

# Newsletter 29th March 2023.

Dear Parents & Carers,

**Reminder:** Please remember that school finishes at **2:30pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.** The PTA are running a non- school uniform day on this day and donations can be made via Parent Pay.

Thank you to everyone for your donations for the Easter chocolate bingo which is taking place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Entrance to the Easter bingo will be from 5:45pm via the school main entrance.

Please remember the summer term commences on Monday 17th April 2023.

#### Sporting update:



Well done to all the children who participated in the Houlihan cup matches played at Irby. Our team faced Irby Primary and Raeburn on the same evening. They all displayed great grit and determination and good team spirit throughout the match. We lost both games 2-1 and are waiting to find out whether we will progress to the next stages of the Houlihan cup. Many thanks to Mr Blackie for giving up his own time to coach our children; we are very grateful for this.



Well done to our Y4/Y5 football team who played in the first round of the Corgi cup against Heygarth Primary School. The result was 8-0 to Gayton so we have now progressed to the next round. Huge thanks to Mr Baxter for all his coaching and well done to everyone who took part.



### **Cross Country:**

Well done to the children who took part in the cross country at Birkenhead Park on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Due to the Robinwood Residential, we had fewer children participating than usual. We are looking forward to the cross country relay race which is taking place at Oxton Fields on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 4:10pm. We will have two teams entering the race and hope they will enjoy representing school.



#### Summer term clubs:



Most summer term clubs will start in week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The exception to this is the judo club which is running for KS2 pupils on a Monday morning and will start on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

We will send out the summer term club information on the first day back after the Easter holiday.

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#### Lost property:



Any lost property from this half term will (weather dependent) be placed outside school on the grass area between Wednesday and Friday. Any unclaimed lost property, will be washed and then donated to FUSS/FUPS at the end of week. If it is too wet, we will place it under the canopy at the main entrance to the school.

Many thanks to all the parents who are ensuring that their child's clothing is labelled as this is supporting us in reuniting your child with lost items.

#### **NFER Results:**

Spring term NFER assessment results will be sent home to parents on the following dates:

Year 6- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Year 1- Year 5- Friday 21st April 2023.



If you have any queries regarding your child's results, please contact your child's class teacher.

#### Y6 Robinwood Residential:

Our Y6 children had a wonderful time at the Robinwood centre in Wrexham. Over the three days, they took part in so many different activities including: caving, canoeing, high ropes course, climbing, quest challenge, piranha pool and giant swing amongst many others.

During the trip, their behaviour was excellent and they really did live out our school values, demonstrating respect, care and friendship towards others. All of the activity leaders commented on their excellent attitudes throughout the trip and we were very grateful that they were kind to the teachers too by settling well at bedtime and allowing us to sleep!



We have re-booked for Robinwood in 2023-2024 and will be shortly contacting Year 5 parents regarding paying a deposit to secure your child a place on this fantastic residential. Unfortunately, costs are increasing in relation to the cost of the residential as well as the cost of the coach so we will be

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encouraging Y5 parents to start paying towards the trip now so that you can spread the cost of the trip over a number of months. The trip will take place between 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

#### **Upcoming PTA Events:**



Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023- PTA Royal Raffle to be drawn.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**– PTA Bake sale after school (donations of cakes welcome on the morning of the sale)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023- Non- school uniform day in exchange for rainbow raffle donations (further details to follow)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023-** Non- school uniform day in exchange for donations for sweet/bottle tombola.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023- Summer Fair – 3:30pm- 6:00pm

Sunday 25th June 2023- PTA Golf Event at Heswall Golf Club.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Summer Disco 3:20pm- 4:45pm

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023**– Non-School Uniform day (PTA donation via Parent Pay)

#### **OPAL Donations from Sapphire Utility Solutions**

Many thanks to Sapphire Utility Solutions for their very generous donation of road signs, barriers and cones for use in our outdoor play and learning developments. This is going to support us in enhancing a few of our areas including our digging area and our cycling/scooter area. We are very grateful to them for being so generous with their donations and a huge thank you to Ms Wear for arranging this donation for our school.







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#### Staffing update:

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Ashcroft will be leaving Gayton at the end of this term. Mrs Ashcroft has worked at Gayton as a teaching assistant since 2005 and will be greatly missed. Mrs Ashcroft is looking forward to being able to go on holiday whenever she wants but we hope that she will come back and see us as we will miss her so much!

#### Parent/Carer spring term questionnaire.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the spring term questionnaire. We will share the results with parents shortly. These results will also be shared with our Local Governing board and the Trust board for Cheshire Academies Trust.





#### **Punctuality:**

All children should be in school by **8:50am**. It is vital that your child is in school by this time, so that they can be present for registration and have time to settle into class before lessons commence. Teachers also use this time to set activities before school starts so it really is vital that your child is on time to help them maximise their learning as well.

#### Holidays in term time- Introduction of Education Penalty Notices:



From September 2023, in line with Wirral's attendance policy and many local schools, we will be issuing education penalty notices to parents for taking their children out of school during term time.

The Local Authority issues Education Penalty Notices by

post. Payment of an Education Penalty Notice is £60 if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 if paid after this time, but within 28 days.

Please note that Penalty Notices are issued separately to <u>each parent</u> in respect of <u>each child</u>. A possible exception to this would be where parents are separated, and one parent has taken a child on unauthorised leave of absence without the knowledge / consent of the other parent.

The Local Authority retains any revenue from the Education Penalty Notices to cover enforcement costs. **The money does not come to school.** 

We know that good attendance is key to children making good progress and taking time out to go on holiday can significantly hamper progress for your child both academically and socially. We have published our term dates for next year and hope that parents will ensure that holidays during term time are not requested.

#### **Family Toolbox**

Being a parent/carer is both rewarding and tiring and we often need to be reminded to look after ourselves as well. For further advice on a wide range of topics, please visit the Family Toolbox website.



# Wirral FUSS & FUPS





# FREE UNIFORM GIVEAWAY DAY

APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 10-12.30pm

The Beacon Coffee Shop 81 Telegraph Road Heswall CH60 0AE

www.wirralfuss.co.uk wirralfuss@gmail.com 07731 831936

#### Communication with teachers:

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, you will be able to see them at the gates at the end of the school day. If not, you can email the school office via: schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk and the teacher will get back to you as soon as possible. Please remember that teachers are teaching all day and it may not be possible for them to call you back until the end of the school day.

#### Contacting the school office via email:

Please be reminded that emails should be sent to schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk

Please note that the Admin email address is no longer in use. Any messages sent to that address will not be delivered and will generate a failure notification.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,

Mrs McAleny

## **Key Dates:**

Date	Event
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	PTA Easter Chocolate Bingo at 6:00pm. Doors open
	at 5:45pm.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Cross Country at Oxton Fields (We have had to
	select a team so children will know if they are
	running.)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Break up today for spring break at 2:30pm.
Sunday April 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2023	Free Uniform Giveaway Day- 10:00am-12:30pm
	The Beacon Coffee Shop, 81 Telegraph Road,
	Heswall
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Children return following the Easter break.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Benji (therapy dog) visiting school- Y6
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Local Governing board- finance training at 6pm.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	Bank Holiday- school closed.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Inset day – polling day (school closed)
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	PTA Royal Raffle being drawn.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Additional Bank Holiday (school closed) King's
	Coronation.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023- Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	KS2 SAT tests.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 & Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023	Y5 Swimming for two weeks.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Class photographs- Rourke.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	PTA cake sale after school. Cake donations
	welcome in the morning.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Y5 class assembly at 9:05am. (Parents welcome to
Ab	attend)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Local Governing Board @6:00pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	PTA Non- School Uniform day in exchange for
	Rainbow Raffle Donations (Further information to
T. I. Octhor 2000	follow from the PTA).
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Y4 Chester trip (rearranged from the snow day)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Break up today for half term holiday.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Local Governing Board meeting @6pm.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Break up today for half term holiday at 2:30pm.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Children return to school following half term
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Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Phonics screening week (All Y1 children and re-
	screening for any Y2 children who did not pass the
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	phonics screening in Year 1)  Amazing event at the Floral Pavillian
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Amasing event at the Floral Pavillion.  Local Governing board meeting at 6:00pm.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Non- school uniform day in exchange for
Triday 10 Julie 2025	sweet/bottle tombola donations for the summer
	fair.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Y1 class assembly at 9:05am. (Parents welcome to
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Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	Summer fair- 3:30pm- 6:00pm.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	PTA Golf Day- Heswall Golf Course.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Year 2 class assembly at 9:05am (Parents welcome
	to attend)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Summer disco 3:20pm- 4:45pm.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	F2 class assembly at 9:05am. (Parents welcome to
	attend)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Wirral Induction day for Y6 pupils
	Whole school transition day.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Local Governing Board meeting @ 6pm.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Annual reports out to parents.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Leavers' Assembly (Y6) at 1:45pm. Parents invited
	to attend.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Break up today for the summer break at 2:30pm.





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