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Newsletter 15- 20th May 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Updated Risk assessment (Covid-19)

As from the 17th of May, the government have entered the next stage of the Road Map out of lockdown. However, we have received updated guidance for schools and nothing has changed from a school perspective. We still have to maintain our bubbles and all the other protective measures that are currently in place need to remain. Please can I ask all parents to continue to wear masks when dropping off and collecting your child from school. We remain hopeful that there may be some changes for schools announced in June, however nothing is confirmed at this stage. Our latest risk assessment can be viewed on our website at: http://www.gayton.wirral.sch.uk/website/covid-19_information_/466620

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

Our children are thoroughly enjoying the start of the OPAL play programme. We are already seeing so many benefits for the children and there is a definite excitement in relation to the children experiencing better play opportunities.



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URGENT: OPAL Donations- Can you help?



Many thanks to all the parents who have managed to drop off some items for our OPAL play project. However, we are desperate for more donations. Currently, we haven't received a lot of donations and ideally every child needs approximately 4 loose parts. So in a school of approximately 200 children we are looking for over 800 parts!

This is an overview of the current list of items that we are looking for. If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them along to the F2, Y1 & Y2 entrance in the morning from 8:40am- 9:00am. Alternatively, if you can't drop off at these times, please just contact the school office and we will make different arrangements. If you don't have any of these items yourself, please do speak to friends and family members to see if they can help. Any help in securing more of these items would be gratefully received.

- Plastic or metal buckets
- Kitchen utensils, pots, pans, baking trays, sieves, colanders etc for the mud kitchen
- Watering cans, wheel barrows & guttering
- Large pieces of fabric for den building e.g. sheets/curtains/tarpaulin
- Brooms.
- Decorating paintbrushes
- Nets and ropes
- Pegs (to support with setting up dens)
- Suitcases/briefcases
- Cable drums
- Planks of wood e.g. left over pieces from decking etc (please ensure that these do not have nails in them).
- Bamboo poles

Parental play questionnaire:

Many thanks to all the parents who took the time to fill in the OPAL play questionnaire. We will share with parents the results from this questionnaire in due course and this will provide a baseline for all our OPAL work.

School council- Catering Menus



Our school council have met with Sue (our school cook) to find out about how we can choose our own school food menus for September 2021. Edsential are enabling all schools the opportunity to build their own three weekly menus. The school council have therefore completed a survey with all the children in their class to find out the most popular food choices from the options provided. These choices have been compiled across the school to provide an overview of the most popular menu choices.

Edsential continue to ensure that all homemade biscuit/dessert recipes continue to be reduced by 25% less sugar. Every day the children have access to: Fresh bread, seasonal vegetables, salad, fresh fruit and organic yoghurt.

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Edsential have also retained their RSPO accreditation for the use of sustainable palm oil and remain the only school meals catering company to hold this award. All of the menu choices have to meet the requirements of the Food Standards so the menu choices will be checked to ensure they meet these standards.

Reminder: Barnstondale (Y6)

Please can all Y6 parents ensure that they make their payment for the Barnstondale trip as we need to send our payment to Barnstondale to secure the trip. Payments can be made via Parent Pay. Please remember the children will need to be dropped off at 9:30am at the Barnstondale Centre and picked up at 7:00pm.



Reminder: Y5 Transfer to Secondary School

Online registration for 11+ assessment has now opened. All applications must be received by 31st May 2021.



Labelling of clothing

Please can all parents ensure that all clothing is labelled. Please ensure that all jumpers and coats have labels in them so that we can reunite children with their belongings. Thank you for your support with this.

COVID-19 Updates:

The timings have altered at Wirral's 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.

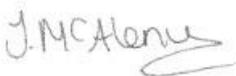
You can walk-in or book at www.wirral.gov.uk/test

12noon to 1.30pm - CLOSED

1.30pm to 7pm - collection point for symptom-free home testing kits only

Please can all parents ensure that home asymptomatic testing kits (LFD) tests are not used on primary school age children. If a child is showing symptoms, then they should be taken to a symptomatic testing centre as per existing guidance.

Thank you for your continued support,



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Key Dates:

Date	Event
17th May- 21 st May 2021	Swimming Year 5 @ 2:30pm every day
Tuesday 25 th May 2021	Full Governors' Meeting
Wednesday 26 th May 2021	F2 School Nurses- audio and visual testing.
Friday 28 th May 2021	PTA event: Break the Rules Day- further information to follow.
Friday 28 th May 2021	Break up for half term holiday.
Monday 31 st May 2021	Deadline for 11+ registration.
Monday 7 th June 2021	Children return after half term holiday.
Friday 11 th June 2021	Rourke photography- Class photographs.
Monday 14 th June 2021	Year 6 day trip to Barnstondale Centre.
Tuesday 15 th June 2021	Sports Day- Children only as currently parents are still not able to attend events in school.
Thursday 17 th June 2021	Sports Day – Reserve date.
Friday 18 th June 2021	Y6 Preparation for high school transition session- Thumbs up
Tuesday 29 th June 2021	Full Governors' Meeting
Thursday 1 st July 2021	Year 6 Prom at Dee Sailing Club- 5:30pm- 8:30pm
Tuesday 13 th July 2021	Annual reports to parents.
Monday 19 th July 2021	Break up at 2:30pm for summer holiday.
Tuesday 20 th July 2021	Inset Day- School not open to pupils.
Wednesday 1 st September 2021	Inset Day- School not open to pupils.
Thursday 2 nd September 2021	Children return to school- start of the autumn term.

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