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Newsletter 14- 4th May 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Year group curriculum overviews:

This week, we will be sending out an overview of the coverage of all subjects for each year group. This will enable parents to see what will be covered in the remainder of this academic year. Amendments have had to be made due to the national lockdown and staff are focusing on the key aspects that need to be taught or revisited prior to the end of the academic year.

Inset Day: Thursday 6th May 2021.

Please remember that school is closed on Thursday 6th May 2021 due to it being an inset day as the school is being used as a polling station. School will reopen on Friday 7th May 2021.

Holidays during term time:

Please can we remind all parents that holidays during term time will not be authorised unless due to exceptional circumstances. Parents should also be trying to make all medical appointments outside school hours whenever possible, and to inform school in advance of any medical appointments that cannot be scheduled out of school time. For absence to be authorised as a medical absence, schools do require evidence, such as an appointment card or letter. This is in line with Wirral's attendance policy for all schools.

Parents' Evening:

Last week, we endeavoured to speak to all parents to update you on your child's attainment since lockdown and to let you know how your child has settled back into school following the national lockdown. It is important that parents recognise that your child's latest NFER assessments (Years 1-6) may have been affected by the lockdown and this is perfectly normal. We delayed the spring term assessments as long as we could, but in reality your child has only had approximately 4 weeks of teaching prior to sitting the assessments. We know that many children will be able to quickly recover from this period, but it will take time and staff are very aware of the gaps that now need to be closed for their class and individual pupils. For many pupils their stamina and resilience has been affected by the lockdown and this is something that all staff are working on with their children.

If you haven't managed to speak to your child's class teacher, please make sure you contact the school office to make an appointment. We want to make sure that we have spoken directly to all of our parents to update you on your child's progress. You will receive an annual report as usual in the summer term and we will try and arrange a time for parents to come into school (or the playground) where you can have a look at your child's work from this academic year (prior to us finishing) as we know that many parents have missed the opportunity to be able to do this and our children have some wonderful work that we would

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love parents to see! This will of course be dependent on covid-19 restrictions, but we are hopeful we will be able to do this before the end of the summer term.

Reminder: Barnstondale (Y6)

Payments for Year 6 pupils to visit Barnstondale on Monday 14th June 2021 can be made via Parent Pay. This will cost £40.00 per pupil. Please remember the children will need to be dropped off at 9:30am at the Barnstondale Centre and picked up at 7:00pm.



Reminder: Y5 Transfer to Secondary School

Online registration for 11+ assessment has now opened. All applications must be received by 31st May 2021.

RSE consultation:

Unfortunately, we only received 12 parental responses to our RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) consultation. In week commencing 10th May 2021, we will be sending out an overview for all parents that shows clearly the objectives for Relationships and Sex Education across the school so that parents are aware of what we will be teaching in the summer 2nd half term. This will also contain an overview of the key vocabulary that will be used with your child. You will also receive this information on the curriculum overviews that we are sending out for each year group.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning):



We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Nikki Wear as our play coordinator to lead alongside Mrs Such the development of the OPAL programme. As an existing midday assistant, Nikki has already received training based on OPAL and is very passionate and excited about the positive changes that this programme will bring to our school.

This week our children are taking part in a survey about play in our school so that we have a baseline about play experiences and we will also be sending out a short survey to parents to ask you about your experiences of play. This survey will be sent on Friday 7th May 2021 and we hope that as many parents as possible will be able to complete the survey.

Swimming (Y5)

Our Y5 children will be swimming every day week commencing 10th May & 17th May 2021. They will be swimming at Caldys Pool and the children will be getting changed at school, prior to them going to the swimming baths, as we have to arrive pool ready. This is part of Caldys' covid-19 risk assessment.



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Rest Easy Ambassadors:



We have now appointed our pupil Rest Easy ambassadors. These children will be supporting other children at lunchtimes to use the Rest Easy method. We were overwhelmed with some of the applications received by the children and are hopeful that as time goes, we will be able to offer the opportunity to more children who applied for the position. Every classroom will also have a Rest Easy bucket full of resources that children can use to support themselves with this approach and we hope that this consistent approach across the school will really help children to develop their understanding of how they can support themselves with their own mental health and well-being.

COVID-19 Updates:

The timings have altered at Wirral's Symptoms only testing centres at Birkenhead, Bebington, Liscard and Heswall will now operate at the following times every day:

8am to 12 noon - available to anyone with symptoms to get tested.

You can walk-in or book at www.wirral.gov.uk/test

12noon to 1.30pm - CLOSED

1.30pm to 7pm - collection point for symptom-free home testing kits only

Please can all parents ensure that home asymptomatic testing kits (LFD) tests are not used on primary school age children. If a child is showing symptoms, then they should be taken to a symptomatic testing centre as per existing guidance.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Key Dates:

Date	Event
Thursday 6 th May 2021	Inset Day – School closed to all pupils- Polling Day
10 th May – 14 th May 2021	Swimming Year 5 @2:30pm every day
17th May- 21 st May 2021	Swimming Year 5 @ 2:30pm every day
Tuesday 25 th May 2021	Full Governors’ Meeting
Wednesday 26 th May 2021	F2 School Nurses- audio and visual testing.
Friday 28 th May 2021	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 31 st May 2021	Deadline for 11+ registration
Monday 7 th June 2021	Children return after half term holiday
Friday 11 th June 2021	Rourke photography- Class photographs.
Monday 14 th June 2021	Year 6 day trip to Barnstondale Centre.
Friday 18 th June 2021	Y6 Preparation for high school transition session.
Tuesday 29 th June 2021	Full Governors’ Meeting
Thursday 1 st July 2021	Year 6 Prom at Dee Sailing Club- 5:30pm- 8:30pm
Monday 19 th July 2021	Break up at 2:30pm for summer holiday.
Tuesday 20 th July 2021	Inset Day- School not open to pupils.

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