



Dear Parents,

3rd June 2024

Overall, last half term was very successful. Year 4 enjoyed their residential stay at Kingswood, the whole school participated in Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds Day and our fantastic Year 6 pupils demonstrated their resilience during the very challenging SATs. The only disappointment was the postponement of Sports Day. According to the Financial Times, Britain has had the wettest 18 months since records began in 1836, so it was no surprise that the weather was against us. At least we have time to reschedule it during our last half term of the year.

General Messages

Website

After some issues with domain changes, our new website will launch this Wednesday. Some pages still need updating (and will be completed during the summer) but we hope you find the layout more accessible than the previous design.

Uniform

With the warmer weather comes the change to our summer uniform. If your child is wearing their PE tracksuit for a PE day, they are allowed to wear plain black shorts but please ensure that these are appropriate length and style for school. Pupils can also bring in sun cream so that they can apply this at breaks and lunch time. This should be clearly labelled with their name and handed to their teacher. A full water bottle is essential at this time of the year; all pupils have frequent access to their drinks, which are located by the sink area of their classrooms. We have also had some safeguarding concerns regarding smart watches. Smart watches will be taken from pupils if they are brought into school.

Holiday Club

We intend to run our holiday club throughout the summer holidays in order to support our families with childcare. Details for the club will be sent shortly. We have managed to gain funding for two of the weeks during the holidays to assist disadvantaged families with childcare support. We will contact these families next week.

Class Teachers

As communicated previously, Mrs Swift and Mrs Reese are moving on to pastures new from September. During the week before half term, we were busy recruiting and we are very pleased to announce that Miss Davin, who has two years' experience working at Barnston Primary, and Miss McAllister, who I know through my work at Liverpool John Moores University, will be joining our team from September.

Due to personal reasons, Mrs Crosthwaite will not be at school for the remainder of the academic year. Mrs Smith will work full-time in Year 1 and Miss Haworth will job-share with Mrs Gawne in Year 5.

Transition

With our recruitment process coming to an end, we will now begin to look at our transition arrangements. Wirral's transition day is Wednesday 3rd July, therefore this will be the day that your children meet their new teacher for the morning. You will be notified of your child's new teacher on Monday 17th June. Our Meet the Teacher meetings will take place on Wednesday 26th June. There will be 2 meetings per class, one at 3.40 and the next at 4.15. We will identify any pupils that would benefit from enhanced transition and ensure that they have frequent opportunities to interact with their teacher and new environment throughout this half term.

Structure

We will be structuring our week slightly differently next year. Children will be taught by their normal class teacher for 4 days per week, however the 5th day will be taught by subject specific teachers, for example Mr Johnson for PE and Mrs Crosthwaite for Music. Our rationale for this is that it will ensure that subjects such as Computing, PSHE, PE and Music are taught by teachers with strong subject knowledge and will therefore continue to develop the outstanding education that our children receive. Normal class teachers will still be on site during this day but will have PPA time and complete their own subject related activities. With this in mind, we have recruited Miss McKay to teach computing across the school, and Mrs Mallon, who will be teaching Spanish in Key Stage 2.

PE Days

Nursery and F1	Friday
F2	Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3	Monday and Tuesday
Year 4	Monday and Thursday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday and Friday

Events - Key Dates

3rd June – Break the Rules Day

Please see the PTA poster, which was sent out last half term

5th – 7th June – Y6 PGL Residential

7th June – Frozen Fridays begin!

10th June – F1 and F2 Forest schools begins

10th June – New to F2 welcome meeting

Week beginning 10th June – F1 settling in sessions after school (letter has been sent to parents)

Week beginning 10th June – Y1 phonics tests, Y2 SATs and Y4 Multiplication Check

13th June – EYFS Sports day (pm)

14th July – KS2 Sports Day (am) and Ks1 Sports Day (pm)

19th June – Wirral SENDLo Live at Poulton Lancelyn

21st June – INSET Day – School Closed

26th June – Meet the Teacher Meetings

26th June – Bmastered Music Festival

27th June – Oak Trees MAT Diversity Day

27th June – PTA Summer Discos

28th June – Parent Forum

Week beginning 1st July - Neurodiversity week

3rd July – Transition morning

4th July – MAT Sports festival (for selected children only)

5th July – End of Year reports out

5th July – Bike It Breakfast and bring your bike day

7th July – Litter Pick

11th July – Red Cross Clothes Drive

16th July – Y6 End of year performance (letter will be sent shortly)

19th July – House winner non-uniform day

22nd July – Curriculum afternoon

22nd July – Big Friend Little Friend Day

23rd July – Y6 Leavers assembly

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Milne
Headteacher