



WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Today marks the end of our first full week back at school since returning from our Christmas break. The children have settled well into the spring term. We are delighted to welcome several new families to our school community.

It has been a busy week for the children. On Tuesday, the children in EYFS had a special visit from a wide variety of animals for the start of their new area of learning. Year Two have been working hard in Maths to add two, 2-digit numbers and Class 6 have been walking to The Concourse each day for their swimming session. In addition, our before and after school clubs have also started this week with children taking part in Netball, Gymnastics, Junk Modelling, Board Games and Film Club.

Interim Reports

You should have received your child's Interim Report this week - they were emailed out on Wednesday. The report is based on data from the autumn term. If for any reason you have not received your child's report, please contact The School Office. Following your feedback, we have amended how we present the information to you. We have shared information with you about attendance, behaviour and effort. We have removed the numbers and letters to explain the current attainment of your child and have aimed to use language which we hope is easier to understand. Within the Interim reports we have also shared information about how you can further support your child at home. If you have any questions about your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact phase leaders using the email addresses below.

Phase	Phase Teachers	Phase Leader	Contact email address
EYFS	Mrs Catt Miss Raraty	Mrs Catt	eyfs@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk
Key Stage 1 Year 1 and Year 2	Mrs Hughes Mrs Coombes Miss O'Toole Miss Pritchard	Mrs Hughes	ks1@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk
Lower Key Stage 2 Year 3 and Year 4	Mr Procter Ms Ashley Mrs O' Connor	Mr Procter	lks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk
Upper Key Stage 2 Year 5 and Year 6	Mrs McCann Mrs Sadler Miss Gerrard Mrs Burrows	Mrs McCann	uks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk

Interim Report Feedback

It would be really helpful to know what you think of our newly designed Interim Reports. If you can spare a few minutes to answer these quick questions we would be grateful.

[Click Here to share your thoughts about the Interim Reports](#)

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 16th – Friday 20th January: Class 5/6 Swimming at The Concourse
- Friday 27th January: PTA Cake Sale
- Monday 30th January: Year 5 & Year 6 Maths in Action (8:50am)
- Tuesday 31st January: Year 3 & Year 4 Maths in Action (8:50am)
- Wednesday 1st February: Year 1 & Year 2 Maths in Action (8:50am)
- Thursday 2nd February: EYFS Maths in Action (8:50am)
- Friday 3rd February: Rock Star Day – if they wish, the children can come to school dressed as a Rock Star.
- Monday 6th – Friday 10th February: Children's Mental Health Week
- Wednesday 8th February: Year 4 Mental Health Week Assembly
- Monday 6th February: Year 6 National Curriculum Assessment Meeting (8:50am **or** 6:00pm)
- Tuesday 7th February: Year 2 National Curriculum Assessment Meeting (8:50am **or** 6:00pm)
- Tuesday 14th February: PTA Own Clothes Day, wear something you love (£1 donation)

Weekly Spellings

A reminder that each week, class teachers will send the list of weekly spellings out to you via Marvellous Me. They are also available under the Parent Tab on our Website, under Key Information. The Spring One Spellings for KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 are all available now.

Marvellous Me

Marvellous Me is a FREE App that can be downloaded to your phone. At WKPS we use Marvellous Me to send Parents & Carers messages and badges so that we can share information about what your child has been doing in school and when they have been marvellous. Weekly Spellings and reminders are also sent through Marvellous Me. If you don't have your activation code, please ask at The School Office.

School Uniform

As a caring school community, we want to support the children within our school. Some of our new families have arrived in England with very limited items. I would like to ask if any Parents or Carers have any new school uniform that is no longer needed that you are willing to donate. If you do, we would be very grateful and we will share it amongst our families, who are currently in need.

We are looking to collect the following for children in Year 1 to Year 5 (both boys and girls)

- New underwear
- New school trousers
- New school skirts
- New white polo shirts
- New PE Joggers (blue or black)

Thank you to ID uniform in Hoylake. They have given us a good supply of jumpers and cardigans.

Health Advice - We have been asked to share the following advice and guidance with you.

Back-to-school advice issued to North West parents amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever circulating

As pupils return to school following the Christmas break, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels, but following simple steps can

help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

Prof Susan Hopkins, Chief medical Adviser at UKHSA, said: “It’s important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

“Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

“Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don’t visit healthcare settings unless urgent or visit vulnerable people.

“Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and, in some cases, can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and those they come into contact with and it’s still not too late.”

Dr Merav Kliner, UKHSA North West Deputy Director, said: “As we see more cases of flu across the North West, we can all play a part in reducing infections spreading by following simple measures. It is important to remember that catching flu or other infections for more vulnerable people can be far more serious.

“Taking sensible measures to stop bugs spreading is something we all can and should do. These include practicing good hygiene, taking up vaccinations when offered and not mixing with vulnerable other people when you are poorly yourself.”

Children eligible for the vaccine include:

- Children aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- All primary school-aged children
- Some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu here](#).

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](#)

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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.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Bailey
Headteacher