

Dear Parents

Welcome to our newsletter! The following information may be of interest to you...

Thingwall Spelling Bee:

Congratulations to Adam (Year Six) and Lily (Year Five) who were recently awarded the coveted title of 'Thingwall Primary Spelling Bee Champion' for Year Five and Six! We all had a brilliant afternoon either taking part or cheering on our classmates. Well done to all who took part in the event. As Thingwall's winners, Adam and Lily will now automatically progress to the Deeside Spelling Bee Champion of Champions Event which will be held at Thingwall on Wednesday 27th April with representatives from Irby Primary, Gayton Primary, Heswall Primary, Barnston Primary and Pensby Primary. We await the crowning of the Champion of Champions with bated breath...

Sports Relief:

Many thanks to everyone who supported us last week when we attempted to walk/run a mile for Sport Relief. The staff and children had a brilliant afternoon and it was really lovely to see the Year Six pupils take their FS2 buddies around the circuit. Although we did not specifically ask for money for this charity (as we feel we have been asking for rather a lot lately) we managed to raise a total of £49.05 for the event which we have passed to Sports Relief on your behalf.

Thingwall Mathematics Magician:

Last week saw Mr Bettridge hold our first ever Mathematics Magician competition for Years Three and Four. The events were a huge success with over 40 children taking part! The children battled against the clock (and each other) to answer as many mental maths questions as they could and every single child did themselves proud. It was also really lovely to see the children and the staff cheer them on as a very excited audience! It was a real challenge and the children tried really hard but, in the end, there could only be two overall winners and these were George from Year Three and Jason from Year Four. Well done children and congratulations to all involved. We hope this will become an annual event.

Wear Blue for Autism Day:

The national Wear Blue for Autism day is on Saturday 02.04.16 this year. We have therefore decided to celebrate it a day early so on Friday 01.04.16 we are inviting children to come to school dressed in blue clothing to help raise awareness for ASD and also (if you wish) to raise funds for Autism charities. We are not charging for this day but if you would like to make a donation to the ASD charities we will be more than happy to collect this and send it off on your behalf. Suggested donations are 50p+ per child.

Building Work - Phase Two:

We are very pleased that the next phase of our building work is due to start over the Spring Break holidays. North West Construction (in conjunction with Wirral LA) are due to start the refurbishment of the Year Two toilet area on 4.4.16 and they estimate that this will last for approximately six weeks. Therefore the work will not be finished over the break as we had originally hoped so we will need to put several safeguarding measures in place to ensure that the Health and Safety of the pupils, parents and staff are, once again, kept paramount. The LA have worked very closely with school and the governors to ensure that the work is as seamless as possible and of a minimum disruption to all concerned. The side entrance adjacent to Mrs Goulding's room will, once again, be sealed off to allow the workmen to have their own designated entrance and exit area. This means that the walkway from the front playground to the mobiles will be out of bounds for children, staff and all other visitors.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause but we know it will be worth it in the end as school is looking fabulous so far (please feel free to pop in and have a look round after 3.30 with your child's class teacher!). The corridor door that opens out onto the Year Two toilets will also be kept locked to prevent any people from accessing the building site. Finally the Stanley School car park will be used to house mess and toilet facilities for the workers. Can you ensure that you do not park in the Stanley School car park for the next six weeks please unless you are picking up/dropping off for CAPE to keep traffic to a minimum. Many thanks for your co-operation, we will get there in the end and the end product will be worth it!

CELEBRATION CORNER!

This area of the newsletter is for anything your children achieve outside school that they would like to celebrate with us. Please note that children will only be referred to by their first name for safeguarding purposes, as we are now publishing our newsletters on the public page of the VLE.

Ben (Year Five) - Well done to Ben who was crowned Tackle of the Match at Hoylake Rugby Club last weekend. Well done Ben, impressive work! ☺

With Best Wishes
Miss D L Cronin