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Dear Parents & Carers,

Reminder: Parents' Curriculum Information evening- Wednesday 2nd October 2019

Our Parent's Curriculum information evening is taking place tomorrow on **Wednesday 2nd October 2019**. There will be a presentation in the hall at **5:00pm**. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher whilst they deliver a presentation based on the curriculum for their specific year group. Sessions will run at **5:30pm-6:00pm** and then **6:05pm-6:35pm**. Please do come along if you are able to do so as important information will be shared and it will be a great opportunity to find out about the curriculum for your child.

Standards of presentation and handwriting:

We are currently working on improving standards of presentation across the school as it is evident that this is an area for us to improve on. Gayton has not previously had a handwriting scheme in place; lots of the children are not consistently joining or presenting their work to the best of their ability. We now have a handwriting scheme and this is being taught across the school. We are also launching a presentation policy as well so that children are clear about the expectations for presenting their work.

It will take time for the handwriting scheme to embed but I have no doubt that it will lead to improvements in presentation and handwriting. You can find out more about the Letter Join scheme on Wednesday evening at the curriculum session. Whilst we are establishing a new scheme, all of our children are currently now presenting their work in pencil. Teachers will make a decision, when they feel that an individual child is ready to move onto pen, if they are securing their joins and applying their handwriting consistently across the curriculum.

I appreciate that some parents may have concerns regarding the fact that their child has been moved onto pencil but this is part of a whole school improvement journey and needs to happen in order to secure the best educational outcomes for our pupils. There will be some children who will very quickly move back onto pen whilst for other children it may take them longer to secure their handwriting or work on aspects of their presentation.

Aldi Sticker Collection

Thanks to everyone who has been sending the Aldi vouchers into school - we are certainly filling up our chart! Please keep sending them into school.

Bikeability- Year 5

Despite the weather, our Y5 children thoroughly enjoyed their session with Bike Right on Friday 27th September. Their second session will take place on Friday 4th October. However, due to the inclement weather, the children will need to undertake a third session in order to ensure they have covered all the content. Therefore, the 3rd session will take place on Friday 25th October 2019.

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Creative writing opportunities:

On Thursday 26th September author Charlie Lea came to school and gave an assembly to Years 3-6 on creative writing and about his workshops which take place at West Kirby Library and the Williamson Art Gallery.

The workshops are run during term time and children learn how to write amazing stories on a different theme each half term.

Charlie is offering a free one session taster for children to come to one of his workshops.

For more information about the offer and the courses please see the poster below and email him at charles@readnowwritenow.org.uk



Eco- Councillors

Well done to our Eco-Councillors who have been elected by their classes. Mrs Hulley will be leading the Eco-team in school and they will be working towards our reapplication of our Green Flag award amongst many other things!

Communication with parents

I have received some feedback from a couple of parents that they are struggling to receive the email communication to their inbox. Last week, we sent home individual letters to all families providing you with details regarding downloading the ESchools app. This will enable messages to be delivered straight to your phone and will hopefully help to improve communication further. On Tuesday 8th October you will be able to sign up for a parents' evening slot via the ESchools app. We have delayed launching the parents' evening booking system for a week to provide time for parents to download the app.

Parents' evening is taking place on the following dates:

Wednesday 23rd October 2019 3:30pm-7:00pm

Thursday 24th October 2019 3:30pm-7:00pm

If you are experiencing any problems with either receiving the emails or downloading the app, please do speak to Mrs Longworth (in the office) as she will be able to support you with this.

Summer Reading Challenge- Wirral Libraries

Well done to all the children who participated in the summer reading challenge! Certificates will be given out shortly to all the children in assembly. We are really delighted with the number of children who have participated and I am very grateful to parents for encouraging your child to participate. Encouraging a love of reading really is the greatest gift you can give your child and helps them develop and make progress across the curriculum now and in the future.

Reminder: PTA AGM event.

Please do come along to the PTA AGM meeting on Wednesday 16th October at 7:15pm.



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School Car Park

Please can we remind all parents to make sure that you closely supervise your child when dropping off and collecting them from S4YC. I have seen lots of children and parents walking on the grass verges, which helps, but ultimately the children do need to walk through the car park which is always busy before and after school so please just make sure you are closely supervising them. Please can I remind all parents that you shouldn't be using the school car park in order to drop off and collect children from S4YC.

Moon Camp Community Day

Wirral Borough Council, in conjunction with Hi-impact consultancy, invite you to attend 'Mooncamp- Community Day on October 5th 2019. The community day aims to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing with Science and Technology activities, crafts, music, performances and presentations as well as food and music. Activities are aimed at primary school children but bring along friends and family to join in too!

Where; **Thurstaton Common**

When: **October 5th 2019**

Time: **11:00am onwards- 4:00pm**

Kind regards

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