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Newsletter 7th February 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Children's Mental Health Week

This week is Children's mental health week. Miss Hudson launched the theme of this year's week with all the children in an assembly on Monday alongside our mental health practitioner Michelle Williams. The theme of this year's event is: **'Let's Connect'**. Connections are vital to our wellbeing and mental health.



Connections are all about the healthy relationships that are built with others, whether that is a friend, a family member or members of a group you belong to. Feeling like you belong, can promote a positive self-worth and is excellent for wellbeing and self-esteem. Having people to connect to can help you with emotional support and you can also help to support them too.

PTA Disco: Thursday 9th February 2023.

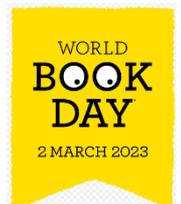


The PTA disco will be taking place on **Thursday 9th February 2023** after school from 3:20pm- 4:45pm. Tickets cost £4.00 and can be purchased via Parent Pay. All tickets must be purchased by 7:00pm on Wednesday 8th February 2023. The children can bring a change of clothes with them to school and we will give them time to get changed before the disco. Parents can collect from the school hall from 4:45pm. We will have a one-way system in place so that you leave via the Y5/6 door to prevent congestion. If you have a pushchair/buggy, please wait until the end and then you can leave via the main entrance so you don't have to negotiate the steps on the way out.

Safer Internet Day: Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place on the 7th of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'**.

World Book Day:

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Tuesday 2nd March 2023. We will not be asking children to dress up for World Book day, but have planned a variety of activities across the school based on the same book.



AmaSing Event

Three of our children attended an AmaSing event at the end of January in order to work with other Wirral Primary Schools to write a song alongside professional musicians at the Hive. We can't wait to hear the final version and will share further details about how this song will be shared in the summer term.



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Punctuality:

Please can we remind all parents that children should be in school by **8:50am**. It is vital that your child is in school by this time, so that they can be present for registration and have time to settle into class before lessons commence. Teachers also use this time to set activities before school starts so it really is vital that your child is on time to help them maximise their learning as well.

Holidays in term time:

Please can we remind all parents that children should not be taken out of school for holidays in term time unless due to truly exceptional circumstances. It is very rare that any holiday would be authorised. Good attendance is key to children making good progress and taking time out to go on holiday can significantly hamper progress. We are seeing an increase in the number of holiday requests and would urge parents to consider the impact of this on your child’s learning. If your child’s attendance is below 90%, they are classed as persistently absent from school. We will contact you to discuss this and put in any additional support needed. Persistent absence can also result in a fixed fine.

Year 4 class assembly:

The Y4 class assembly will take place on **Tuesday 14th February at 9:05am**. We look forward to welcoming parents/grandparents into school on this morning. Parents/grandparents can enter school from the main entrance from around 8:55am.

Year 4 times table workshop for parents and children:



All Year 4 children have to sit a statutory times table assessment in the summer term. This assessment takes places online and is a timed assessment. Y4 parents can find out more about the Y4 times table assessment by attending the parent/child workshop, which will take place on: **Monday 6th March 2023 at 9:00am**. This will be led by Miss Sothern (maths leader).

Reminder: Parents’ Evening:

Parents’ Evening will take place on **Wednesday 15th February 2023 and Thursday 16th February 2023** from 3:40pm- 7:00pm. This will take place face to face. You will be able to book an appointment via Eschools from Wednesday 8th February 2023. Please ensure you have your details to log in to the system to book an appointment. If you need any support with this, please contact the school office.



Family Toolbox

Being a parent/carer is both rewarding and tiring and we often need to be reminded to look after ourselves as well. For further advice on a wide range of topics, please visit the Family Toolbox website.



OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We are having a loose parts drive to support the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary programme at our school. Loose parts are open-ended materials that our children can use during outdoor play times. This time we are looking for any of the following items:

Kitchen items:

- Wooden bowls/wooden utensils/metal utensils
- Metal pot and pans/whisks/ cake or jelly moulds



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- Ice cube trays/plastic bowls or utensils/ funnels/ plastic measuring cups or scales.
- Basters

Digging Area:

- Spades/rakes
- Trowels
- Buckets
- Large Cars/Truck

If you have any of these items to donate, please drop them off at the school office or pass them to your child to bring to school. We would be very grateful for your support.

OPAL after school club (F2- Y6)

Now that the evenings are starting to become a little lighter, we will be starting our OPAL (Outdoor play and learning club) again on a Monday after school. The club is open to all children in F2- Year 6 and will take place on the following Mondays:

Monday 27th February 2023.

Monday 6th March 2023

Monday 13th March 2023

Monday 20th March 2023

Monday 27th March 2023

The club will cost **£15.00** in total for the 5 weeks (£3.00 per week). Registration and payment should be made via parent pay.

All profits from the club are invested directly back into our OPAL developments in school so will benefit all our pupils.

School Uniform:

Please can we remind all parents/carers that children should be wearing a brown jumper or cardigan to school. Grey cardigans or jumpers are not part of our school uniform.

Bracelets/wristbands and necklaces should not be worn and stud earrings only are permitted.

Christopher Salmon Poetry Competition:

Entries for the Christopher Salmon Poetry competition are now open. This year the theme of the competition is 'sunshine'. We have sent home information via email about the competition. Parents can submit their child's own entry via this link: <https://form.jotform.com/223383902588363>



Alternatively, your child can submit their entry to school on the paper form (available via email or paper copies are available in your child's class) and hand it into school by **Friday 24th March 2023**.

Half term holiday clubs:

There are 2 clubs available at half term being run at Gayton Primary School. Please contact the providers directly in order to book on:

Little Musketeers Holiday Camp – Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st February 2023. Club is being run by Barry Rylance: 07908154958 or email: barry@littlemusketeers.com

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SFA Holiday camp- Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th February 2023. Club is being run by Iain Colligan. 07708503026

Communication with teachers:

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, you will be able to see them at the gates at the end of the school day. If not, you can email the school office via: schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk and the teacher will get back to you as soon as possible. Please remember that teachers are teaching all day and it may not be possible for them to call you back until the end of the school day.

Labelling of clothing:

At the end of the autumn term, we again had a lot of lost property which was unclaimed and this has now been washed and donated to Wirral FUSS/FUPS. Please can I urge parents to ensure that you take the time to label your child's clothing. We will always reunite your child with their clothing, if it is labelled, but we are unable to do this when large amounts of uniform are unlabelled.



Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,

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Key Dates:

Date	Event
Wednesday 8 th February 2023	Friendly football match after school- Gayton v St Peter's.
Thursday 9 th February 2023	PTA disco 3:25pm- 4:45pm.
Tuesday 14 th February 2023	Y4 Class assembly at 9:05am. Parents welcome to attend.
Wednesday 15 th February 2023 & Thursday 16 th February 2023.	Parents' evening. Bookings via ESchools. Meetings will take place face to face.
Friday 17 th February 2023	Break up today for half term holiday. PTA non- school uniform day- donation via Parent Pay.
Monday 27 th February 2023	Children return to school
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day- activities in school. No costumes required.
Monday 6 th March 2023	Times table workshop for Y4 parents and children @9:00am in the school hall.
Friday 10 th March 2023	Y4 trip to Chester.
Tuesday 14 th March 2023	Year 3 class assembly at 9:05am. Parents welcome to attend.
Wednesday 15 th March 2023 – Friday 17 th March	Y6 Robinwood Residential
Thursday 16 th March 2023	Local Governing board meeting at 6:00pm.
Friday 17 th March 2023	Red Nose Day 2023
Friday 24 th March 2023	Year 2 visit to Port Sunlight.
Friday 24 th March 2023	Closing date for paper entries of the Christopher Salmon competition.
Thursday 30 th March 2023	PTA Easter Chocolate Bingo at 6:00pm.
Friday 31 st March 2023	Break up today for spring break at 2:30pm.

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