



G A Y T O N P R I M A R Y S C H O O L
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Newsletter 15- Tuesday 24th May 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Reading:



Class teachers have noticed that we appear to have more children who are not reading regularly at home. All children should be reading daily at home and we would encourage all parents to not only listen to your child read their reading book, but also to read to your child other fiction/non-fiction and poetry books. Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Reading enables your child to build their vocabulary and understanding of the world around them.

Please can we ask all families to ensure that you are prioritising reading, as this really is a fundamental life skill which will support your child through all stages of their educational journey.



Phonics training and reading book return



On Thursday (26th May 2022) all staff will be trained in our new phonics scheme 'Supersonic Phonics.' As part of the training, Miss Nederlof (English lead) will be working with the Supersonic Phonics trainer to sort all our reading books into new phonic phases to link directly with the new scheme. Therefore, please can all parents ensure that they send any reading books into school by Thursday so that these can be included in the book re-organisation.

Non-School Uniform day (Friday 27th May 2022) in exchange for a bottle.

Our PTA are running a **non-school uniform event** on Friday in exchange for your child bringing a bottle into school for the tombola at the jubilee fun afternoon. Donations can be dropped off at the school gates on the morning of **Friday 27th May**.



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Menu for September 2022:

Edsential (our catering company) have again allowed our children to choose the menu that they would like to have served next academic year. We are currently surveying the children to find out their favourite selections and will be able to announce the menus next half term.



Jubilee fun afternoon – Friday 24th June 2022



As previously shared, we are going to be holding a jubilee fun afternoon on **Friday 24th June 2022 from 2:00pm- 4:30pm**. The PTA have very kindly agreed to organise the event for families. There will be lots of games for the children to play, but there is also an opportunity for our whole school community to come together as this has been so missed over the last few years. This will also be a wonderful opportunity for us to make sure the children have a fun afternoon and will be a memorable experience to help celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. All of the money raised from the event will help us to fund our future exciting OPAL (Outdoor play and learning) developments for our children.

SFA- Session planned on 24th June 2022

SFA will not be able to run their after school multi- skills session for F2- Y2 children on Friday 24th June 2022 due to the jubilee celebration. The session will therefore take place on Friday 15th July 2022.



Cake Sale- Wednesday 6th June 2022

Some of our Year 5 children have asked to run a cake sale on **Wednesday 6th June from 3:30pm- 4:00pm**. This is part of the mini- mermaid's programme that they are currently involved in as they need to run their own citizenship project. On this occasion, we don't require any cake donations from parents as the children have very kindly agreed to do all the baking themselves. The children have decided that any funds raised will be split between Claire House and our school.



New intake meeting- September 2022

We are looking forward to welcoming all our new intake parents to school on the evening of **Thursday 23rd June 2022 from 6:30pm- 8:00pm**. This will be an opportunity for new intake parents to find out more about the school and to meet other parents who will have children starting in September 2022.

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Road Safety:

Wirral Council have launched a new road safety campaign to highlight the issues of safe parking around schools. The campaign theme is 'Park elsewhere, show you care'. Dangerous and inconsiderate parking is an increasing problem for most schools, putting the safety of pupils and others at risk. Please can all parents ensure that they demonstrate that they care about ALL our children and please don't park inconsiderately in the local area.



 Keeping Wirral Safe

Reminder: Travelling to school survey.

Many thanks to all the parents who have already completed the traveling to school survey. If you haven't, the survey will remain open until Friday. The survey can be accessed via the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeiie896XuKecykEWAtZCLHXOknpa-6GOil62njphdS-6807w/viewform> If the link doesn't work, please cut and paste it into your browser.

Funky Feet Friday:

Thank you to everyone who took part in Funky Feet Friday. Our junior travel ambassadors were pleased to see lots of children taking part and we hope that where possible, parents will encourage their children to walk to school or part walk to school so that we can reduce the number of cars in the close vicinity of the school.



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Class photographs

Class photographs will take place on **Friday 10th June 2022**. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their school uniform instead of their PE kit (if they usually wear their PE kit on this day).



Reminder: Applications for Grammar school education in 2023- Year 5

Online registration for Year 6 (11+ assessment) to attend a non-Catholic grammar school in Wirral in 2023 opened on 1st May 2022 and the last date for application is 31st May 2022.

Whole school transition day-

On Wednesday 6th July 2022 we will be having a whole school transition day. A lot of our Year 6 children will be out on a transition day at their new high school (unless they are attending Neston High School). This will therefore provide an opportunity for all staff to meet their new classes and spend the day with them. Before this date, we will announce our class structure for 2022 so that you will know who your child's class teacher will be next academic year.

Sports day

Our F2-Year 6 sports day will be taking place on **Tuesday 21st June from 9:10am- 11:30am**



(approximately). We may have to cancel the event due to inclement weather and a decision will be made by 8:00am on the morning. If we do cancel the event, due to poor weather, we have scheduled in Monday 27th June as the reserve date for our sports day. All children should wear their PE kit to school on this day and if the weather is sunny, will need to have applied sun cream lotion. Parents/carers are invited to attend and further

information will be sent out prior to the event.

The children can also wear the colour t-shirt to represent their house colour. The house colours are shown below:

Hall- Green,

Mill- Blue

Farm- Yellow

Ferry- Red

If they don't have a t-shirt in the colour of their house, they can wear their PE kit.

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.

Half term holiday

Please remember that we break up on Friday at the usual times of 3:20pm (F2 & KS1) & 3:25pm (KS2) and we return to school on Monday 6th June 2022. We wish all our families a lovely half term holiday.

Kind regards,

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ABSENCE ADVICE FOR PARENTS



Should I keep my **child off school?**



Yes

Until...

| | |
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| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting | 48 hours after their last episode |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics |
| Measles | 4 days after the rash first appeared |
| Mumps | 5 days after the swelling started |
| Scabies | they've had their first treatment |
| Scarlet Fever | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics |
| Whooping Cough | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics |

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice | Tonsillitis |
| Threadworms | Slapped cheek |



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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Key Dates:

| Date | Event |
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| Tuesday 24 th May 2022 | Governors- Curriculum & standards meeting & staffing committee meetings- 6:00pm- 8:00pm. |
| Tuesday 24 th May 2022 | Mixed Cricket (Y6) Aspire event at New Brighton Cricket Event- pupils have been invited to attend. |
| Wednesday 25 th May 2022 | Quarter final of the Houlihan cup- 4pm at Gayton. |
| Friday 27 th May 2022 | Break up today for half term holiday. PTA non- school uniform day in exchange for a bottle donation for the tombola for the Jubilee fun afternoon, |
| Tuesday 31 st May 2022 | Deadline for applications for 11+ assessment 2023. |
| Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June 2022 | Half term holiday |
| Monday 6 th June 2022 | Children return to school |
| Monday 6 th June 2022 | Year 1 phonics screening check for all Y1 pupils and for any Y2 pupils who did not pass the check. |
| Monday 6 th June 2022- Friday 24 th June 2022 | Year 4 multiplication times table check to be completed |
| Wednesday 8 th June 2022 | Whole school jubilee brunch- children can wear red, white and blue to school. |
| Wednesday 8 th June 2022 | Cake sale after school from 3:20pm- 4:00pm. Organised by a group of Year 5 children. |
| Tuesday 14 th June 2022 | Year 3 & Year 4 trip to Parkgate via Wirral Way – Geography field study. |
| Tuesday 21 st June 2022 | Sports Day F2- Year 6 Parents are welcome to attend. 9:10am- 11:30am (approx.) |
| Thursday 23 rd June 2022 | New intake meeting 2022 for parents at 6:30pm. |
| Friday 24 th June 2022 | Jubilee fun afternoon 2:00pm- 4:30pm. Parents invited to attend. |
| Monday 27 th June 2022 | Sports Day F2- Year 6 Reserve date (This will only be needed if we have to cancel the previous planned date.) |
| Tuesday 28 th June 2022 | PTA book sale during the school day- further details to follow. |
| Tuesday 28 th June 2022 | Full Governing Board meeting at 6:00pm |
| Tuesday 5 th July 2022 | KS2 SATs results available for Y6 pupils. |
| Wednesday 6 th July 2022 | Wirral Y6 induction day. Whole school transition day |
| Thursday 7 th July 2022 | Neston High school induction day. |
| Thursday 7 th July 2022 | Y6 Prom |
| Week commencing Monday 11 th July | Annual reports to be sent to parents this week. |
| Tuesday 12 th July 2022 | Full Governing Board meeting at 6:00pm |
| Thursday 14 th July 2022 | Whole school Quidditch day (PE) Children will need to wear PE kit on this day. |
| Monday 18 th July 2022 | Break up today for the summer break at 2:30pm. |
| Tuesday 19 th July 2022 | Inset day- school closed. |

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