

Another busy week is over and how nice that we have a '3 day weekend' to look forward to. This week in school it has been lovely to see the return of after school 'clubs'. It has been great to observe the children enjoying themselves and enjoying a good range of activities. There has been lots more outdoor work happening now the drier weather has arrived which is great to see. We are starting to slowly ease some of the controls we have had in place in school although we will go very cautiously and slowly. The one change we have made so far has been for all children to eat again in the Dining Room. Children still remain in their 'class bubbles' and we will retain the staggered lunch times but we have moved the packed lunches out of classrooms. Hopefully, if the nice weather returns, we can also enjoy some picnic lunch times!

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Although we all celebrate the great news that infection rates across the country and locally are falling, please remember that restrictions remain in place to keep people safe. This week we have still had families having to self-isolate due to potential Covid infections and this is a reminder that we are not yet Covid free - although we hope that day will soon come! Face masks must continue to be worn on the school site at all times and **no parents should enter the school building unless by prior arrangement.** This is to keep everyone safe.

Although we are hearing of more and more people being vaccinated, many of the staff have still not had theirs and so we need to ensure they and the children in school stay fit and well. If your child or anyone in your household displays a symptom of Covid (high temperature, cough or loss of taste or smell) please let school know and self-isolate until a negative test is confirmed.

### National Survey of Children - The new

Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, launched 'The Big Ask' this week – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. The Big Ask aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that

we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the pandemic. This is a real opportunity for children to get their voices heard. You can play your part too! Parents are invited to complete the adult survey to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back. You can access 'The Big Ask' via the website <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>



### Attendance



Well done to 98,6 for the best attendance this week!

F1 – 95.8%

F2 – 98.3%

Year 1 –

98.6%

Year 2 –

94.0%

Year 3 –

89.8%

Year 4 –

96.5%

Year 5 –

89.9%

Year 6 – 96.6%



If your child is in **Year 5** and you are considering a place at one of the Wirral Grammar Schools from September 2022, there are Virtual Open Events happening during May. Dates and times can be obtained on the school's websites as can full details regarding the 11+ arrangements. Parents who want their child to take the 11+ assessment in September 2021 (for admission in September 2022) are required to return an Assessment Request Form to Wirral Local Authority no later than 31st May 2021. These forms will be available from Wirral Local Authority at the

beginning of May 2021. **Upton Hall and St Anselm's** operate their own entrance exam and you will need to register for this examination separately via the school's websites. If you have any questions regarding grammar school selection, please contact myself or Mrs Bennison and we will be happy to help.



All children in all year groups have completed a 'Pupil Questionnaire' over the last two weeks and the full set of results can be viewed on our website. The results are always interesting and I always consider carefully what the children have said and look at their ideas in detail. This year we asked the children what we can do to make our school even better and although we always end up with some impossible ideas like a swimming pool, the children have also come up with ideas that we are acting upon

immediately. It is clear from some of their ideas that as a result of Covid they have missed things they used to really enjoy such as class trips and clubs. Hopefully the return of some clubs this term has pleased them and they will also be happy to hear that class teachers are actively booking class trips again (just in our local area initially) as the Government are now allowing us to do this. We also recognise that as each class 'bubble' has had to have their own set of equipment on the playground, children have had access to less items than they used to. We are busy ordering lots of new resources and I will be very happy when the long-awaited new football posts arrive that the juniors are desperate for!

**So much wonderful work has been going on again this week...**



**Thought for the week...**...As parents we all want our children to grow into the best people they can be. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a vine tree and reminds us that we all depend on God for life. We all make mistakes, but God is loving and patient and gives us time to grow into the people we were created to be. Each day is an opportunity to grow in goodness!



**We have spaces in our main Nursery for any child who is 3 or 4. If your child requires a space for September, please make sure you have completed an application form and we have their name down.**

**If you, or someone you know, requires a space for our new '2 year old provision' please contact the School Office or speak directly to Mrs Jones as soon as possible.**



**Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend everyone, Mrs Ralph**