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Newsletter 1st March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Spring 2nd half term.

Reminder: 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 place 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). We understand that not all parents will be able to attend due to other commitments so will send out information to parents who are unable to attend.

Parents' Evening:

Many thanks to everyone for attending parents' evening. After a few years of restrictions (due to covid), it is always lovely to welcome parents into school so that you can meet with teachers and also see your child's books and the outcomes from all their hard work. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school office to schedule an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Parking concerns in the local area:

The parking situation around school continues to concern me. Despite requests and communication sent to parents, we still have a number of parents who are not considering the safety of **all our children and families** and continue to park or drive in an inconsiderate way in the local area. This includes: stopping to drop children off in the bus stop, parking opposite school and parking on double yellow lines further down Gayton Road.



We have been working closely with an Active Travel Officer from Wirral Borough Council and they have visited school in order to observe the traffic issues themselves. We are waiting for feedback from the council regarding any further suggestions that can be put in place to support the issue in the local area. However, we continue to work towards the Modeshift STARS National Accreditation programme and hope that we will be able to influence behaviour change amongst our school community with regards to parking.

In the meantime, I would urge parents to really consider where they are parking and think about the safety of all our children and families. Thank you to all our families that already do this on a daily basis, your cooperation with this matter is very much appreciated.

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Sporting Events:

Ten Pin Bowling event:

A wonderful time was had by all at Riverside Bowl, where some of our children had the opportunity to participate in the Panathlon tenpin bowling event. All of the children set a wonderful example for our school.



Football competition

Our Y5/6 girls' team are through to the Merseyside Finals. This event will take place on Thursday 9th March 2023. Huge thanks to Mr Blackie for all his coaching. The team are so excited to be representing Wirral in the Merseyside Finals. We wish them lots of luck for the final!



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Y5/6 Friendly against St Peters' Heswall.

Our Y5/6 girls' football team enjoyed playing a friendly against St Peters' Heswall. Our team performed exceptionally well with the final result being 5-0 to Gayton. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to everyone who came along to support them.



Upcoming sporting events:



Cross Country is taking place at Arrowe Park for pupils in Year 4- Year 6 at **4:15pm on Thursday 2nd March 2023**. If your child is planning on running, please complete the Google form so we can ensure they are given a race vest on the day of the event. The Google form has been sent to all Y4-Y6 parents already. If you are having any problems accessing this, please contact the school office.

Cross country will also take place on **Thursday 16th March 2023**. This race will take place at Birkenhead Park. We will send out a Google form closer to the time so that parents can register their child for this event. Please note that Y6 children will not be able to attend as they will be on Residential at Robinwood.

Leavers' Assembly- Year 6.



Save the date: We look forward to welcoming Year 6 parents/carers to school for our Year 6 leavers' assembly which will take place on **Wednesday 19th July at 1:45pm**.

Reading volunteers:

We are looking for parental reading volunteers who are able to volunteer time on a weekly basis to read with identified children from across the school.



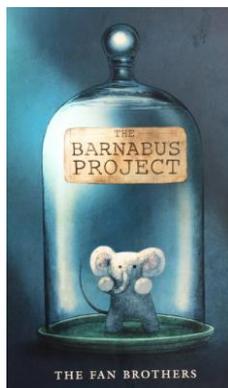
Training will be provided by our English leader, Miss Nederlof, with regards to how best to support children when reading with them and this will include phonics training so that you are aware of how we teach phonics in school. If you are able to support, please contact the school office by Friday 3rd March 2023. All volunteers will need to have a DBS check in place before you can volunteer in school.

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World Book Day- World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 2nd March 2023**. Across the whole school, we will be focusing on this wonderful book- 'The Barnabus Project'. The story has a great message about working together to achieve the impossible and the importance of loving yourself for who you truly are. We are really looking forward to sharing this book across the school and staff have planned lots of activities linked to the book.



Reminder: Year 3 class assembly

Parents/carers and grandparents are welcome to attend the Year 3 class assembly scheduled for **Tuesday 14th March at 9:05am**. Parents/ carers will be able to enter school via the main entrance from 8:55am.



Punctuality:

All 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.

PTA Donations:

Gayton Primary PTA is a registered charity (1168184). We would be very grateful for any donation big or small. Every little helps towards buying great things for our lovely children.

Charities are eligible for Gift Aid on any donation made. Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows charities to reclaim tax already paid on donations they receive. Signing up means that for every £1 you donate, we will receive an extra 25p back from HM Customs & Revenue. Therefore, a donation of £100 would be worth £125 to the PTA.

You can make a donation to Gayton Primary PTA [here](#).

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SEND Event- This event is open to all parents & carers of Wirral SEND children and young people.



The flyer is purple with the word 'SEND' written vertically on the left in large, colorful letters (S: blue, E: yellow, N: purple, D: green). At the top right is the Hilbre High School crest featuring a bird and the motto 'HILBRE HIGH SCHOOL' and 'INTEGRITY LEADERSHIP BOLDNESS RESILIENCE'. The text in the center reads: 'An informal information sharing session. ALL Parents & Carers of Wirral SEND children & young people welcome. No need to book. Tuesday 7th March 2023 3.45-5.45pm Hilbre High School, Frankby Road, West Kirby, CH48 6EQ'. At the bottom left is the 'Local Offer Wirral' logo.

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.



Koala North West

Koala North West is a free service available to families in the North West. Below is some information about the aims and values of the their support. Further information can be found at: <https://koalanw.co.uk/>

- **TAILORING SUPPORT....All families are different. Every family receives support designed to be most beneficial to them.**
- **NURTURING POSITIVE WELLBEING....We are committed to improving the emotional, mental and physical wellbeing of children and their care-givers.**
- **AMBITION....We want our families to thrive; we believe in offering opportunities that help children and families realise their own ambitions and succeed.**
- **REDUCING ISOLATION....In an increasingly digital age, we want to ensure that families still feel part of a strong, welcoming community, who support one another and ensure they are happy, resilient and thriving.**

Parents can refer themselves to this service via: 0151 608 8288 or by emailing: admin@koalanw.co.uk

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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
- 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.



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.

Wirral FUSS & FUPS



FREE UNIFORM GIVEAWAY DAY

APRIL 2nd 2022 10-12.30pm

The Beacon Coffee Shop 81 Telegraph Road Heswall CH60 0AE

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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**.

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.

Contacting the school office via email:

Please be reminded that emails should be sent to schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk

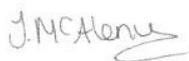
Please note that the Admin email address is no longer in use. Any messages sent to that address will not be delivered and will generate a failure notification.

Labelling of clothing:

At the end of the spring 1st half term, we again had a lot of unclaimed lost property 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
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day- activities in school. No costumes required.
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	Cross Country (Y4-Y6) @ Arrowe Park. Please complete the Google form to register your child for the event.
Monday 6 th March 2023	Times table workshop for Y4 parents and children @9:00am in the school hall.
Wednesday 8 th March 2023	Benji (therapy dog) to visit school.
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.
Thursday 16 th March 2023	Cross country at Birkenhead Park (Y4-Y6)
Friday 17 th March 2023	Red Nose Day 2023
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Benji (therapy dog) to visit school.
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Judo Education assembly for KS2 pupils.
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.
Friday 24 th March 2023	Gayton v Rock Ferry Primary (Y5 & Y6 Girls' team)
Thursday 30 th March 2023	PTA Easter Chocolate Bingo at 6:00pm.
Thursday 30 th March 2023	Cross Country at Oxton Fields (Team to be selected not open to all pupils).
Friday 31 st March 2023	Break up today for spring break at 2:30pm.
Sunday April 2 nd 2023	Free Uniform Giveaway Day- 10:00am-12:30pm The Beacon Coffee Shop, 81 Telegraph Road, Heswall
Monday 17 th April 2023	Back to school today
Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Benji (therapy dog) visiting school.
Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Local Governing board- finance training at 6pm.
Monday 1 st May 2023	Bank Holiday- school closed.
Thursday 4 th May 2023	Inset day – polling day (school closed)
Monday 8 th May 2023	Additional Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 9 th May 2023- Friday 12 th May 2023	KS2 SAT tests.
Monday 15 th May 2023	PTA film club – 3:20pm- 5:00pm.
Friday 19 th May 2023	Class photographs- Rourke.
Thursday 25 th May 2023	Local Governing Board meeting @6pm.
Friday 26 th May 2023	Break up today for half term holiday at 2:30pm.

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Cheshire U16's CUP FINAL DAY

Come down and support the next generation of talent in Cheshire at the under 16's Cheshire Cup Finals day.

Sunday 12th March
1st match KO 10.45am



Anselmians U16's will be in action!

SHIELD FINAL		
HOYLAKE	V	CREWE AND NANTWICH
PITCH 2	KO 10.45	EST FINISH 12.15

PLATE FINAL		
KNUTSFORD	V	CALDY
PITCH 1	KO 11.15	EST FINISH 12.45

BOWL FINAL		
STOCKPORT	V	WINNINGTON PARK
PITCH 2	KO 14.30	EST FINISH 16.00

FINAL		
ANSELMIAN'S	V	LYMM
PITCH 1	KO 15.00	EST FINISH 16.30

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