we are really looking forward to.

### Attendance and Punctuality

As you know, attendance and punctuality is really important and we support the Wirral ethos of everyday counts. We understand there are times when children are poorly and at these times the best place for them is at home. At all other times, the children should be in school to ensure that they are not missing teaching and learning opportunities.

Holidays and days off in term time are only acceptable in exceptional circumstances and every situation is reviewed individually.

Following updated guidance from the DfE in relation to Attendance, our school Attendance and Punctuality Policy has been updated. This has been approved by our Full Governing Body and is available on our website for you to refer to [Attendance & Punctuality Policy - January 2023](#)

Attendance figures for the week ending Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 are as follows:

Skylark	98.9%
Robin	93%
Starling	98.2%
Lapwing	98.3%
Redwing	94.5%
Swift	98.8%
Sanderling	98.4%
Swallow	99%
Kingfisher	99.3%
Egret	99.3%
Cormorant	96.7%

Congratulations to Kingfisher and Egret class for achieving a 99.3% attendance for the week.

### Communication

Just to keep you up to date with our communication methods:

**Headteacher Letters:** You will be familiar with my Headteacher Letters to keep you up to date with different aspects within our school. These usually land in your inbox every few weeks.

**Reading Sways:** Library Jane produces these every few weeks to keep you up to date with our latest reading news, latest books and how to further support reading at home. All of the previous editions are available on our website if you have missed any.

**Marvellous Me:** This is a FREE App and we are really pleased that the majority of Parents/Carers have access to this. We use this to share with you 'marvellous moments' about your child, that as Parents & Carers we all love to receive. We also use Marvellous Me to send weekly spellings out through the message facility. Parental feedback informed us that Marvellous Me was a quick and easy way for you to access spellings each week. They are also available on our website, under 'key information for parents'. If you prefer an overview of them and want access to them. Marvellous Me is also sometimes used by staff to communicate with Parents & Carers about what the children have learnt. This gives you the opportunity to talk to the children about what they have been doing in school. Our use of Marvellous Me has evolved over time and it is a good way for staff to communicate with individual Parents & Carers effectively. At times, staff may also use Marvellous Me to send home First Aid information or reminders about events that are taking place within school so that we can keep you as up to date as possible.

We aim to be mindful how many emails we send to you. However, at times we know that several can arrive in your inbox. Where we can group items or we can wait until the next Headteacher update we do. On occasions there are letters that are specific to certain year groups and there are also times when we are instructed to send out information from the DfE, Health Services or other.

### Support at Home

There are times when we need to explore further support.

Just a reminder of these websites that you may find useful to explore:

[Family Toolbox - Tips and tools for family life in Wirral](#)  
[Wirral Sandbox](#)  
[zillowirral](#)

As always, please talk to us if you feel your child may need further support or there is any information that we need to be aware of.

As the nights are beginning to become a little bit lighter, have a lovely weekend. Last week is our last week in school before the February half term break. School closes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 3:20pm and reopens on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 8:40am.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Bailey  
Headteacher