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Newsletter 13- 11th December 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

Heswall Round Table Carol Wagon

Many thanks to all the parents who came along and joined in with the collection for the Heswall Round Table on Monday evening. Your time, energy and effort was very much appreciated. It was also lovely to see many of our families along the route and the offers of minced pies, cakes and mulled wine was very much appreciated by all the helpers.

Reminder: School closure- Thursday 12th December 2019

Please remember that school is closed on Thursday 12th December 2019 due to the school being used as a polling station. Many apologies for any inconvenience caused by the school closure.

Post box

Huge thanks to Mrs Seaton for lovingly restoring our post box. It is now ready to accept Christmas cards which will be delivered by our Year 6 pupils. It is located in the entrance area to the school so if the children would like to send cards to friends or teachers they just need to post them. Please help by ensuring that all envelopes have the recipient's first name, surname and class clearly written on them.

Parent/Governor nominations:

As previously shared, our school now has two new parent governors (Mrs Boyd and Mr Peters). We are very much looking forward to them playing an active part on our governing board.

Punctuality:

Please can I remind all parents that the school day starts at **8:50am**. All children should be on the playground at this time when the bell is rung. We have a number of families who are late for school on a regular basis. This can have a significant impact on your child's learning. Punctuality is important in the development of self-discipline and positive work habits and ensures that your child does not miss valuable learning time or input from the class teacher. I will be contacting all the families where punctuality is a problem to look at how we can work together to improve this for your child/ren. All children should be in school for 8:50am and our registers close at 8:55am. If your child arrives late, you will need to personally sign them in as late in the reception area.

Christmas jumper day & Elf shop

On Friday 13th December the children can come to school dressed in their school uniform with a Christmas jumper. On this day the children will be having their Christmas dinner/lunch and the PTA will also be running the Elf shop. If your child wishes to participate in the Christmas shop this needs to be paid for via Parent Pay.

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

We would like, if possible, all our KS2 pupils to join us for our Christmas Service at St Peter's Church on Wednesday 18th December at 7:00pm. The children should arrive at the church for 6:40pm, wearing their school uniform. There will be a collection, which will be split between St Peter's Church and Claire House. Please remember that the church can get very busy so please allow enough time to get the children into church on time.

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Reminder: 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.

Homework:

Your child will not receive any further homework this term in regards to reading, spelling or mathematics. Y1 and Y2 children can bring in their homework by **Friday 20th December**. However, I will be sending out details of two tasks which are optional for the children to complete over the Christmas holiday. Homework will resume week commencing 13th January 2019.

The first optional activity is the '**Wirral Young Writers**' 200 word story competition. This is open to children in Years 2-6. All entries have to be submitted by **Thursday 9th January 2020**. Further details will be sent out via email.

The second activity is the **Wirral School Games Cultural Competition**. The children have the opportunity to design a postcard which will be awarded to pupils at the School Games events and competitions. The theme for the postcard should be based on the 6 'Spirit of the Games' values: Honesty, Self-Belief, Respect, Determination, Passion & Teamwork. This is open to pupils in Year 1- Year 6 and all entries have to be received by **Thursday 23rd January 2020**. Further information will be sent out today via email to parents.

Sponsored Christmas Seven Marathons Day:

As previously advertised, the PTA are running a Sponsored Christmas Marathon day on Tuesday 17th December to raise money for school. All the children can come to school on this day wearing their tracksuits and can dress up in Christmas hats/reindeer ears etc. We will be starting the event with our Year 6 pupils and then working our way through the school. Parents are very welcome to come and join us, if you would like to, when your child is running the sponsored marathon. Entry and exit will be via the gate on the playground.

The timings for the day are outlined below:

Y6- 9:00am- 9:45am Y5-9:45am-10:30am Y4:10:45am-11:30am Y3: 11:30am-12:05pm.

Y2- 1:15pm-1:45pm Y1- 1:45pm- 2:15pm F2- 2:15pm- 2:45pm

In the afternoon, our KS2 children will be visiting the church for their final rehearsal for the Christmas Performance as unfortunately, the church were unable to accommodate us on the Monday afternoon as previously shared. It will therefore be vital the KS2 children run in the morning session. Parents, who are very kindly joining in with the running, are very welcome to come and join us from 2:45pm onwards.

Last day of term:

Please remember that school closes at 2:30pm on the last day of term- Friday 20th December 2019. On the last day the children may bring a non-electronic toy or game into school. Please remember to try and label your child's toy(s) to ensure that they can be returned safely.

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Date	Event
Wednesday 11 th December 2019	F2 & KS1 Christmas Performance at 6:00pm.
Thursday 12th 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)
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Friday 14 th February 2020	Break up for half term holiday.

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