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## Newsletter 22- 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Y1 Class assembly



Many thanks to all the parents/grandparents who came along to the Y1 class assembly last week. It was wonderful to see the children sharing their learning with such confidence and enthusiasm especially at such a young age.

### Sporting update: Sports Hall Athletics Event (Y5 & 6)



Our Y5 and Y6 pupils had a wonderful time participating in the sports hall athletics event with Oxton St Saviour's Primary School. There was some excellent performances from both schools on the evening with many children gaining new personal bests. The children participating thoroughly enjoyed the whole event. Many thanks to Mr Roberts and Ms Fletcher for organising the event and to all the parents who came along to watch as well.



### Futsal county finals (Y5 & 6)

Our Y5 & 6 team qualified for the futsal county finals and participated in the tournament on Thursday in Liverpool at Archbishop Beck tennis centre.

The team gave an excellent performance and faced some tough competition. We are very proud of them all for reaching the county finals.

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### **Car Bumper Sticker competition.**

Well done to two of our children who attended Thingwall Primary School on Friday for a special celebration assembly. Georgie (Y3) and Eva (Y2) were invited to attend as their design was selected as one of the winning car bumper sticker designs across all 7 schools.

The overall winner across all 7 schools participating was Georgie in Y3. This is a brilliant achievement and we can't wait to see her design printed professionally onto some car bumper stickers. Many thanks to the Mrs Cronin (Headteacher at Thingwall) for organising the competition and a special thank you to Wirral Together for sponsoring the event. We hope that Georgie's design will really encourage parents to think more carefully about parking with consideration and respect in the local vicinity of the school.

### **Parking incident:**

On the same topic of parking, there was yet again another issue with parking in the locality last week. Please can I ask all parents to ensure that they are parking with care and consideration not only for local residents but also for other parents who are dropping off/collecting their children from school.

### **Coronavirus update for parents:**

As you will be aware, this is a rapidly changing situation and advice from Public Health England and the Department for Education (DfE) is changing all the time.

New Government advice was announced by Boris Johnson last night which now means that:

**If your child shows any symptoms of coronavirus/COVID-19 (a continuous, persistent cough and/or a high temperature above 37.8 degrees or above), then they are to stay at home for 14 days. This applies to all members of the household.**

It is vital that you contact school to inform us of this, as we are able to use the Y code for attendance to indicate that your child is self-isolating and it is therefore due to exceptional circumstances.

Below are some of the preventative measures that we have put in place at Gayton in order to minimise the spread of infection:

- Placing posters up around school regarding coronavirus infection control information.
- Encouraging good hygiene by promoting the importance of handwashing for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap on the following circumstances:
  - On arrival at school.
  - After using the toilet
  - After breaks and sporting activities
  - Before food preparation
  - Before eating any food, including snacks
  - Before leaving school
- Ensuring that all staff and pupils understand that they must cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away and wash their hands.
- Ensuring frequently touched surfaces and door handles etc are cleaned more regularly than usual.



As an important part of our school community, I would ask that you encourage good infection control practices, such as thorough handwashing at home and keep your child informed about the things they can do to discourage the spread of infection. Your child should be washing their hands before they leave home in the morning and when they return home after school.

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I appreciate that some children's hands are very sensitive at the moment due to the increased handwashing regime. Unfortunately, we have to continue with this at the current time but I am happy for you to send in your own soap for your child to use. If you do, please make sure this is labelled.

#### **Changes to published events:**

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, I am going to be limiting the people that are now coming into school and am also going to be cancelling some planned events to prevent large numbers of children or people being together. This is all part of the Government's social distancing strategy.

**Volunteers:** I would like to ask that at the current time, parents do not come into school to volunteer. Please be assured that all volunteers are highly appreciated but at this current time we will only be allowing students, college students and volunteer students.

Below is an overview of the events that are currently affected. These have been highlighted in red on the school calendar:

#### **Class Assemblies (Y3 & 4) – Cancelled**

We have taken the decision to cancel the Y3 and Y4 class assembly for parents. These will be rearranged but at the current time, we are unable to confirm when they will be rearranged to.

#### **Y4- Parents Multiplication workshop: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April @9:05am- Cancelled**



We have taken the decision to cancel this workshop. As a result of this, we will provide all the information for parents in an electronic format.

#### **PTA Events:**

Unfortunately, we are going to be cancelling the Bunny Bingo event which was scheduled for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March as well as the Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020. I fully appreciate that some children and parents will be very disappointed that this decision has been made but again we are minimising social contact with additional adults and pupils.

Kind regards,

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Date	Event
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- (Cancelled by the event organiser)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 3 class assembly 2:40pm-3:15pm – to be rearranged.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Relay race- cross country at 4:15pm – Cancelled by the Wirral Cross country team.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Non-school uniform day- Cancelled
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	PTA -Bunny Bingo at 6:00pm- 7:15pm- Cancelled
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	Multiplication Check workshop for Y4 parents at 9:05am- cancelled information will be sent home via email.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	Sports Hall Athletics- Gayton Vs Oxtown St Saviours (Y3 & 4) Cancelled
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	Y4 class assembly 2:40pm-3:10pm- to be rearranged.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	Easter Egg Hunt- 3:20pm-4:30pm – tickets via Parent Pay – Cancelled.
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 Barnstondale Residential for one night
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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