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Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, we would like to thank everyone who helped us to raise £154.25 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Not only was it wonderful to raise money for a cause close to many of our hearts, but it was great to catch up with parents too.

Moving forwards, we would like to set up a termly 'coffee and chat' session. The purpose is to give you as parents and carers a relaxed and informal opportunity to discuss school life and share information. To help us plan these effectively, please follow the link to share your ideas. <https://forms.gle/6RMbUiGGzPrhXdVA>

Please note, these meetings are different to Governor meetings which focus on the strategic development of the school and FOG (PTA) meetings which focus on fundraising.

We believe that it is essential to develop strong partnerships with home if our children are to achieve their full potential. Parents and schools working as partners can only increase pupil achievement and help to develop positive attitudes about self and school. With this in mind, the first Parents' Meetings of this academic year will take place on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October 2023. These 10-minute appointments will take place in person and will enable parents to meet their children's teachers and see how the children have settled into their new classes.

The following procedures will be in place to support them run smoothly and keep everyone safe:

- **No** children should attend
- Appointments will be no more than 10 minutes
- Enter/leave the building through the main entrance
- Arrive no more than 5 minutes before your appointment
- Please leave the building promptly after the meeting

The electronic appointment booking link will go live on Arbor at 3pm on Tuesday 10th October 2023 and will close on Monday 16th October at 12 noon. Please try to book your appointment early to ensure you get the best time for you.

During parents' evening (Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October) between 3:30 and 6:00pm Mrs Higgerson (SENCo) will be available in her office for 'drop-in sessions'. You do not need to make an appointment to see her, but she will be available if you have any queries related to your child's additional needs. I will also be available for any queries or questions.

REMINDER Year 6 transition to Secondary School September 2024 (Current Y6 children)

The deadline for applications is 31st October 2023, and allocation day will be 1st March 2024. This year you can put up to five schools in the order of your preference. It is always advisable to put more than one school in case you are not allocated your first choice. If you have requested that your child be assessed for entry to grammar school you must apply by 31st October 2023 naming grammar schools AND non-selective schools as preferences – use all 5 preferences in order of preference. If your child does not reach the standard, then the grammar preferences will be withdrawn and the non-selective schools named will automatically become your highest preferences. Please apply online at www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions. If you need any help with the process please get in touch before half term.

Photographs

Time to practice that smile! The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 10th October 2023 for individual and sibling photographs. Children who would normally come to school in their PE Kits on a Tuesday should wear school uniform and trainers/pumps please.

Harvest Festival Reminder

This year we will be supporting Wirral Foodbank's Harvest Appeal.

Since they opened 12 years ago, the generosity of Wirral people has given the Foodbank enough food to feed 130,000 people in Wirral who have found themselves in difficult situations – including 44,000 hungry children!

If you would like to make a donation, please bring it in on the morning of Monday 9th October when the children will be taking part in a whole school assembly led by Year 3/4. Wirral Foodbank will collect the donations after the assembly.

We are grateful for your continued support, especially during this difficult time for all.

Parents of children in Year 3 and 4 are invited in to watch the assembly at 2:30pm on Monday 9th October 2023.

HARVEST LIST 2023

- * Tinned Potatoes
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Tinned Tuna
- * Tinned Vegetables
- * Coffee (small)
- * Rice Pudding
- * Custard
- * Biscuits
- * Cereal

***We have plenty of BEANS
& PASTA Thank You!***

Charity No: 1167967

Measles/MMR

Schools have been asked to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

Over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles. With millions of children across the country now back in school, NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country.

Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella.

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

Key Dates for 2023-24

Please check the school website calendar for any updates as dates/events may need to change.

October 2023	
w/c 9.10.23	Y5 and Y6 non swimmers
9.10.23	2:30pm Harvest assembly for Y3/4 Parents
10.10.23	Individual Photographs
11.10.23	F2 Curriculum Evening for parents 5pm
12.10.23	Y1/2 Tennis Tournament
18/19.10.23	Parents' Meetings
19.10.23	Half term for children
20.10.23	SDD 3 school closed for children
21.10.23	11+ results sent to parents
30.10.23	Term Begins for all
November 2023	

01.11.23	Prospective Parents Open Day 9:30 am – hall
1/2 .11.23	Hi Impact KS1 Lego Wedo enrichment
w/c 06.11.23	POOC Assemblies
07.11.23	Prospective Parents Open Day 4pm – hall
10.11.23	F2 Diwali Day
w/c 13.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week
14.11.23	F2 Phonics Workshop for parents 9am
w/c 20.11.23	Y4 Swimming for two weeks 2:15-2:45pm
21.11.23	Whole School Flu Immunisation
17.11.23	CIN Day
December 2023	
5.12.23	Y5/6 Mosque Visit
08.12.23	FOG Christmas Fair 3:30pm
12.12.23	9:15am F2 Christmas Performance
15.12.23	9:15am KS1 Nativity
19.12.23	St Nicholas Service for children
21.12.23	Party Afternoon
22.12.23	Am Cinderella Panto End of Term
January 2024	
08.01.24	Term Begins for all
18.01.24	Spring Census – Lunch
February 2024	
w/c 12.02.24	Y5 Bikeability
16.02.24	Break up for half term
26.02.2	Term Begins for all
March 2024	
w/c 11.03.24	POOC Assemblies
20.03.24/21.03.24	Parents' Meetings
28.3.24	End of Spring Term
April 2024	
15.04.24	Summer Term begins for all
May 2024	
May	Y2 SATs
w/c 13.05.24	Y6 SATs
	Y4 Residential
16.05.24	Summer Census Lunch
	Class Photographs
w/c 20.05.24	Y6 Bikeability
24.05.24	Half Term
June 2024	
03.06.24	Term begins for all
w/c 03.06.24	Y4 times tables check (2 week period)
w/c 10.06.23	Y1 Phonics Screening check
	Y6 Residential
July 2024	
TBC	INDUCTION Day
19.07.24	End of term for children

Hope you have a lovely weekend; I believe the sun is going to shine!

Warmest Wishes
Sharon Edwards
Headteacher