

Heswall Primary School

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Dear Parents,

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I hope you are all well in what is a very strange and challenging time for us all. The school staff have continued to work right through since the last day we were all together in school. The teaching and learning staff have been setting work and responding regularly to the children on Google Classroom. They have also been working on a rotation basis providing emergency childcare for the children of key workers, many of whom are NHS staff working on the frontline facing the challenge posed by COVID 19. The cleaning staff have been working so hard to ensure that the school is consistently deep cleaned and the office staff are still working remotely each day. Should you call the school at the moment and the phone is not immediately answered, please leave a message on the answering machine and we will get back to you as soon as we can. You can also contact the office staff directly using the email address above.

Assessment for Grammar School Education (11+)

Parents of children currently in Y5 who wish for their child to be assessed for non-Catholic grammar schools must register their interests between 1st May and 31st May. To do this, visit www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions. At the present moment, all arrangements made for the assessments are expected to go ahead as planned on Monday 21st September 2020. Should there be any change to the arrangements due to guidance including social distancing, you will be notified at the earliest opportunity. No arrangements will be made to assess children if the forms are not received by 31st May unless they have recently moved to Wirral from another part of the country.

Wear Your Uniform Day – Tuesday 5th May

It has been brought to our attention that a number of our children have been wanting to wear their school uniforms at home. They are missing being at school and missing normality. We also noticed that Wirral Hospice St John's has an urgent need of funds as 60% of their income has stopped as their charity shops are not currently open. They are a fabulous charity that have helped so many of our families already. To try and help, we will be doing the opposite to normal by holding a 'wear your uniform at home day' this Tuesday 5th May. To contribute, you can make a donation, no matter how small, to the hospice at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heswallprimaryfundraising?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=heswallprimaryfundraising&utm_campaign=pfp-tweet&utm_term=39f0bdec248e45d68aebd3f2ca988550. If any of you would like to share pictures with us, you can send them to our Facebook, Twitter or Instagram account. I have also asked any other Wirral schools if they would like to join us and I'm pleased to advise that many of them have agreed to do so. There is no obligation for you to join in or make a contribution if you choose not to – we completely understand.

Heswall Primary Pre-School (PLUS Club)

Despite most the children not currently attending pre-school, it is still essential that any funding forms are completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. You can email forms to the school office using the email at the top of the page. We will be ready to resume the pre-school as soon as possible but only when it is safe to do so. Thank you so much if you have already returned your forms.

Children Working at Home

As I have previously advised in past newsletters, do what you can when you think it is right. Lockdown has been a huge challenge for us all and although work is important, our children's and their families' mental health is also important. If you or your child are finding it tough, you can email your child's class teacher on the email that was given out with the Google Classroom information. It is a tough time for us all but we will get through this.

Thank you for all your support, and stay safe,

Mr J Lawrenson



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