

I can't believe I am writing to you all to say "Happy Half Term". The last 7 weeks have flown by! We have been going at a fast and furious pace in school, catching up on learning and friendship time. Thankfully we have had engaged, hard-working and happy children (almost all of the time) who have worked their socks off! Next half term we have lots of exciting things planned for the children which include a Shakespeare production for Years 5 and 6, our whole school 'Race for Life', Year 6 trips and other year groups have fun days and trips planned, sports days (although these will be a little different), Movie Nights, Wirral 'Here Comes the Sun' day and transition days. Despite the fact the future is looking brighter we can confirm that there definitely won't be an end of year KS2 production due to restrictions still in place for schools. There is however still lots to look forward to!

*Look for something  
positive in each day,  
even if some days you  
have to look a little  
harder.*

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**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – INSET DAY (Staff Only)**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June - School Open to Pupils**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June – 'Race for Life' Event**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Infant Sports Day**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Junior Sports Day**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 4 First Holy Communion**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Transition Day**

**Well done  
to Y1 for  
the best  
attendance  
this week!**



**F1 – 95% F2 – 97.3%**  
**Y1 – 98.1% Y2 – 95.03%**  
**Y3 – 92.8% Y4 – 96.9%**  
**Y5 – 95.6% Y6 – 88.8%**



**Sports Day –** Sadly our sports days will be very different this year. The children will still partake within their class bubbles but unfortunately parents will not be able to attend. This is in line with what many Wirral schools are doing and current DfE guidance.

We will take lots and lots of photos and videos and send via SEESAW and Twitter. The children will need to come in full PE kits on their designated sports day. Teachers will send more details after half term.

**CHURCH CAR PARK –** The parking in the Church car park causes me endless headaches. I completely understand why a number of parents have been extremely frustrated by the dangerous and thoughtless parking of others. If there is no designated bay available, then please find somewhere else to park away from the car park. I am very concerned that there will be a serious accident due to the odd few adults who ignore my continual polite requests. If you spot anyone parking dangerously then please notify the school office and I will follow this up.



**Race for Life – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June -** You should have received a letter and sponsor form with details of our 'Race for Life' event. This is a charity very close to many people's hearts. The children will be decorating their running numbers after the holiday so if there is anyone in your family or special to them who they may want to dedicate their run to then they can write their name on their number.

**School Dinner Costs - from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June the cost of a school dinner will increase to £2.34.** Our catering provider, Edsential, has announced that the cost for a school dinner will increase to £2.34. Due to the ongoing pandemic and the challenges it brings (namely; the increasing cost of food, reduced meal uptake, labour charges, additional health & safety processes and add-on costs for changes in how meals are served) it is a necessary action they must now take to cover their costs and continue to pay their staff – Edsential will make no additional profit from this uplift. Edsential would like to pass on their thanks for your ongoing support during these uncertain times.



**PE Kit – One of the few benefits of the pandemic has been the children coming to school ready on PE days. This has saved an enormous amount of time and is something we would think about continuing in the future. However it would be a school uniform tracksuit that the children would need to wear so that all children would be in the same clothes like on any other uniform day. We are looking into purchasing a school tracksuit that the children can purchase and will send a very short questionnaire out to parents to ask your views. If not enough parents are willing to do this then we will return to getting changed in school into shorts and t-shirts as before.**

**Wirral Council have informed us that** all children in need of food support will be able to pick up lunch over the half-term from ten food hubs/collection points across the borough at:

- 3 sites in Birkenhead (Rock Ferry, Birkenhead North, Central Birkenhead)
- 3 sites in Wallasey (Liscard/Seacombe, New Brighton, Leasowe)
- 2 sites in Wirral South (Eastham, New Ferry)
- 2 sites in Wirral West (Woodchurch, Hoylake)

Each hub will provide 50 lunches per day for four days of half term. I have sent out further details and a map of locations via SEESAW.



**Please take a look at our Twitter and Facebook pages. There has been lots going on this week including castle making in Year 2, Hi Impact workshops in Year 4 and 5, Forest School art work, guitar lessons and British Values sessions!**



The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We have been thinking about this in school throughout this month. For over 700 years Catholics traditionally focus on Mary throughout May. In my own prayers, I often turn to Mary as an understanding Mother for us all – she cares for us all day in and day out without fail, interceding for us in the tiniest of things. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer (let's hope so!), which makes this a logical time to remember and celebrate Mary, who brought life into the world. May is a month of growth and new life. We are seeing this now in the blossom on the trees and the flowers starting to grow. We pray to Mary for an end to the pandemic and happier times.

Please take some time to enjoy the half term break and some quality time with family. **Mrs Ralph**