



4th September

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year at West Kirby Primary School. A very warm welcome to the new children and families who have joined us across the school. For a large number of you this is the start of a new journey for your child as they start their experience in primary school.

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer and managed to spend some time together. The weather hasn't always been on our side over the summer break. However, it looks like we have come back to a week of glorious sunshine. On that note, please ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle, a sun hat and has applied sun cream.

Thank you to those of who you who completed our end of year Parent and Carer survey, your positivity was fantastic to read. One of the areas that you would like to see us improve is notice of events and meetings that are taking place. We will do our very best to achieve this. As a start to this, we have updated the online calendar on the school website as much as possible with Parents' Evening, meetings, educational visits, residentials, year group assemblies, swimming etc. In my letter to parents/carers, which is usually every two weeks, I will also continue to list key dates that are coming up in the next few weeks. However, please do keep an eye on our school website calendar. At times there maybe events and opportunities that arise with limited notice, but we will do our very best to keep these to a minimum.

These are some of the upcoming dates for the next few weeks

Important Dates

- Wednesday 6th September: Year 6 Residential Meeting (5:30pm via Teams)
- Tuesday 12th September: KS1 Meet the Teacher Meeting (8:45am in the School hall)
- Wednesday 13th September: UKS2 Meet the Teacher Meeting (8:45am in the School hall)
- Thursday 14th September: LKS2 Meet the Teacher Meeting (8:45am in the School hall)
- Friday 15th September: Year 3 Barnstondale Visit (all day)
- Friday 15th September: PTA Coffee Morning (8:45 – 9:45am : School Hall)
- Monday 2nd – Friday 6th October: Class 5 Swimming
- Tuesday 10th October: EYFS & Year 1 Phonics Meeting (6:00pm via Teams)
- Tuesday 17th October: Parents' Evening (face to face in school)
- Wednesday 18th October: Parents Evening (online via Teams)

**Please note this is not all the dates, please keep checking the online calendar on our school website for added dates/events.*

Uniform & PE Days

A reminder that the children should all be in the correct school uniform tomorrow. Our school uniform policy can be found on our website if you want to check anything.

[West Kirby Primary School - Policies](#)

Please can I request that we adhere to the correct school uniform at all times. This includes no nail varnish, hair tied back if longer than shoulder length and only stud earrings, which need to be removed for PE days, prior to coming into school.

There is no PE tomorrow, so no PE kits are required for any of the children.

Year Group	PE Kits
EYFS – F1 and F2	Need to come to school in PE kits every Monday . Starting on Monday 11th September
LKS2 – Year 3 and Year 4	Need to come to school in PE kits every Wednesday . Starting on Wednesday 6 th September
UKS2 – Year 5 and Year 6	Need to come to school in PE kits every Thursday . Starting on Thursday 7th September
KS1 – Year 1 and Year 2	Need to come to school in PE its every Friday . Starting on Friday 8 th September

The class teachers will communicate with you if there is a second day that PE kits are needed. This will also be shared at the Meet the Teacher meetings next week.

Term Dates

Our Term Dates for the new school year are available on our website.

[West Kirby Primary School - Term Dates](#)

Every day counts in school and good attendance (97% or more) is vital for children to make good progress in all areas of school life. Please can you check the term dates to ensure that no holidays or time off is needed in school time. However, I appreciate that there are exceptions and, in these cases, please talk to the School Office about the procedure to follow.

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

I am sure that many of you will have seen headlines on the news and on social media about RAAC. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete which was used in schools, colleges and other building construction from the 1950s until the mid1990s. Earlier this year Wirral Local Authority contacted all Wirral Schools about RAAC. We were contacted, and at that point, Wirral Local Authority did not identify us as a school of concern. We have continued to comply with the DfE requests and our school was fully surveyed in June 2023; the outcome of this survey is expected within 3-5 months of the inspection. We will keep you up to date and comply with any further DfE expectations.

We look forward to seeing you back in school in the morning. School gates open at 8:30am and the whistle will go at 8:40am.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Bailey
Headteacher