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Dear Parents & Carers,

It has certainly been a unique week at West Kirby Primary School!

We celebrated World Book Day on Tuesday and both the children and staff looked fantastic. The children really embraced the day and there were a wide range of book characters across our whole school. We know this takes time and thought from parents, so thank you. In addition, thank you to West Kirby Library who allowed us to borrow a wide range of books for our Children's Chatter event. Thanks to Library Jane and Miss O'Toole who helped to organise this.

Ofsted came to visit our school on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March and it was a great opportunity to be able to share and celebrate all the great things that happen at our school. Please can I thank you for taking the time to complete Parent View, chat with Beverley Dolman, who was our Ofsted Inspector and for sending many good wishes via email or in person. There is a very rigorous procedure that follows an Ofsted Inspection. Therefore, at this moment in time we are unable to share anything from it. As soon as the final report is made available, I will share it with you. From hearing the timescales from Ofsted, this is very likely to be after the Easter break.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank our Governing Body. On Wednesday they spent time with our inspector and fulfilled their statutory responsibilities. We are very lucky to have such a knowledgeable, committed, professional and supportive Governing Body.

The week has concluded with high levels of snowfall and the decision was made to close our school; this is never a decision made easily. Many other local secondary and primaries schools also made the same decision and this was supported by Wirral LA (James Backhouse – Assistant Director of Education, Wirral). We recognise that snow is a rarity in our area and we do want the children to enjoy it. We are also aware that many families may still have had work commitments today. We had very little time to get communications out to you this morning and we were also awaiting information from the Local Authority. Our online meetings and possible ideas/activities for the day were there if you needed/wanted them and our aim was to link as much as possible to enjoying the snow and appreciating the snow. As school was official closed today, I have been informed by the Local Authority that the children will be marked with the Y code, which means they were unable to attend school due to extreme weather conditions. Our Teams meetings were set up so that we could say hello, see the children, explain what was happening and answer any questions. We staggered the meeting times as we know many families have more than one child in the household so devices need to be shared. We had a great turnout on line! Thank you for

supporting your child/children to attend. I would also like to thank the staff who implemented a very different approach following an 8am online staff meeting.

Cross Country

Miss Gerrard has been supporting quite a few of our children to attend local Cross Country events and many of the children have demonstrated great success – Well Done.

Four WKPS children competed for Wirral in an inter-district race at Birkenhead Park last weekend and they all did incredibly well, with WKPS coming away with children in 3rd and 6th place. These two children will now go on to compete for the Merseyside team in The Primary Schools National final.

Thank you for your support so that the children could attend these events.

Mrs Burrows

Just to let you know, Mrs Burrows is doing well. She is making a good recovery and is keeping in touch with us all. We continue to send her our good wishes.

Dates for your Dairy

- Thursday 16th and Friday 17th March: Scholastic Book Fair (8:15am – 9:00am and 3:00pm – 4:00pm in the school hall)
- Monday 13th March: Key Stage Two (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 trip to Royal Liverpool Philharmonic)
- Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th March: PTA Mothers' Day Table
- **Tuesday 14th March: Rearranged Turkey and Syria Fundraising Day. Non-uniform, bring in a £1.**
- Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March: Proposed Strike Day
Please refer to the letter sent out earlier this week. There are differences between the two days – ask us if anything is unclear.
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- Friday 17th March: Red Nose Day- Comic Relief (**wear red and bring £1**)
- Friday 31st March: Fairtrade Tea/Coffee Morning
- Friday 31st March: School closes for Easter Holidays (3:20pm)

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.

Key Contacts

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Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.
Yours sincerely,

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