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Newsletter 16- Wednesday 29th June 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Year 6 Leavers' assembly



Our Year 6 leavers' assembly will be taking place on Friday 15th July at 1:45pm. We are looking forward to welcoming Y6 parents along for this event.

Travelling suitcase:

Our Year 3 children have produced this beautiful handkerchief to add to the travelling suitcase which is visiting 20 Wirral schools this half term. The handkerchief will be joined up to create a welcome banner at the Heart 4 Refugees headquarters at Rock Ferry. Many thanks to Neil Sledge and the Wirral Deen Centre for organising this as we think this will be a lovely way to welcome sanctuary seekers into the Wirral.



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Sports Day

Huge thanks to all our parents/carers who came along to support the children at sports day. It was a very successful event and the children all had a great time. We really appreciated everyone's support with encouraging the children during the different races and we know how much this helped the children. Many thanks to Mrs Travers for organising the event and to all the staff for helping to set up and supervise the children during the event.



Jubilee Fun Celebration afternoon

Many thanks to the PTA for organising our jubilee fun celebration afternoon. The last two years have been very difficult and our children have missed out on so many different experiences so this was a great way to bring the whole school community together. Our Year 5 & 6 children did a wonderful job running some of the stalls and we are very grateful to all the parents who gave up their time to volunteer and help clear up as well.



Music performance assembly

We are hosting a music performance assembly for the children who currently have peripatetic lessons through Tafel Musik. Parents of children, who have music lessons, are invited to attend for the assembly which will start at 11:00am on Friday 8th July 2022. Please remember for some of the children this will be the very first time they have performed in front of an audience so we may have some very nervous children, but this will be a great experience for them.

New intake meeting for parents- Thursday 23rd June 2022.

It was lovely to welcome lots of our new intake parents on the evening of Thursday 23rd June 2022. We look forward to welcoming families into school on Wednesday 6th July 2022 for a stay and play session. If your child is in Group A parents and children are invited to attend from 9:00am-10:15am. Group B parents and children are invited to attend from 2:00pm- 3:15pm.



If you were unable to attend the meeting, please remember to collect your new intake pack from the school office and also please book in for your parent/carer session with Mrs Such on either Friday 9th September from 1:00pm- 4:30pm or Monday 12th September from 1:00pm – 4:30pm. We have also sent a copy of the powerpoint to all parents and placed all other documents from the new intake pack onto our school website under the 'New intake 2022-2023' section.

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Football: Semi- final of the Houlihan cup

Well done to our Year 6 football team who won 4-1 against Raeburn Primary in the semi-final of the Houlihan cup. Our team are now through to the final and we are awaiting to find out the date. Many thanks to Steve Baxter for coaching the team.



Cricket success:

Well done to our Year 6 cricketers who have got through to the County Final. They demonstrated great team spirit and friendship as well. We wish them lots of success in the final to be played on Wednesday 13th July 2022.



Before and after school clubs:

Please remember that clubs finish week commencing 4th July 2022. The only club that will continue on the 15th July is SFA's multi-skills club for F2- Y2 pupils.

Road Safety:

Wirral Council have launched a new road safety campaign to highlight the issues of safe parking around schools. The campaign theme is 'Park elsewhere, show you care'. Dangerous and inconsiderate parking is an increasing problem for most schools, putting the safety of pupils and others at risk. Please can all parents ensure that they demonstrate that they care about ALL our children and please don't park inconsiderately in the local area.



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We are sending home today a newsletter from Emma Morris, our active travel officer, who has been working closely with us since March.

Summer Reading Challenge 2022:

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading 'dip'.

Each year the Challenge, delivered with the support of public libraries, motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence. By encouraging our pupils to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, we can:

- Enhance and support its reading initiatives and involve parents and the wider community
- Celebrate the joy of reading whilst ensuring all children are able to read well by the age of 11
- Continue to support pupils' learning during the holidays
- Help to prevent the trend for children's reading skills to dip over the holidays

You can find additional information and free resources to support children's reading for pleasure in the Summer Reading Challenge School Zone: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/school-zone-src



Holidays in term time

We have seen a significant increase in the number of parents requesting holidays for children in term time. Please can we remind all parents that holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless due to very exceptional circumstances. Children miss valuable learning time when they are not present in school. If you are considering taking your child out of school for a holiday, please ensure that you complete the holiday request form which is available on our school website.

The DFE are currently considering making it compulsory for schools to fine parents for holidays during term time. We are awaiting further guidelines on this and will share with parents as soon as we can.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. McAleny".

Mrs McAleny

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Key Dates:

Date	Event
Tuesday 5 th July 2022	KS2 SATs results available for Y6 pupils.
Wednesday 6 th July 2022	Wirral Y6 induction day- all Y6 children attending a Wirral primary school will be visiting their secondary school on this day. Details for this will be provided by the secondary schools. Whole school transition day – All children to meet their new teacher on this day. New F2 children and parents- ‘Stay and play sessions’ Group A- 9:00am- 10:15am Group B- 2:00pm- 3:15pm
Thursday 7 th July 2022	Neston High school induction day
Thursday 7 th July 2022	Y6 Prom
Friday 8 th July 2022	Music assembly at 11:00am for children who currently have music lessons in school.
Monday 11 th July 2022	Book Sale in school today- further details to follow.
Week commencing Monday 11 th July	Annual reports to be sent to parents this week.
Tuesday 12 th July 2022	Full Governing Board meeting at 6:00pm
Thursday 14 th July 2022	Whole school Quidditch day (PE) Children will need to wear PE kit on this day.
Friday 15 th July 2022	Y6 leavers’ assembly at 1:45pm
Monday 18 th July 2022	Break up today for the summer break at 2:30pm.
Tuesday 19 th July 2022	Inset day- school closed.
Thursday 1 st September 2022	Inset day- school closed
Friday 2 nd September 2022	Inset day- school closed
Monday 5 th September 2022	Children return to school following the summer break.

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