

Friday 26th March – Break up for Easter – OWN Clothes in exchange for £1 donation

Monday 12th April – Children return to school

Tomorrow marks a year since we closed the school for the first time due to the Covid-19 pandemic. I can't believe we have reached this year landmark already. What a year it has been! It will definitely be something we will read about in the history books and remember for a long time to come. Yet despite the turbulent year and the



"Going through challenging things can teach you a lot, and they also make you appreciate the times that aren't so challenging."

Carrie Fisher

enormous changes the children have had to adapt to, they have been incredible. We sometimes underestimate how resilient and strong children can be.

Next week is our last week before Easter and we will be continuing to work the children hard before the holiday. It feels very like, just when we get back in the swing of things we are off again but let's hope the summer term runs a lot more smoothly than the spring one has!

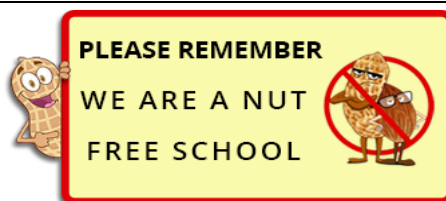
Thank you again to everyone in our school community for continuing to comply with all the safety procedures and restrictions in place. It has been so lovely to see parents in the morning on the gate and all the happy, smiling faces as the children arrive. Long may it continue!



COMIC RELIEF – We have raised £180 for Comic Relief through the sale of Red Noses.

Thank you for all your support – the children looked fantastic today!

NUT FREE School – A reminder that children must not have any nut products at snack or lunch time as we have a number of children with severe nut allergies.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Foundation 2 for 100% attendance this week!

Foundation 1 – 94.9%

Foundation 2 – 100%

Year 1 – 98.1%

Year 2 – 94.8%

Year 3 – 99.0%

Year 4 – 94.3%

Year 5 – 93.9%

Year 6 – 96.7%



SUMMER UNIFORM

After the Easter break, children may wear summer uniform when they return to school. Please remember all children should wear black shoes.



EASTER FUNDRAISING – We have over 60 Easter raffle prizes! Children can buy a strip of raffle tickets for £1 up until 26th March when we will draw the raffle. Thank you for all your support.



WIRRAL COUNCIL have provided parents with the following update regarding testing:

Home testing kits: Changes to operating hours at Wirral's symptoms-only testing centres

To accommodate the collection of the home testing kits for the groups below, the opening hours of the symptoms-only testing centres in Wirral have changed. Additional groups that can now access home testing kits:

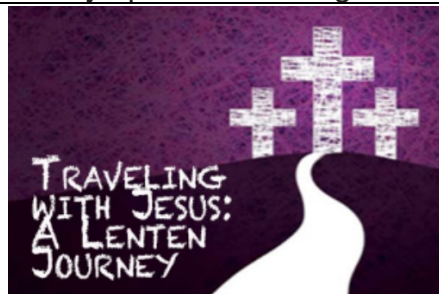
- Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary-age pupils
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 - Adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders.
- Symptoms-only testing centres at Birkenhead, Bebington, Liscard and Heswall will now operate at the following times every day:
- 8am to 12 noon - available to anyone with symptoms to get tested. You can walk-in or book at www.wirral.gov.uk/test
 - 12noon to 1.30pm – CLOSED
 - 1.30pm to 7pm - collection point for symptom-free home testing kits only

The council have said they would like to strongly discourage parents/carers from using home asymptomatic testing kits on primary school age children. The national asymptomatic home-testing programme **currently does NOT** include younger children, as there is a far lower risk of transmission in this age group. Given the very low risk of COVID amongst this age group, putting them through the discomfort of twice weekly swab-testing (which would also lead to a far higher percentage of void/inaccurate test results) is not advised. If a child is showing symptoms, then they should be taken to a symptomatic testing centre as per existing guidance.

CORONAVIRUS

**PROTECT
YOURSELF
& OTHERS**

UPDATE FROM WIRRAL COUNCIL



Next week we will be thinking about the events of Holy Week as we build up to Easter. Normally we would have marked the week with assemblies but unfortunately the current restrictions do not allow us to gather as a school community in the hall. We will however be reflecting as a school community via Zoom and the children will think about the importance and solemnity of Holy Week as we near the end of our Lenten Journey.

Our '2 Year Old' provision will open in September 2021. We have a number of names down already but if you think this is something you might be interested in accessing for your child please contact the school office or Mrs Jones as soon as possible.



Time for twos



Don't forget to check Twitter and our Facebook Feed to see all the wonderful learning the children have been doing.



Have a lovely weekend everyone! Mrs Ralph