



# WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for meeting with class teachers this week for Parents' Evening. I hope you found it informative and you feel updated. You should have received your child's Spring Interim Report via Marvellous Me (Year 1 – Year 6) or Tapestry (EYFS) on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. If for any reason you have not been able to access this, please contact the School Office.

There will be an opportunity for you to look at the children's books from this academic year during our WKPS Open Afternoon on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (3:30-5:00pm). There will be no need to book for this. More details will follow nearer the time.

## EYFS & Year 1 Reading Events

Reading to children has many important benefits.

- It helps build language skills and exposes children to new vocabulary.
- Provides general information about the world, making it easier for them to learn new subjects in school.
- Boosts brain development and strengthens bonds between children and Parents/Cares.
- Improves language skills, concentration, imagination and creativity.
- Cultivates a lifelong love of reading.

EYFS and Year 1 Parents/Carers please join us for our Year 1 Share a Story Event and our EYFS Reading Café Event.

## School Premises

We now have much more space on our main playground following the removal of several structures, which is great. We are currently obtaining quotes from companies to get parts of the main playground tarmacked so that we can improve the surface for the children. We would also like to purchase some new benches/seats for the children so they have somewhere to sit. For now, the children are enjoying more space to set up a variety of games in different areas. Mr O'Rourke has been supporting the children to set up different sporting activities in different areas.

The removal of some of the structures has opened the playground up much more. Following this, I would like to share a request with you. Please can I ask that family members and friends keep moving when walking past school and avoid stopping and talking to the children. From a safeguarding point of view, staff sometimes don't know who the children are talking to and it often encourages other children to also join in with conversations. In addition, some children often get upset if a conversation has to then come to an end. By all means give the children a wave if you are passing and they see you, but please avoid conversations and interactions through the school gates/fence. Thank you for your support with this. Our aim is to always safeguard all of the children.

**Bikes and Scooters:** A polite reminder that West Kirby Primary School will not accept responsibility for any accidents, damage or loss of bikes and/or scooters outside of normal school hours. Property left outside of normal school hours is left at the owners own risk. School hours are 7:45am – 5:45pm. Thank you for your understanding.

## Health & Safety

As you are probably aware, fire drills are common practice within schools and the children become very familiar with these. We aim to have a fire drill each half term so that the children know what to do if there is something unsafe inside school. Recently, there has been more discussion about lockdown drills. This is so the children know what to do if there is something unsafe outside of school. A few weeks ago, each class teacher took some time to talk to their class about these two differences. As a lockdown drill is not something we have carried out before, they spoke to the children in more detail about this. We used the word 'invacuation' with the children, not lockdown. On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, we had our first practise. The children knew what to listen out for (three short whistles), where to go and what to do when they were in their invacuation space. The children responded well and were reassured that it was just a practise. We will look to keep this as part of our Health and Safety procedures.

## Career Development

As part of our ongoing efforts to provide enriching experiences for our pupils, we are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Careers Fair on Tuesday 18th June 2024 (1:30pm-3:15pm) for Year 5 and Year 6. We would like to expose our pupils to a wide range of career paths and inspire them to explore various possibilities for their future.

To make this event a success, we are reaching out to the local community and our Parents/Carers for assistance. We believe that your diverse backgrounds, experiences, and expertise can greatly contribute to the success of our Careers Fair. Whether you are a doctor, engineer, artist, entrepreneur, or work in any other profession, your participation can make a significant impact on our children.

Up to 25 businesses/professions will be invited to set up a table in the hall to represent their career with items such as: information leaflets, any interesting equipment/activities and maybe some freebies like company pens or sweets. Pupils will have the opportunity to walk around in an informal environment, ask questions and chat about what it is like to work in that

field.

If you would like to offer your support and you know somebody else who could offer their services, please complete the Microsoft Form link below and Mrs Catt will be in touch soon. <https://forms.office.com/e/xUng3cGjQP> Thank you to those of you who have already signed up.

### Policies

A reminder that two of our more recent policies can be located on our school website [here](#)

1. Parent/Carer Code of Conduct
2. Collection of Children.

Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 must be collected by somebody who is 18 years or older. Children in Key Stage 2 must be collected by somebody who is 16 years or older unless they are in year 5 or 6 and you have given explicit permission for your child to walk home to a safe environment without being collected.

We ask that you familiarise yourselves with these policies and for your full support to enable us to adhere to these policies.

### Online Safety

Please also find attached to this email, our latest edition of our Online Safety Newsletter. In the May edition, you can find information about Children's Mental Health, Whats App, Digital Addiction and Misinformation Online.



### Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments

During week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May, Year 6 will complete their National Curriculum Assessments. These will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. We ask that **all Year 6 children** are in school and **are on time for school**. Please inform the school as soon as possible if anything may prevent this on the days mentioned. We fully support that these assessments are only a snap shot of how amazing our Year 6 children are; however, we ask for your full co-operation with this.

### Important Dates

These are some upcoming dates...

**Please note in previous dates there was a Residential Meeting listed for current Year 5. This was an error. There is no meeting for current Year 5 parents on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. The next meeting for the 2024 Year 6 Residential will be in September 2024.**

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday – School Closed**
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Class Photographs (**AMENDED DATE**)
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Year 1 Share a Story (2:40pm – 3:10pm)
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May: EYFS Reading Café (School Hall : 8:45-9:30am)
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: WKPS Healthy Week
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May: WKPS Olympics Sports Day (KS2 will take place in the morning)
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May: WKPS Olympics Sports Day (EYFS & KS1 will take place in the afternoon)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: EYFS Visit to West Kirby Library – author event (am)
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: School Closes at 3:20pm for May Half Term.**



- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Inset Day – School Closed to all pupils**

*\*Please note this is not all the dates, please keep checking the online calendar on our school website for added dates/events. [West Kirby Primary School - Calendar](#)*

**Contact us**

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact our phase leaders using the key stage emails. We will do our best to get back to you as soon as we can.

Phase	Phase Leader	Phase Email address
EYFS	Mrs Catt	<a href="mailto:eyfs@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk">eyfs@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk</a>
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LKS2	Mr Procter	<a href="mailto:lks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk">lks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk</a>
UKS2	Mrs McCann	<a href="mailto:uks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk">uks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk</a>
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Wishing all our families an enjoyable Bank Holiday Weekend. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy some warmer weather. School will reopen on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – we look forward to seeing you, ready for the whistle at 8:40am.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Bailey  
(Headteacher)