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Newsletter 16- 23rd June 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,



Transition Day events cancelled:

Unfortunately, due to the increasing covid-19 cases linked to the Delta variant, we have been advised by Wirral Public Health that we should not be going ahead with face to face transition activities. This means that Neston High School and all Wirral Secondary schools have made the decision to only provide virtual transition events now and therefore Year 6 children will not be able to visit the high schools. We will also not be able to invite our new F2 children into school on this day as we will not be having a transition day. Obviously, we are disappointed that we can't go ahead with this event, but our priority is trying to keep all our bubbles open and we wouldn't want to do anything that could compromise the health and safety of our pupils or staff.

Sports Day:

What a wonderful time we had! Many thanks to Ms Fletcher for organising our sports day and to all the staff for their support on the day in setting up and looking after the children during the event. It was so lovely to have our whole school together (even though we were still all in our bubbles). The children had a wonderful time and displayed such wonderful team spirit and were amazing at cheering on their team mates.



Well done to all the children in Fire who won the overall Sports Day competition with an amazing 191 points.



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Rest Easy Training for parents:



Rest Easy are running a session for parents on **Thursday 8th July 2021 at 7:30pm**. The session will support you in understanding the method and how you might be able to utilise the Rest Easy approach with your child/ren at home. We will circulate the zoom invitation for the session closer to the date of the meeting.

PTA Event: Natural Dye a T-Shirt

We are really looking forward to these events. Many thanks to Anna Irving (Year 1 parent) for offering to run the events. Teaching staff will support with their bubble to ensure that we have adequate supervision levels.

If your child would like to participate then please book their place via Parent Pay- selecting the T-Shirt size required. Please remember that your child should bring old clothes to wear as this is a messy activity.

Natural-dye a T-shirt - £5
Profits go to thePTA

- After school activity - pick up 4.30pm
- Dyeing with blackberries and onion skins. T-shirt provided.
- Please bring old clothes to wear as this is a messy activity!
- £5 payment payable on ParentPay. Please select T-shirt size required when paying
- Finished T-shirts will be returned during the week after the event once they have been dried

F2, Y1 AND Y2 - WEDS 30 JUNE
Y3 AND Y4 - THURS 8 JULY
Y5 AND Y6 - TUES 6 JULY

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Mrs Jones- Risk assessment

From next week, Mrs Jones (our Year 6 teacher) will be entering her third trimester of pregnancy. At the current time of writing, Mrs Jones can still continue to attend work as long as there is a risk assessment in place. As part of the risk assessment process, we have decided that Mrs Jones will be teaching from the school hall as of Monday 28th June 2021. This will enable her to socially distance more from the Y6 pupils and will mean there is more ventilation within the hall.

This will therefore mean that the hall will be out of action for lunchtimes. Our school cook (Sue) will be adapting the menu and we will be providing hot packed lunches from next week. Where possible, these will be eaten outside (weather permitting) and if not, the children will eat them in the classroom. As I am sure you can all appreciate, I have to prioritise the safety of Mrs Jones and it is only for a very short period of time before the end of term. Below is an overview of the menu that will be served from Monday.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Dogs with fries Veg option available	Cheese and ham pin wheel, with wedges. Veg option available	Bacon Sandwich, with hash browns. Veg option available	Toasted Sandwich, with crisps. Veg option available	Fish and chips. Veg option available
Salad and fruit platter	Salad and fruit platter	Salad and fruit platter	Salad and fruit platter	Salad and fruit platter
Biscuit	Biscuit	Biscuit	Biscuit	Biscuit
Soft Drinks	Soft Drinks	Soft Drinks	Soft Drinks	Soft Drinks

COVID-19 updates:

Please remember the following updates in relation to covid-19.



- If a parent of carer is experiencing one of the 3 main COVID symptoms and is waiting for the results of a PCR test, they should NOT send their children into school while they are awaiting the results. If a parent/carers is waiting for a PCR result, both they and their children could potentially be infectious and therefore the children should not be attending school while the parent is waiting for their test result. If the parent receives a negative PCR result, their children can return to school. If the parent/carers receives a positive result, they and their family members have to self-isolate for the full 10 days.
- Parents/carers should be reminded NOT to use home Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) to test whether symptomatic primary-age children have COVID or not. While convenient to use these at home, the difficulty in carrying out a nasal and throat swab with a young child means that the test results are often not valid. Also everyone who has at least one of the 3 main COVID symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste/and/or smell) should have a PCR test. If parents have a symptomatic child, they need to book a supervised PCR test (see wirral.gov.uk for details.)
- Public Health England have confirmed that ALL COVID cases in the North West will be considered as likely Indian variant unless/until proven otherwise. Whilst being managed in exactly the same way, the recommendation at this stage (and until further notice) is that all school contacts of confirmed cases of COVID will need to be offered a PCR whether they have symptoms or not. This is for the purpose of active case-finding. Staff, pupils and parents should be directed to www.gov.uk/get-

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coronavirus-test to book this test. They will be asked to identify whether they have COVID symptoms. If they have no symptoms, they should select 'No' for this answer and proceed through the questions until they get to the question: Why are you asking for a test? They should select the box that says- I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional... And then the option that states: My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms. They can then proceed to book the test.

OPAL Project update:



All staff have recently had the next session of training as part of the OPAL project. This focused on risk management of play. Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing more loose parts on the field and playground for the children to use at lunchtimes & break times. Many thanks to everyone for your support in donating loose parts to school. This really will help to transform lunchtimes and will definitely mean that our children will be having more fun.

Our school council have recently worked with Mrs Such to write our own play charter. These are our expectations for all our children so that we can ensure that everyone has an enjoyable play time.



Gayton Primary School's

OPAL Charter

- we all play fairly together
- we are kind to each other
- we keep everyone safe being aware of those around us
- we take responsibility in how we use and share our resources fairly
- we are respectful to each other
- we are aware of others 'play'
- we encourage others to join in our own play
- we listen to one another
- we help others if they need us
- we can ask adults for help to sort out any problems



Thank you to the School Council for your ideas.

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From September 2021 we will be asking all our children to bring a pair of wellies into school that they can leave in school. These will be part of our school uniform and will be used at break times and lunch times so that we can access our school field during the whole school year.

Sun Safety:

Due to the hot and sunny weather that we have recently experienced, please can we remind parents of the following:



*Please send your child to school with a hat (labelled with your child's name) and please apply sun cream to your child prior to them coming into school.

*If you wish for your child to apply sun cream during the school day, children may bring sun cream into school in a clearly labelled bottle. This must be kept in your child's school bag for their own use. Please note that children will be expected to apply their own sun cream and should not share their sun cream with other children.

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day and a coat/waterproof jacket.

Labelling of clothing:



Please can all parents support school by ensuring that all clothing is labelled. Please ensure that all jumpers and coats have labels in them so that we can reunite children with their belongings. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Thank you for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. McAleny".

Mrs McAleny

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Key Dates:

Date	Event
Tuesday 29 th June 2021	Full Governors' Meeting @6:00pm
Wednesday 30 th June 2021	Natural Dye a T-Shirt- PTA event F2, Y1 & Y2 3:15pm-4:30pm. Children can be collected from the junior gate on the main playground.
Thursday 1 st July 2021	Year 6 Prom at Dee Sailing Club- 6:00pm- 8pm
Tuesday 6 th July 2021	Natural Dye a T-Shirt- PTA event Y5 & 6 3:15pm- 4:30pm. Children can be collected from the junior gate on the main playground.
Thursday 8 th July 2021	Natural Dye a T-Shirt- PTA event- Year 3 & 4 3:15pm- 4:30pm. Children can be collected from the junior gate on the main playground.
Thursday 8 th July 2021	Rest Easy Parent session @ 7:30pm (A zoom invitation will be sent out to parents closer to the time.)
Tuesday 13 th July 2021	Annual reports sent home to parents.
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.
Wednesday 1 st September 2021	Inset Day- School not open to pupils.
Thursday 2 nd September 2021	Children return to school- start of the autumn term.

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