



24th April 2021

Welcome back...

We hope that you all had a good Easter Break. It has been great to see all the children back in school for the summer term - the final term of this current academic year and the final term at West Kirby Primary School for our Year 6 pupils.

The children have settled back into school well and there has been some exciting learning going on around school...

EYFS have been exploring minibeasts. They have been learning about the life cycle of the butterfly and listening to and retelling the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. They were very excited to take delivery of their own tiny and very hungry caterpillars, which they are now going to watch carefully as they grow and develop.

Key Stage One have been exploring Place Value through active Maths on the playground. They have also been reading Claude in the Country, which inspired them to write some brilliant postcards and informative character descriptions.

Lower Key Stage Two have been watching a video clip called Bubbles and writing creative fantasy stories. In Geography they have been learning about mountains, coasts and volcanoes.

Upper Key Stage Two have really enjoyed investigating and constructing electrical circuits in Science. Class 5 are looking forward to going swimming next week. Class 5/6 and Class 6 will be going swimming later in the summer term.

Year 1 to Year 6 have also enjoyed virtual assemblies from Dan Sach (West Kirby United Reformed Church). The theme this week was patience - Thanks Dan.

Playtime...

After a very long 14 months the children in Year 1 – Year 6 have been able to mix with the rest of their phase for morning play and lunchtime break. It has been fantastic to see the three classes within each phase having fun together on the playground. They were very excited on day one when they found out! These arrangements have worked well so far, but we keep everything under review to ensure that we are as Covid Secure as possible. At present, there is still no indoor mixing between our class bubbles.

Current Restrictions...

As you know, we are still living under specific restrictions to reduce the spread of Covid-19 within our community. However, I am sure you are aware that some restrictions have been lifted and different rules are now in place. For further reference, attached to this email is the current Covid-19 Roadmap (Step 2), which outlines the current restrictions within England.

Covid-19 Testing Update...

We have received an update this week from Public Health England that as of this week, they are no longer advising people to book a PCR test if they are experiencing any of the wider symptoms that may have been related to Covid-19. This is due to the significantly reduced infection rates. Only those experiencing at least one of the three main symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough or loss or sense of taste/smell) should book a PCR symptomatic test.

Congratulations...

We have some exciting news to share with you ... Miss Kiffin welcomed Baby Evelyn into the world on Monday 19th April, weighing 8lb 5oz. Both Miss Kiffin and Evelyn are doing well. We send her our best wishes and hope to see her soon.

NSPCC Number Day...

Friday 7th May is NSPCC Number Day, this was originally scheduled to take place in February, but it was rescheduled following school closures. To celebrate this, we would like to invite the children to come to school with numbers/digits on their clothes. This could be a football/rugby top with a number on or they may wish to be creative and design their own top with different digits on. During the day the children will be completing some of the Number Day activities that have been designed by NSPCC. To support the NSPCC, we are asking the children to bring in a £1 donation on the day. The children all have access to Times Tables Rocks Stars at home. As part of Number Day, Times Tables Rocks Stars are having a special competition running from 7am – 7pm. It would be great if you could encourage your child/children to log in and take part.

Parents Evening...

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 4th May and Thursday 6th May. Like our recent Parents Evening, they will take place via Teams. You will receive a link to book your appointment on Monday 26th April. Before your appointment you will receive a Teams Link from the class teacher, which you can use to join the meeting. On Friday 30th April you will receive your child's Spring Interim Report. This will inform you of your child's current assessments in Reading, Writing, Maths and Science. The report will also inform you of their end of year targets.

PE Kits...

It is working well when the children come to school in their PE kits. It ensures that they have the correct kit and allows us to maximise the time that they have for PE as no time is lost getting changed. However, please can we ask that on the days that they come to school in PE kits that they wear dark track suit/joggers with a blue school t-shirt, a school sweatshirt (or a plain blue or grey sweatshirt) and trainers. We also ask that children do not wear trainers with laces unless they can tie them themselves – thank you.

Photographs...

Class photographs were taken this week. You will have the option to purchase these from today. Individual/Sibling photographs are booked in for Tuesday 29th June. EYFS children will need to be in school uniform on this day, we will remind you nearer the time.

The Big Ask...

This week the new Children's' Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ask** - the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that they can put children at the heart of the country's recovery from the Covid-19 Outbreak. The survey has to be completed online -your child may need some support reading/understanding some of the questions.

It is a good opportunity for children to have their say and take part in something unique. It would be great if you can support your child to take part. You can access the survey here [The Big Ask](#) On the homepage, select their age - this then gives them the survey best suited to their age. There is also an adult's part to the survey for parents if you wish to take part. You can access the parent survey here [The Big Ask - Parent Link](#)

Dates...

Monday 26th April – Friday 30th April: Class 5 Swimming

Wednesday 28th April: EYFS Fine Motor and Handwriting Presentation (via Teams @ 4:30pm)

Friday 30th April: Spring Interim Reports will be emailed

Monday 3rd May: May Day – School Closed

Tuesday 4th May: Parents Evening

Thursday 6th May: Parents Evening

Friday 7th May: NSPCC Number Day – Come to school wearing numbers/digits and bring a £1 donation for the NSPCC

Thursday 13th May: Year 5 Transition Meeting (via Teams @ 5pm) -TBC Further information to follow

Thursday 20th May: Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check Meeting (Via Teams @4:30pm)

Friday 28th May: School Closes for Half Term

Enjoy the weekend.

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