

Thingwall Primary School Newsletter

5 September 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back, we hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday! As you will be aware, we normally publish our newsletters every two to three weeks on the school's VLE. However, because this is the first newsletter of the academic year and because we have important items of news we have decided to hand it out on paper this time. The newsletter will also be published on the VLE as I know grand-parents also enjoy to read it!

Friday 8 September 2017-Own Clothes Day

Many of you will be aware of Lucy's Pineapple Fund, an appeal to raise money for local school girl Lucy Moroney, who is suffering from a brain tumour. Lucy is currently undergoing treatment in Mexico. Her family are trying to raise as much money as they can to fund her medical needs and every school in Wirral has been asked if they can hold an own clothes day this Friday to support this. A suggested donation to take part is £1.00 per child but we understand that some of you may have already contributed to the on-line appeal over the summer break. If this is the case please don't feel any pressure to donate for a second time, your child can just arrive at school wearing 'own clothes' to join in the fun and offer your support.

NB FS2 children may want to wear their uniform as they are still getting settled!

There will also be a bag collection for the same cause for any old clothes you no longer have use for. The bags 2 School Company have agreed to pass all monies raised to Lucy's Pineapple Fund. The bags will be sent home (one bag per family) on 11 or 12 September and should be returned to school on Friday 15 September, ready for collection on Wednesday 20 September. Thanks for your support on behalf of the Moroney family.

Nut Free Environment

As you will be aware Edsential and our school kitchen work really hard at keeping our kitchen completely nut free. This year we are respectfully asking parents for their co-operation in trying to keep packed lunches as nut free as possible we have a child with a particularly bad nut allergy. This would include items such as Nutella and Peanut Butter. Obviously, we know this is a big thing to ask and we understand it would be really hard to have a blanket ban on any nut derived products but if you could help us keep everyone as safe as we can we would appreciate it. . Many thanks for your co-operation.

Parent's Internet Safety Course

We have managed to book Imelda Spencer from Wirral's Positive Resolutions group to present an internet safety workshop for parents on Thursday 14 September. This course will start at 5:30 pm and finish approximately at 6.30pm. Parents (and Grandparents!) are welcome to attend from 5:15 pm for refreshments in the Computer Suite.

International Award 2017-2020

We were delighted to be recredited for the third time by the British Council for our International Award over the summer break. This award recognises our commitment to embedding a rich and creative international curriculum and is an outstanding achievement. Fostering an international dimension in the classroom is at the heart of the British Council's work in schools to enable young people and children to gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life in today's world. Well done to all the staff and pupils for their commitment towards gaining this award and special congratulations to Miss Collins (our Modern Foreign Languages and International Co-ordinator) for all her hard work too.

2017-2018 Calendar

Please keep an eye out for our 2017-2018 Calendar which will be coming home with your child at the end of this week. The dates will also be available on our VLE so keep an eye on our website too for any last minute adjustments/dates! Please note we are going to attempt to hold Sports Days at the end of March this year as we have noticed the weather has been much better in March/April in previous years!

KS1/KS2 Trim Trails

As it is the start of a new academic year we thought it would be a good idea to remind you about the safe use of the Trim Trails. For the safe use of the Trim Trails the rules are as follows:

- No jumping on the bridge
- Line up and fairly wait for your turn
- No pushing past each other
- No twirling on the bars
- No going backwards
- To be only used by children up to the age of 11.

Occasionally we have noticed children using the Trim Trail before and after school. This is fine but we would like to make it clear that this will be the responsibility of the parents to ensure their children are using the equipment safely and appropriately and school will not accept any responsibility for any accidents or issues that occur out of school hours. Therefore any children using the Trim Trail will need to be supervised by their parents at all times.

Please rest assured that as long as the Trim Trail is used in accordance with the above rules it is entirely safe and meets all Health and Safety regulations.

Front Playground Early Years Area

As per our Ofsted Action Plan, our FS2 staff have been hard at work all summer creating our lovely outdoor area for our new FS2 children to use in lesson time. Please do not use it before or after school as the staff will have set resources up to compliment various learning opportunities for the children. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who donated items to help us. We are always on the lookout for donated pots, pans and outdoor waterproof clothes.

Celebration Corner

Well done Aaron (year 3) for winning a medal and trophy at Life Church Bebington for being 'Best Boy' this year showing magic tricks and good behaviour.

Miss D L Cronin