



WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of this school year -the summer term. It has been a busy start in the first two weeks – Year 5 took part in Bikeability, Class 3/4 and Class 4 have been swimming at The Concourse, WKPS took part in an Edsential swimming event, EYFS went on a local walk to West Kirby, Mad Science shared an exciting assembly, a group of children have been to our community flower bed for the next stage in its development and our summer after school clubs are up and running.

Important Dates

- Monday 1st May: School Closed (May Day Bank Holiday)
- Tuesday 2nd May: Proposed Strike Day (Skylark, Lapwing, Redwing, Swifts and Cormorants to come to school as normal)
- Wednesday 3rd May: Class photographs
- Wednesday 3rd May: MTC Year 4 meeting 6pm online – details to follow
- Thursday 4th May: Dress for Royalty and Themed Coronation Lunch
- Thursday 4th May: Online Parents' Evening (Robin, Starling, Sanderling and Swallow,)
- Friday 5th May: RLNI Duck sale after school
- Friday 5th May: KS1 Sports Visit to Activity for all (morning only)
- Monday 8th May: School Closed (Coronation Bank Holiday)
- Monday 8th May: 10am RNL duck race at the south end of the Marine Lake
- Tuesday 9th -Friday 12th May: Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments
- Monday 15th May – Friday 26th May: Year 2 National Curriculum window
- Monday 22nd May to Friday 26th May: Healthy Week
- Tuesday 23rd May: Sports Day
- Wednesday 24th May: Crazy Golf event for the whole school
- Wednesday 7th June: Frank Cottrell Boyce author visit
- Monday 12th June to Friday 16th June: KS1 phonics screening check window
- Monday 3rd July to Friday 7th July: Class 3 swimming
- Monday 3rd July to Friday 7th July Year 6 Bikeability
- Tuesday 4th July: Open Afternoon (3:20pm – 5:30pm)
- Wednesday 5th July: Year 1 – Year 2, Year 3 – Year 4, Year 5 – Year 6 Discos (PTA)
- Wednesday 12th July: EYFS disco (PTA)

Golf

Just a reminder about dates and arrangements for the end of the summer term due to the Wirral Golf Open Championships.

Monday 17 th July	Children to attend school via online learning. Attendance is compulsory. Further details will follow in the summer term. Please be assured we will do our best to make this as accessible as possible and accommodate where multiple children need to access to a device.
Tuesday 18 th July	Inset Day – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 19 th July	Inset Day – School closed to pupils
Thursday 20 th July	Inset Day – School closed to pupils

Interim Reports

You should have received your child's Spring Interim Report last Friday. The interim report provided an overview on your child's attendance, attainment in core subjects, effort, behaviour and ideas for supporting your child at home. If for any reason you did not receive your child's report, please contact our school office to make them aware.

Parents' Evening

It was great to see many of you in person at Parents' Evening on Tuesday. Many of you have also had online Parents' Evening this week and there are more arranged next week. If you have your meeting next week, please locate your TEAMS invite from class teachers. They have all been sent out. The invites come directly from teacher email addresses, and it is very likely that they have gone into your junk. Please check for it in enough time before the meeting.

Open Afternoon

We have a planned Open Afternoon on Tuesday 4th July (3:20-5:30pm). You are warmly welcomed to come into school to have a look around your child's classroom, a look at your child's books, a look around school and join us for refreshments in the school hall. There will be no need to book, just drop in any time before 5:30pm on Tuesday 4th July.

Staffing

We were sad to see Mrs Tracey leave at the end of the Spring Term. Mrs Tracey worked in Class 3/4 as a Teaching Assistant, we wish her well and would like to thank her for her hard work at WKPS.

As many of you are aware, Mrs Burrows has been absent since February following an operation. She is making a really good recovery and we are hoping to see her back in Class 5 soon. She came to visit last week, and did pop her head into Class 5. We are very grateful to Mr McCrum who has been teaching in Class 5 and I can reassure you of a smooth transition over the coming weeks.

Parent Focus Group

As a community school it is really important to us to listen to the community and involve the community where we can. I would like to offer the opportunity for parents/carers to be part of a Parent Focus Group to support us to review our antibullying policy. It would be great to have representation from across the school e.g. EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2. If this is something you feel you would be interested in, please register your interest using this link.

[Focus Group : Expression of Interest](#) This link will stay live until Friday 5th May 2023 (12 noon).

Online Safety

Keeping our children safe online is paramount. Please find attached to this email our latest online safety newsletter.

Uniform

Unfortunately, standards of school uniform have deteriorated over the last few weeks. Please can I request that our uniform is adhered to at all times so that WKPS pupils look as smart as possible.

A few reminders...

- Only school jumpers should be worn for school (logo or no logo) – no alternatives please
- No branded items, in particular on PE days
- Only dark coloured (navy or black) joggers/leggings should be worn for PE
- School shoes should be worn at all times except for PE days
- School skirts should not be too short
- Only studs for pierced ears and no additional jewellery other than a watch.
- Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up at all times
- No smart watches

Early Birds

Please can I remind you that our school gates do not open until 8:30am in the morning. This is when a member of staff is present on the playground to support supervision and be a port of call if needed. We do ask that you stay with your children (exceptions to Year 5 and Year 6) until the whistle is blown at 8:40am. I am seeing an increase in the number of children who are standing outside the school gates and along the pavement for quite a length of time.

These children are not being supervised and we do worry about them. Please can I ask that your child/children do not arrive any earlier than 8:30am. If provision is needed earlier than this, we do operate WAVES from 7:45am. To book a place, please email waves@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk

Ofsted

Just a short update, we are still awaiting the arrival of the final report. It is all still within the expected timescales.

Contact Us

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.

Phase	Phase Leader	Phase Email address
EYFS	Mrs Catt	eyfs@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk
KS1	Mrs Hughes	ks1@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk
LKS2	Mr Procter	lks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk
UKS2	Mrs McCann	uks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk
	School Office	schooloffice@westkirby-primary.wirral.sch.uk

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. We will see you next week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Bailey
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