

Dear Parents

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

PE Virtual Competition:

Tuesday 15th March sees the whole school take part in Wirral's Inter-School Virtual Competition. The children will take part in a variety of sporting challenges during the day and we will record our results on a spread sheet which will then be uploaded to the Wirral PE site. Can children remember to bring their PE kit on that day please to ensure everyone takes part on behalf of Thingwall Primary! Go Team Thingwall! © © © © © © © © © © ©

Sports Relief:

Friday 18th March sees the nation celebrate Sports Relief and we will be getting in the spirit by all walking a mile around the school playground! Children can come to school dressed in their sportswear for the day if they wish, rather than their usual school uniform. We are not charging for this event but if you would like to make a donation to the Sports Relief charities we will be more than happy to collect this and send it off on your behalf.

Drama Workshop:

We are pleased to welcome in the manACTO drama company to perform 'Poetry in Motion' on Wednesday 23.03.16 in the afternoon. This performance will be funded by school and therefore completely free to all pupils. The performance will be shown to all children as an Easter treat and as a special thank you for their sensible behaviour during our recent building works. The performance promises to be educational, fun, interactive and full of classic and modern poems for all to enjoy.

Easter Egg Raffle:

The drama workshop (see above) will be followed by our annual Easter Egg raffle draw (eggs donated by the staff and the Parents' Association). Tickets will go on sale from Monday 14.03.16 and KS2 children will either come round the KS1 classes during milk time or they will sell them to KS2 children on the Hall stage. Tickets are priced at 20 pence each.

Easter Meal:

Sheila (our lovely School Cook) has organised a themed menu day for Thursday 24.03.16 which will be filled with the children's favourites and be finished off with an Easter pudding as a treat! The menu will cost £2.30 for KS2 children and, as usual, the lunch is free to all children in FS2 (Reception), Year One and Year Two. If your child would like to take advantage of this mouth-watering offer, please bring the money in on the day. There is no need to complete a return form, Sheila will cook enough to cater for us all!

The menu is as follows... Meatballs and Noodles

Vegetarian bean burger with potato wedges and beans

Easter basket cupcakes and Easter biscuits

(Please note, there will not be a deli option available on this day)

Easter Festival:

As mentioned in previous newsletters we are holding our annual Easter Festival on Thursday 24.03.16. Parents and grandparents are very welcome to join us and celebrate. The festival begins at 2.00pm and will take place in the School Hall.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition:

We will be holding our annual Easter egg decorating competition this year as usual. Children who wish to take part should decorate their egg and deliver to school in a clearly named egg box week commencing 21.03.16. We will announce the winners at the end of the Easter Festival. Previous entries have included a Viking egg, a Dennis the Menace painted egg, the Fab Four and an Easter bunny! Get your thinking caps on and get 'eggstra' creative!

Parents' Evening:

As you will already be aware, the next Parents' Evenings will be held on 22.03.16 and 23.03.16. Your child will be bringing home a reply slip this evening to enable you to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. All forms should be returned by Friday 18.03.16. We cannot guarantee your first preference if your form arrives after this date.

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.

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.

Thank you to all of the children who took part in World Book Day, either by dressing up as a favourite book character, bringing in their favourite book to discuss/show or by taking part in our class book swaps! We all had a great day - what a lovely way to celebrate Thingwall's love of literature!

A special thanks should go to Owen's mum in Year Three who initially had the great idea of the Thingwall Book Swap - thank you, it was really successful!

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded a book token prize in recognition of the fabulous effort they are making with their reading, both at home and at school...

Connor, Year Six Nathan, Year Five Adam, Year Four Soraya, Year Three Andrew, Year Two Henry, Year One Lily, FS2