

Newsletter 12- 3rd December 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

Christmas Fair:

Many thanks to everyone who came along to support our Christmas Fair on Friday. It was a tremendous success and the PTA have managed to raise a staggering £3842.17. A special thank you to the PTA for making this possible and really making a difference through their fundraising efforts!

None of this would have been possible however, without the support of parents/staff who helped with stalls, donated prizes and willingly gave their time to support as well as all the parents and children who came along and supported the fair. We are also very grateful to all the local businesses who sponsored stalls on the night of the fair as this enabled more profit to be generated for the children.

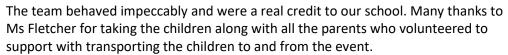
Norovirus outbreaks

There have been a number of outbreaks in some schools of the norovirus resulting in some schools having to close for periods of time. As a preventative measure, we have spent time talking to the children about the importance of handwashing, making sure that they use soap. Please can you reinforce this with your child at home as well to encourage good hand hygiene as this is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of the virus. It is important to note that the use of hand gels does not prevent the spread of the virus.

Although school attendance is important and we always want children to come to school when they are well enough, parents are reminded that if your child has a stomach bug which includes vomiting and diarrhoea, they should be kept home for the duration of the illness and for 48 hours after the symptoms stop. This is really important in preventing the spread of the virus. Further information can be found on the NHS website: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/

Futsal competition

Well done to our Y5 & 6 team who won the Futsal tournament at Tranmere Rovers on Thursday. They played 5 matches and won all five and a special mention to George who kept a clean sheet for the whole competition.





KS2 Christmas Service at St Peter's Church-7pm on Wednesday 18th December 2019

Our Y5 and Y6 pupils will be walking to St Peter's Church on Wednesday 11th December 2019 leaving at 1:00pm in order to have a rehearsal for the Christmas Service. If any parents are available to support in walking to the church and back again, please could you contact the office.

The whole of KS2 (Y3-Y6) will be walking to church on Monday 16th December 2019 for a final rehearsal at 1:00pm. If you are able to support in walking to the children and back again, please can you contact the school office to let them know.

Proposed traffic calming and 20mph zone with pedestrian facilities- Gayton Road.

Wirral Borough Council are proposing to introduce a scheme to improve safety and reduce vehicle speeds on Gayton Road from Chantry Walk to Baskervyle Road, Heswall.

This proposed scheme will require the construction of three flat topped speed humps, the location of which are listed below:

Speed hump in the vicinity of 35 & 30/32 Gayton Road.

Speed hump in the vicinity of 25 Gayton Road and Gayton Primary School

Speed hump in the vicinity of 19 & 18 Gayton Road.

A plan of the scheme can be viewed at Wallasey Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey.

All local residents have been notified of the scheme. Any objections or expressions of support together with the groups on which they are made, may be made online by Friday 20th December 2019 at www.wirral.gov.uk/highways You will need to quote the reference – DC-TfG-1920-3.

Medical appointments during the school day

We are having an increasing number of children who are being taken out of school during the school day for medical appointments. Please can we remind all parents that, where possible, all appointments should be made outside of school time. However, we do appreciate that there are occasions when this is just not possible. Therefore, if your child is attending a medical appointment, it is vital that you provide the school office with 24 hours advanced warning of this by emailing: schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk. Please attach evidence/confirmation of the medical appointment. By providing the advanced notice, it enables the school office staff to easily remove your child from the classroom as teachers can be pre-warned and it means that there is minimal disruption to teaching and learning. We will no longer be providing the blue slips for completion for medical appointments. Thank you for your anticipated support with this.

Carol Wagon – Monday 9th December 2019 at 6:30pm- 8:30pm.

We have been allocated the evening of Monday 9th December 2019. This event is organised by Heswall Round Table and is a wonderful way for school to make some money as a percentage of the donations from the evening are given to school. The more adults who can come along to help the more we can collect on the evening. If you are able to support on this evening, please email the school office to let them know or contact the PTA. **Please note that this event is not suitable for children.**

Christmas Nativity Performance (F2, Y1 & Y2)

Tickets have now gone on sale for the F2, Y1 and Y2 Christmas nativity performances on **Wednesday 11**th **December at 9:30am and 6:00pm.** Tickets are limited to two per child for each performance. Please note, that if children are attending the evening performance, they will require a tickets unless they are a pre-school child. All the children in school will have seen the nativity performance as they will be attending the dress rehearsal.

Reminder: Parent Governor Nominations:

Any nominations for our two parent governor positions need to be received by **Friday 6th December at 3:00pm.** Parents play a very important role on our Governing Body and are a vital part of our team, helping the school to meet the needs of the children and the community we serve.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs McAleny

Date	Event
Wednesday 4 th December2019	Y2 to visit Heswall Methodist Church
Wednesday 4 th December 2019	F2 to walk to the postbox.
Monday 9 th December 2019	Heswall Round Table Santa's Wagon@6:20pm.
·	Please note children cannot attend this event.
Monday 9 th December 2019	Y3 Singing performance for parents 2:45pm-3:15pm.
Wednesday 11 th December 2019	F2 & KS1 Christmas Performance at 9:30am. Tickets available via Parent Pay.
Wednesday 11 th December 2019	F2 & KS1 Christmas Performance at 6:00pm. Tickets available via Parent Pay.
Thursday 12 th December 2019	School closed due to being used as a polling station for the General Election.
Friday 13 th December 2019	Christmas Lunch day and Christmas Shop day (PTA). Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school with their school uniform.
Monday 16 th December 2019	Breakfast with Santa event (PTA) tickets are available through ParentPay.
Tuesday 17 th December 2019	Christmas Marathon Day- Sponsored event to raise money for school.
Wednesday 18 th December 2019	Christmas Service (KS2) at St Peter's Church @ 7:00pm
Thursday 19 th December 2019	Christmas Cinema Trip to the Light Cinema.
Friday 20 th December 2019	Break up today at 2:30pm.
Monday 6 th January 2020	Inset day- Children not in school
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	Children return to school
Tuesday 21 st January 2020	Lantern making workshop at Heswall Primary School at 3:45pm.
Thursday 23 rd January 2020	Science Under the Stars event at Heswall Primary School 4:00pm-6:00pm
Tuesday 28 th January 2020	Full Governors meeting at 6:00pm.
Thursday 6 th February 2020	Y5 Class assembly at 2:40pm- 3:15pm
Wednesday 12 th February 2020	Parents' Evening- 3:30pm- 7:00pm
Thursday 13 th February 2020	Y6 visit to Crucial Crew (AM)
Thursday 13 th February 2020	Parents' Evening- 3:30pm- 7:00pm
Friday 14 th February 2020	Break up for half term holiday.