

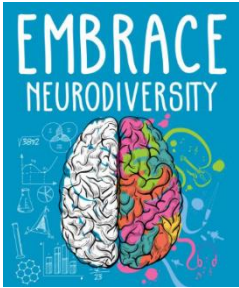


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Newsletter 12- Wednesday 30th March 2022

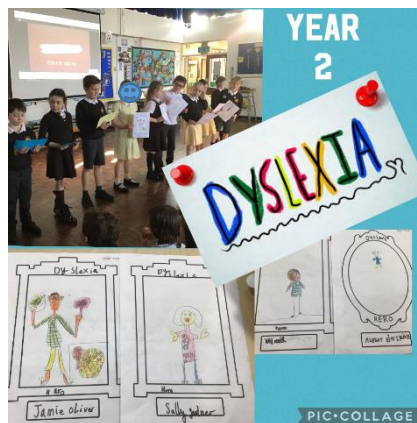
Dear Parents & Carers,

Neurodiversity week:



Last week, we celebrated neurodiversity week in school and learnt about how all our brains are unique. Each class focused on a different neuro-diverse condition and then we all came together on Friday to celebrate the learning from the week. This was such a wonderful way for us to raise awareness, develop empathy and also to celebrate the strengths of neuro-divergent individuals. As part of our PSHE curriculum, we are constantly reinforcing diversity and difference and how this makes our world special. This is an overview of the neuro-divergent conditions that we focused on in school:

Y6 –Tourette’s syndrome, Year 5- ADHD, Year 4- Autism (ASC) Year 3- Dyspraxia
Year 2- Dyslexia and Year 1- Dyscalculia.



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Easter celebration church service at St Peter's church (KS2) Wednesday 6th April at 10:00am.

We would like to invite all our KS2 parents (Y3- Y6) to our Easter service at St Peter's Church on the morning of Wednesday 6th April 2022. The children will be walking to and from the church, so please ensure they have a waterproof coat in case of poor weather.

Reminder: Y4 Times table check parent/carer workshop- Monday 4th April at 9:00am.



Miss Sothern will be leading a workshop for parents based on the Y4 times table assessment which all Y4 children will be sitting in the summer term. Miss Sothern will outline some key information and give parents ideas for how you can support your child in preparing for this assessment. We will, of course, send out information to Y4 parents following the workshop in case you have other commitments and are unable to attend.

Y6 SAT meeting for parents



Many thanks to the parents who attended the meeting. We have sent out all the information from the meeting so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Nicholls or Mrs McAleny.

Y6 SATs tests – Monday 9th May 2022- Thursday 12th May 2022

Monday 9th May- Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.

Tuesday 10th May- Reading

Wednesday 11th May- Maths- Paper 1 and Paper 2

Thursday 12th May- Maths- Paper 3.

Holidays in term time

Please can we remind all parents that holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless due to very exceptional circumstances. Children miss valuable learning time when they are not present in school. If you are considering taking your child out of school for a holiday, please ensure that you complete the holiday request form which is available on our school website.

OPAL Play afternoons with parents/carers

Many thanks to all the parents who came along to our OPAL Play afternoon on Monday 28th March 2022 which was open to parents of children in Y2, Y3 and Y4. It was so lovely to be able to invite parents back into school again and was great to share our recent OPAL developments with parents. We are so



committed to this programme and can already see so many benefits for our children. We still have so many plans for developing our grounds and will be working with our mentor for another year before we go for our final accreditation.

Apologies for having to cancel the session planned on Wednesday 30th March from 2:00pm- 3:00pm for Year 1 & Year 6 parents. Although, we do let our children play out in all weathers, we never let them play out for a whole hour and therefore due to the predicted heavy rain we decided to move the session until Friday. I apologise for any inconvenience caused, but the weather in this country is never predictable and sometimes decisions just need to be made based on what is predicted to happen. Parents of Year 1 and Year 6 children are invited to attend on Friday 1st April 2022.

OPAL play afternoon - Friday 1st April 2022- F2, Y1, Y5 & Y6 2:00pm- 3:00pm

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The PTA have very kindly agreed to fund the creation of a sand pit that we are going to build on our school field; this will mean that our children can play on the beach every day and will be another wonderful enhancement to our play offer. In addition, they have also agreed to fund an outdoor waterproof speaker so we can play music on our playground and our field and they have also agreed to fund a reading pod and two tepees (pictured below). These will be used to create another community area on the field and we are sure they will prove very popular with our children.



Sporting updates:



Some of our children took part in the Northern Sportshall UK championships final representing Merseyside. There were some impressive performances from all the children participating and overall Merseyside came first in the competition. Well done to everyone who took part.



Year 6 Football team

Well done to our Y6 football team who have finished top of the group in the Houlihan cup. We are now waiting to find out who they will be playing in the next round of the competition.

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Cross country – Birkenhead Park

Well done to all our cross country runners who took part in the highly competitive event at Birkenhead Park. Our girls' team were awarded 6th place in the competition.



School Uniform: Reminder- Free Uniform Giveaway Day:

Wirral FUSS & FUPS are holding a free uniform giveaway day on April 2nd from 10:00am-12:30pm. This will take place at the Beacon Coffee Shop – 81 Telegraph Road, Heswall and is a great opportunity to get some free school uniform, if needed.




FREE UNIFORM GIVEAWAY DAY
APRIL 2nd 2022 10-12.30pm
The Beacon Coffee Shop 81 Telegraph Road Heswall CH60 0AE
www.wirralfuss.co.uk wirralfuss@gmail.com 07731 831936

Covid-19 updates:

The last two weeks have been challenging from a staffing perspective due to the number of staff affected by covid. Our covid cases are decreasing again after they rose quite significantly last week, but please be vigilant and if your child displays any symptoms of covid-19, please do not send them to school.

Please remember that if your child tests positive for covid-19, they must continue to isolate at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days or until the 10th day. The flow chart below outlines when your child can return to school following their isolation period.

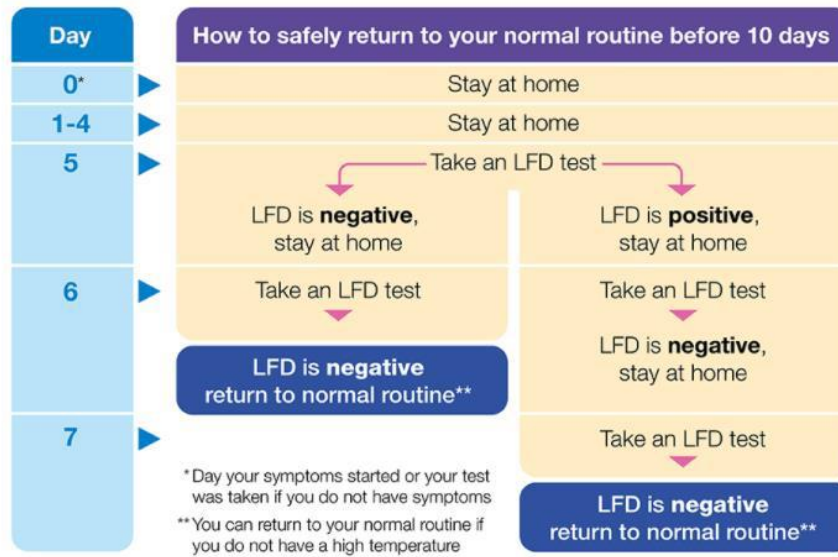
We are awaiting the national changes to the guidance that will be coming into force at the end of March but currently we do not have any further information. We will share this with parents as soon as we can.

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How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



Sickness and Diarrhoea

It is common for children to experience sickness and diarrhoea at times. The NHS guidelines state that children should not return to school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness/diarrhoea. We appreciate that this can be difficult for parents as sometimes your child can be sick once and then be absolutely fine. However, it is vital that parents do adhere to the 48 hours so that we can prevent it from spreading around the class.

End of term- Friday 8th April 2022

Please remember we break up for our spring break on Friday 8th April at 2:30pm. The PTA will be holding a non-school uniform day for a small donation to the PTA. Donations can be made via parent pay.

Kind regards,



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Key Dates:

Date	Event
Thursday 31 st March 2022	Cross Country relay at Oxton Fields. Parents have been informed if their child has been invited to attend this race.
Friday 1 st April 2022	OPAL Play afternoon for parents/carers (F2, Y1, Y5 & Y6 parents)
Saturday 2 nd April 2022	FUSS & FUPS Free uniform giveaway event from 10:00am-12:30pm @Beacon Coffee Shop Telegraph Road, Heswall.
Monday 4 th April 2022	Times table workshop for Y4 parents and children @9:00am in the school hall.
Monday 4 th April 2022	PTA Film night F2- Y2- Payment to be made via Parent Pay. PTA Film night- Y3- Y6 – Payment to be made via Parent Pay.
Wednesday 6 th April 2022	Easter celebration church service at 10:00am- KS2 (Y3-Y6) only. Parents are invited to attend.
Friday 8 th April 2022	PTA Non- school uniform day- donations via parent pay.
Friday 8 th April 2022	Break up today for spring break at 2:30pm .
Monday 25 th April 2022	Return to school following the spring break.
Monday 2 nd May 2022	Bank Holiday- School not open.
Thursday 5 th May 2022	Inset Day- School not open- School being used as a polling station.
Monday 9 th May 2022- Thursday 12 th May 2022	Year 6 SAT test week
Friday 27 th May 2022	Break up today for half term holiday.
Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June 2022	Half term holiday
Monday 6 th June 2022	Children return to school

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