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Newsletter 16- Thursday 16th June 2022.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Staffing update:



We are pleased to announce Mrs Jones will be returning from maternity leave and will be returning as our Year 6 class teacher in September 2022. We are very much looking forward to her returning from her maternity leave. In preparation for her return, Mrs Jones will be completing some 'keeping in touch' days over the next few weeks and will be joining us for the whole school transition day on **Wednesday 6th July 2022.**

Many thanks to Miss Nicholls for covering Mrs Jones' maternity leave. Miss Nicholls has secured a teaching position in Luxembourg so we wish her lots of happiness and success in her role teaching in a completely new country.

We are sad to announce that Ms Doogan will be leaving school on Friday 24th June. Ms Doogan has worked at Gayton for four years and has been an excellent addition to our staff team. Unfortunately, due to a change in her personal circumstances, Ms Doogan has had to make the difficult decision to leave.

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.

Our class structure for 2022-2023 will be as follows below:

- F2- Mrs Such
- Y1- Miss Nederlof
- Y2- Mrs Wright & Mrs Daly
- Y3- Miss Hudson
- Y4- Miss Sothern and Mrs Roe
- Y5- Mrs Hulley
- Y6- Mrs Jones

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Journey of the Travelling Suitcase

Our school is one of twenty Wirral schools who have decided to become involved in the Journey of the Travelling Suitcase. The suitcase will travel around Wirral and each school taking part will be asked to produce a decorative handkerchief which will then be joined up to create a Welcome banner at the Heart 4 Refugees headquarters at Rock Ferry. This is a lovely way to welcome sanctuary seekers into the Wirral and a super way of spreading kindness across our communities. Many thanks to Neil Sledge and the Wirral Deen Centre for organising this.



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, 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 can attend and should enter school via the gate through the car park. Mr McColgan will be on gate duty throughout the event to ensure that parents can enter and exit.

During the event, we respectfully ask that parents do not cross the respect barrier in order to go and speak to your child. Your child will be sat with their team and we do not need parents to be crossing over the barrier. Photographs are permitted but please ensure that you do not upload pictures of other children to social media sites.

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

Hall- Green,
Farm- Yellow

Mill- Blue
Ferry- Red

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

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. The PTA will be sending out further information to parents this week.

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Jubilee brunch

Huge thanks to our kitchen staff for preparing a very tasty jubilee brunch and many thanks to Mrs Dickinson and Mr McColgan who did a superb job of decorating our hall for the jubilee event. We are very thankful to parents who donated jubilee bunting/flags that could be used. We will be able to reuse many of these items at our jubilee fun afternoon as well.



Year 5 cake sale

Well done to some of our Year 5 children who ran their own cake sale on Wednesday 8th June 2022. The cake sale was very well supported and was a complete sell out. The Y5 children organised this event as part of their community event for the Mini-Mermaids project and they managed to raise an amazing £274.60. They have donated half of the money to Claire House and the other half has been donated to school for our continued outdoor play and learning developments. Thank you to all the parents/grandparents who supported the children with the preparation for the event and to everyone who came along and supported the cake sale.



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Year 6 Leavers' assembly



Our Year 6 leavers' assembly will be taking place on **Friday 15th July at 1:45pm**. We are looking forward to welcoming Y6 parents along for this event.

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.

Reading books (F2-Year 2)

As you will be aware, we have recently collected in all our phonic reading books. These books have now been sorted and aligned with our new phonics scheme 'Supersonic Phonic Friends'. Your child will be bringing home a reading book this week. However, it is important to note that your child will only be bringing home a book that is decodable to them.

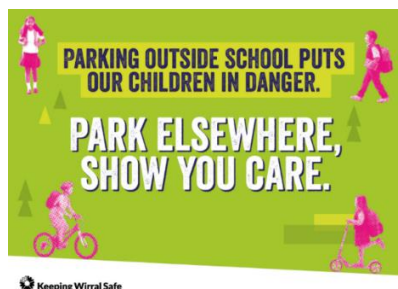
SUPERSONIC
Phonic Friends

Reading books are not for you to teach your child at home. They are for the children to show you what they have learnt. Therefore, they should be able to read the book fluently. Please do not refer to the colour book bank that your child is reading (e.g. red) as you will find that your child may have been on a blue book but will now be reading a red book. This does not mean that your child has gone backwards in their reading, it means that your child will be bringing home a book that is completely decodable to them.

In addition to your child's reading book, it is vital that all parents prioritise reading for pleasure with their child. Your child needs to be exposed to a wide range of fiction/non-fiction and will benefit enormously from hearing you read to them as well. We cannot stress enough how vital this is for your child's progress across all aspects of the curriculum.

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.



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Holidays in term time

We have seen a significant increase in the number of parents requesting holidays for children 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.

Kind regards,

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Key Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 6 th June 2022- Friday 24 th June 2022	Year 4 multiplication times table check to be completed
Thursday 16 th June 2022	Year 6 visit from Mr Burrows to discuss the Queen's jubilee
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.
Friday 15 th July 2022	Y6 leavers' assembly at 1:45pm
Monday 18 th July 2022	Break up today for the summer break at 2:30pm.
Tuesday 19 th July 2022	Inset day- school closed.
Thursday 1 st September 2022	Inset day- school closed
Friday 2 nd September 2022	Inset day- school closed
Monday 5 th September 2022	Children return to school following the summer break.

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