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## Newsletter 19- 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to all our families following the half term break.

### Parents' Evening

Many thanks to all our parents who came along to parents' evening. If you have not yet had the chance to see your child's class teacher, please do contact the school office to arrange an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher at a mutually convenient time.

Over the two days, we received many positive comments from parents regarding the introduction of the NFER assessments. We hope that this is supporting parents in understanding how your child is performing against national comparators. Children in Years 1-6 will be sitting the NFER assessments prior to the Spring break. We will be sending home your child's spring term assessments via a letter as we are aware that there is no parents' evening scheduled around this time. These will be sent home by the end of week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

### Crucial Crew

Our Y6 pupils had a brilliant visit to Crucial Crew in the last week before half term. This is a multi-agency safety event aimed at Y6 pupils. This visit supported the children in equipping them with life skills that will enable them to keep themselves and others safe. Our Year 6 pupils learn about a variety of threats and dangers in a fun and interactive way.



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### Cross Country event at Arrowe Park- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 4:15pm.

The next cross country event will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 4:15pm. (Arrival for 4:00pm.) The event is open to pupils in Years 4-6. Even if your child has never taken part they are welcome to come along and race on the evening. Please note that if there is bad weather, the decision about cancellation is not made until 4:15pm on the course.



### Y5 Robinwood residential meeting for parents and children.



Yesterday, there was a presentation to parents and Y5 children regarding the trip to Robinwood which is taking place on the 18<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> March. We appreciate that not all parents would have been able to attend the meeting so we have made the information available to all parents by email. It was evident following the meeting, that the Y5 children are very excited about their forthcoming trip! We hope that parents found the meeting useful and have a better understanding of what your child is going to experience whilst visiting the Robinwood Centre.

### Reminder: Year 2's class assembly:

Year 2's class assembly is taking place today (Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February) at 2:40pm. We look forward to welcoming parents/grandparents into school to watch the assembly.

### World Book Day- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

This year we are celebrating World Book Day by the children coming to school dressed as their favourite book character. This could be from a fiction or non-fiction book. We appreciate that not all children like to dress up so participation is voluntary.



### World Book Day Author visit for KS2 pupils.



Linghams book shop have kindly arranged for popular children's author Matt Haig to visit Gayton on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in the afternoon.

Matt will be taking an hour long assembly for our KS2 pupils and then will be available for book-signings of his most recent release 'Evie and the Animals'.

*"This highly edible story of a girl who wants to save the planet, with beautiful pictures by Emily Gravett, is most timely and will go down well with fans of Greta Thunberg . . . [A] cracking adventure" (The Times, Children's Book of the Week)*

Unfortunately, we currently haven't secured enough book sales to guarantee that Matt will be able to come to Gayton so we just wanted to advertise this event again in case anyone else would like to order a copy of his book. If you would like to pre-order a copy of the book please complete the form that has been sent out via email. Copies of the book are £6.99.

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## Road Safety Competition: Closing date Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

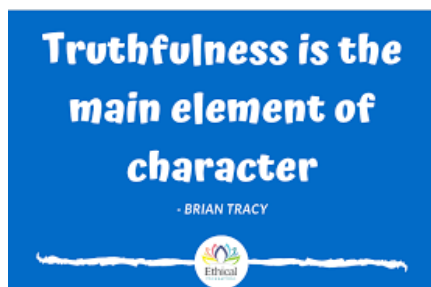
We have sent home information regarding the road safety competition in which the children need to design a car bumper sticker. This is open to all children in F2- Year 6. The aim of the competition is to encourage all parents to park sensibly and responsibly around schools. This is open to a lot of local schools and is being sponsored by 'Wirral Together'. All entries must be returned to school by **Friday 28th February 2020**. We look forward to receiving all the creative designs.



Please can we remind all parents to park considerately within the local area. We have raised the profile with our children via the school council and also through an assembly with two local police officers and our children appreciate the importance of ensuring that everyone parks respectfully in the local area and ensures that they are not endangering a child's life. We have also discussed with children the importance of cars not being left idle when parked at the side of a road as this emits more fumes into the environment. As an eco-school our children really do want to make a difference to the world and this is a simple way that parents can support as well.

## Value of the half term: Truthfulness

This half term we will be focusing on the value of truthfulness. This will be the focus of assemblies as well as class teachers nominating children for actively demonstrating this value in school on a weekly basis as part of our merit awards.



## Year 6 SAT information workshops for parents.

We will be holding a workshop for parents in relation to the Key Stage 2 SAT tests your child will be sitting in May 2020. Based on the feedback received from parents, we will be running the workshop on two separate occasions. This is in order to accommodate as many parents as possible. Your attendance at one of the sessions would be really appreciated, in order to ensure that we are working in partnership to achieve the best outcomes for your child and to ensure that they feel supported during what can be a stressful time.

Sessions will take place on the following dates:

**\*Monday 2nd March at 6:15pm**

**\*Monday 9th March at 9:00am**

Please return the slip that has been sent home to confirm which session you will be attending. Alternatively, please contact the school office to book onto one of the sessions.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Date	Event
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Y2 class assembly 2:40pm- 3:15pm- parents welcome
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	KS2 Inclusive Tri-Golf event @ The Hive, Wirral
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	4:00pm- Cross Country event @Arrowe Park
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	PTA- Adult Quiz Night- 7:15pm-9:30pm. (Tickets via Parent Pay)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Closing date for the Wirral School Games Cultural competition.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Y4 visit to Chester- Romans.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Closing date for federation road safety competition- car bumper sticker
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020	Y4 Barnstondale meeting for parents and children @9:00am.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020	Y5 Swimming commences 2:30pm-3:00pm (Every day for two weeks)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020	Film Club (Bookings via Parent Pay)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020	SAT information workshop for Y6 parents at 6:15pm. Children are welcome to attend.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	World Book Day- Children can dress up as their favourite book character.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Reading event introduction assembly linked to PTA Sponsored read.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	SAT information workshop for Y6 parents at 9:00am.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Y1 Class assembly at 2:40pm- 3:20pm – parents welcome
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Cross Country at Birkenhead Park at 4:15pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	A parents' workshop; Dealing with stress and anxiety in primary school pupils 9:10am- 10:10am. (Please email the school office if you would like to attend, just so we know numbers.)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March- Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Residential to Robinwood Centre.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Full Governors' meeting @6:00pm.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Quicksticks hockey event 3:45pm- 6:00pm.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 3 class assembly 2:40pm-3:15pm – parents welcome
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Relay race- cross country at 4:15pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	PTA -Bunny Bingo at 6:00pm- 7:15pm- tickets via Parent Pay
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	Y4 class assembly 2:40pm-3:10pm- parents welcome
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	Easter Egg Hunt- 3:20pm-4:30pm – tickets via Parent Pay
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	Break up today for Spring break at 2:30pm.
<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020- Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	Children return to school following the Spring break.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Y4 Barstondale Residential for one night.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Year 3 class assembly @2:40pm-3:15pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Governors' meeting at 6pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	INSET Day – School closed to pupils.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Bank Holiday- School not open today.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May- Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SAT week- Y6.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020	Break up today for summer half term holiday
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Litter Clean up day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June- Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Y1 Phonics screening & Y2 Phonics Re-Screening
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	F2 class assembly @9:00am.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Non-school uniform day in return for donations for the summer fair.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Summer Fair @ 3:30pm- 6:00pm.

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