

HAPPY NEW YEAR & an enormous welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been great to hear the children's exciting news of their Christmas Days and precious memories. They were full of the wonderful time they had all had and it sounded like Father Christmas had been very busy!

Unfortunately, it does not look like Covid is going away any time soon. Over the Christmas period I was waiting for the DFE guidance to be published and now that it has been, our Risk Assessment has been updated and is available for you to view on the School Website. We were pleased to see that the return to school for pupils is a priority for the Government as no one wants to see school closures again. Thankfully, although school closures look highly unlikely, we obviously need to be cautious and ensure we are doing all we can to keep everyone safe and well. As infection rates have risen to the highest levels we have seen over the festive season, please adhere to what we have asked. Children should not be being brought into school if unwell and particularly if displaying symptoms of Covid-19. If your child has vomited, they must remain off school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness. We have also reinstated the need for face coverings in the front entrance.

To make a difference
in someone's life you
don't have to be brilliant,
rich, beautiful, or perfect.
You just have to care.
-Mandy Hale



CLUBS will start week beginning 17th January and run until 25th March 2022

Tuesday 11th January at 3:30pm – Meeting for Year 3 & 4 Parents who wish their child to make their First Holy Communion.



Do you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018?

There are only days left to apply for a Wirral primary school place. The closing date is 15th January 2022. Please follow this link to apply:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-primary-or-secondary-school-place>

If your child is in our School Nursery, they must still apply for a place as F2/Reception places are not automatic. If you miss this date (late application) then your child may not get into a preferred school. If anyone needs help with this process,

please do not hesitate to ask at the School Office or Miss Purdie who will be happy to help.

CAR PARK – Please can I remind everyone again to observe the one-way system in place in the car park and to drive carefully and be considerate of others. I have asked on many occasions that people observe the signs in place and park only in designated bays as I have noted in previous newsletters. Parents are asked NOT to park in front of the playground gates even just to drop off.

Contact Details If you have changed your phone over the Christmas holidays, please ensure your contact details are up to date in the School Office. This is crucial if we need to get hold of you in an emergency.

PE KITS - Children need to wear a plain blue tracksuit (navy or royal blue) for PE. When the weather is warmer then blue shorts and a white t-shirt can be worn. No Football kits or branded sportswear is allowed. Children should continue to come into school in their PE kits on their designated PE days.

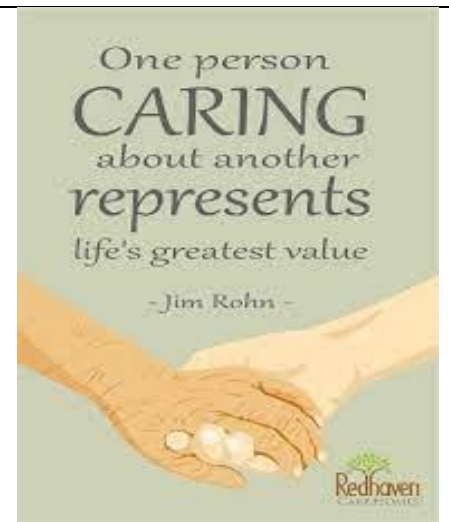
Water Bottles Please remember to provide your child with a water bottle on a daily basis. This can be any type of bottle. We have bottles available to buy in the School Office for 30p per bottle.

School Shoes Children should be in black shoes for school and wearing the correct uniform.

Our value for January is 'CARING'...

By being caring we think of caring for ourselves, our belongings and other living things such as our pets. Caring people think about other people in their family, their friends and others who are different or less fortunate and try to help when they can. We care for our environment and look after it also. You can show you care by:

- Helping others.
- Picking up litter/fruit/coats and equipment.
- Playing with someone who is on their own or upset.
- Caring for family, friends and animals.



Thank you to Foundation 1 who have created our beautiful whole school values display. It has brightened up our dining room and reminds us all of the importance of caring.

E Safety – I am sure over Christmas, lots of our lucky children received new electronic devices including new phones, tablets, computers, or consoles. It is so important that these devices are set up safely to ensure children do not go online and stumble across adult content, make expensive downloads or install unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. This information leaflet gives some easy tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare in the New Year. In the guide, you'll find tips such as adjusting the screen time settings, setting windows limits and installing Xbox family settings. You can find the full guide on our Twitter and Facebook book feeds.



This week in school we have been thinking about the Feast of the Epiphany. By the 6th January it can feel like Christmas is well and truly over. For many of us, the decorations and the presents are packed away and the wonderful Christmas lights that have brightened our dark evenings are no more. However, in many countries the Epiphany is

celebrated as a 'little Christmas', a time for gift-giving and sharing special food.

An epiphany is often understood as having a revelation, a 'got it!' or 'lightbulb' moment.

When the Magi found the baby Jesus, they knew that they had met more than just a king; they knew that Jesus was God. They saw the King of the Universe and they worshiped Him. The Magi had the best ever 'lightbulb' moment!

The Magi followed a bright star in the hope of finding the one who will be king of the nations. The Feast of Epiphany reminds us that when we experience the joy and hope of Christmas it changes us too. As we leave Christmastide, we are called to continue to carry the light of Christ to all we meet.

Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ralph

