

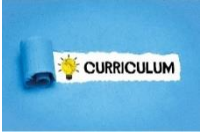


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Newsletter 4- 8.10.2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Curriculum information for parents



Last week we sent home curriculum information from your child's class teacher. We would normally have hosted a curriculum evening for parents but unfortunately we are not able to run these at the current time due to Covid-19. If you have any questions after reading the information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher via the

school office.

Road Safety Sticker



Last year we took part in the Federation Parking Sticker Competition with our partner schools (Irby, Pensby, Thingwall, Barnston and Heswall Primary Schools). The judging took place just before lockdown and Irby and Gayton were chosen as the joint winners so their entries were combined into the winning sticker. Georgie C's design was chosen as the Gayton winner. We have sent home a sticker to all our families and we hope that these will be displayed proudly in your car to encourage adults to park sensibly outside our

schools.

Term Time Leave of Absence:



We have been asked to circulate the following message on behalf of the Wirral Attendance Team...

Please be aware that the law around compulsory school attendance is now back in force since the start of the Autumn Term. This includes the regulations around leave of absence during term time. There continues to be no entitlement for parents to take their child out of school during term-time, unless this is completely unavoidable. Children have already lost so much teaching and learning time due to the coronavirus, and the priority now is for us to work together in the best interests of all children's education.

All schools within Wirral work closely with the Council on school attendance matters. The Council is fully committed to making sure that all children attend school and make the best possible progress.

Unauthorised holidays taken during term time can result in Penalty Notices being issued by the Council. As a school, this is something that we would wish to avoid and ask that any holidays be planned for school holiday periods.

Meetings with Parents

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, if any meetings take place with parents, they will need to take place outside. If we are unable to hold the meeting outside, it will need to take place via telephone or alternatively using Google Meet. This is completely against our school values and the ethos of the school but unfortunately I

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need to do this to keep my staff and children safe. By limiting the number of people who access the school building, I am reducing the risk of transmission of the virus.

PTA- AGM Meeting

Reminder: The PTA AGM meeting is taking place on Monday 12th October 2020. If you would like to attend please email gaytonprimarypta@gmail.com so that an invitation can be sent to you. Even if you are not in the position to take on one of the main roles, it would be lovely to see parents still coming along (virtually) so that hopefully we have more people interested in helping out this year.

Harvest Festival



During the week commencing 19th October 2020, we will be holding our harvest festival. We will be collecting donations for the Wirral Food Bank. The children should bring donations into school from Monday 19th October- until Wednesday 21st October. There will be collection banks for the children on entry to school by the Y5/6, Y3/4 and F2/Y1 & Y2 doors. We will then arrange for the items to be sent to the food bank. These are the items that the foodbank are in desperate need of at the current time: tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, custard & tinned fish. Please do not send any fresh food into school as the food bank cannot accept this.

COVID-19 updates:

Please can I remind all parents that only F2 parents should be coming onto the playground at the end of the day. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please wait until all the F2 parents have left the playground. This is to try and prevent too many people coming through the gate at once and ensures that everyone is kept safe.

Also, once your child has been dismissed from school, it is vital that parents leave the school area as quickly as possible as schools have been encouraged to ensure that parents are not congregating outside talking for extended periods of time.

We have had to make some changes to our covid arrangements in school in order to ensure that we are following the latest guidance.

All children in Year 1- Year 6 will remain in the same seat when in the classroom during the school day. We have also had to put the children into set seats at lunchtime in the dinner hall. This information is required by Public Health as if we have a positive case we have to identify the close contacts of the child and seating plans support us with having a clearer idea.

Staff are now wearing masks in communal areas of the school building and all staff who support at lunchtime are wearing a mask in the dinner hall. This is in order to try and minimise the risk further for staff.

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Parents' Evenings-

Parents' Evenings will not be able to take place face to face this term. We have been advised by the local authority that this is just not possible. We will therefore be arranging meetings by telephone. Times will be bookable via our usual E-Schools booking system but we will need to stagger these across the school as we only have two phone lines so can't have all the staff calling parents on the same evening(s). The dates and timings for these meetings are outlined below:

Class	Telephone consultations availability
F2- Mrs Such	Wednesday 21 st October (3:30pm- 6:00pm) Thursday 22 nd October (1:00pm – 3:00pm & 3:30pm- 4:15pm)
Y1- Miss Nederlof	Wednesday 21 st October (3:30pm- 6:00pm) Thursday 22 nd October (1:00pm- 3:00pm & 3:30pm- 4:15pm)
Y2- Mrs Daly	Already taken place this week.
Y3- Miss Hudson	Monday 19 th October (3:45pm- 6:00pm) Wednesday 21 st October (1:00pm- 4:00pm)
Y4- Miss Sothern & Mrs Roe	Monday 19 th October (3:45pm- 6:00pm) Miss Sothern Wednesday 21 st October (1:00pm- 4:00pm) Mrs Roe
Y5- Mrs Hulley	Monday 19 th October (1:00pm- 4:00pm) Tuesday 20 th October (3:30pm- 6:00pm)
Y6- Mrs Jones	Tuesday 20 th October (3:30pm- 6:00pm) Thursday 22 nd October (3:30pm- 6:00pm)

Parents will be able to sign up for an appointment via ESchools from **Monday 12th October 2020**. Please ensure that your ESchools account is active so you can book an appointment. Please do not try to book before this date as the booking system will not be live. If you have recently updated your contact details (mobile phone number etc) please can you contact the office to make sure we have the most up to date information.

Reminders:

Please can all parents ensure that all jumpers/cardigans have name labels in them. We are trying really hard to reunite children with lost/forgotten items on a daily basis but it is virtually impossible when they are not named.

Water Bottles- Again, please ensure that these are labelled to prevent children from accidentally drinking from another child's water bottle.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during these difficult times.

Kind regards,
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Key Dates:

Date	Event
October 2020	Black History Month
9 th October 2020	World Mental Health Day- activities in classes to discuss and promote mental health.
12 th October 2020	'The Promise' by Nicola Davies launch week
12 th October 2020	PTA AGM meeting at 7:45pm on Microsoft Teams. Please email gaytonprimaryPTA@gmail.com if you would like to attend, so an invitation can be sent to you.
14 th October 2020	PTA Clothing Collection between 9:00am-11:00am. Bags should be dropped off at the main entrance (outside)
19 th October 2020	Parents' Evening- Telephone consultations during this week for F2, Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6.
23 rd October 2020	PTA- Break the Rules Day Break up today for half term holiday.

2 nd November 2020	Inset Day- School not open to children.
3 rd November 2020	Children return to school.
11 th November 2020	Remembrance Assembly
20 th November 2020	Flu Immunisations all day – please return forms if you haven't already done so.
1 st December 2020	Full Governing Board meeting @6:00pm
11 th December 2020	PTA Elfridges Christmas Shop
16 th December 2020	Christmas Dinner day
17 th December 2020	PTA Non-School uniform day and create Christmas hats fun.
18 th December 2020	Break up today for Christmas break at 2:30pm.

4 th January 2021	Inset Day- School not open to children.
5 th January 2021	Children return to school.

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