Thingwall Primary School...

Teachers, Parents, Students...

**Together Promoting Success** 

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term, we hope that you all managed to have a relaxing break. The following information may be of interest to you...



### **Parking Around School:**

We have had a request from a parent today about picking up and dropping off at the start and end of the school day. They are, quite rightly, worried that an accident could occur as cars routinely park on the pavement, pulling up on to the actual pavement rather than parking on the road. The parking issue also makes it harder for the School Crossing Patrol to do their job safely. This is illegal, as cars are then obstructing the pavement. It is also illegal to park on the zig-zags outside school and we are told that this is also happening. These parking issues have then caused several near misses and parents have even had to quickly move children out the way of cars either pulling up on to, or reversing off the pavement. You may have noticed the 20 mph signs that have recently been installed on Pensby Road and we are expecting the Wirral Road Safety Team to conduct checks in the local area soon. They will undoubtedly also pick up on the parking issues and are able to issue on the spot fines. Many thanks for your co-operation and support in helping to keep our families safe.



#### **Trim Trails:**

The Trim Trails are still out of use as we cannot afford to replace the rubber crumb flooring, which has been flagged as a health and safety issue. Please do not allow your children to use either Trim Trail at the start and end of the school day because they could be slippery (moss, moisture etc) as they have not been used for so long. We are liaising with POTS to come up with a plan for both areas and they are meeting together this week. We will advise if/when the Trim Trails are safe to use. Thank you for your co-operation and support in helping to keep our children as safe as we can.



# **Eco Schools Update:**

This year, Eco highlights have included an a joint project with schools in Uganda to raise funds for new water facilities, involvement in the 'RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch' and a variety of activities linked to Fair Trade Week, led by Year 2.

This term, we will be busy working on several Eco Projects and hope that as many of you as possible will get involved, if you can. Our Green Flag Eco-Status is due to be renewed this summer, so we would appreciate as much involvement from children and families as possible please. Our exciting eco-projects are:



1. Using the 'Keep Britain Tidy and Eco Schools' carbon footprint calculator (supported by Let's Go Zero), we will be mapping our school's carbon impact to generate a bespoke carbon emissions report and a carbon reduction plan.



2. In support of the 'Big Plastic Count', we will count the amount of plastic that we throw away in school and look to reuse this to make 3D models of fish. This exciting project will highlight to all of us the devastating environmental impact of plastic in our oceans. If the current worrying trends continue, by 2050, there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish and plastic waste produced globally is on track to double by 2040. We have been really enjoying learning a new song in Choral Assembly called P.L.A.S.T.I.C. and hope to sing this new song in an eco-celebration assembly later on this term.



3. Along with the rest of the Wirral schools, we will be taking part in this year's 'The Magic of Walking'. This is a five-day walking festival, running from 20-24 May 2024. There will be certificates and stickers available to all pupils who are able to take part in some or all of the week.



4. We will be taking part in a 'Keep Britain Tidy' litter pick. Should you or your family be going out to the park or the beach over a weekend, why not enjoy your own family litter pick? We'd love to see your photos (send them into the school office or tweet/'X' them tagging @thingwallprima1) and should you wish to borrow a litter picker from school, we have a few available, so again, please contact the school office.



### **Class and Group Photographs:**

We welcomed K & S Rourke back into school earlier on this week and your child should be bringing home a proof of their photograph later on this week. We have further copies in the office, should you require an extra copy for split families or if your proof does not find its way home!



#### **Diary Dates:**

Please keep an eye out on the website calendar for key dates as occasionally dates do change due to circumstances beyond our control. For instance, we have changed the KS1/FS2 Sports day from 11.02.24 (weather permitting) to the week before. It will now be held on Tuesday 04.06.24 starting at 9.15am.



<u>Please also remember that school is closed to pupils this coming Thursday as we are a Polling</u> Station and also on Thursday 23.05.24 and Friday 24.05.24.

## FS2 September 2025:

Please do let us know if you have not yet received your child's school placement and they are due to start school this coming September. We have a full list in the school office.



# Celebration Corner (OR HUGGS - Huge Unbelievable Great Goals!)

This area of the newsletter is so we can celebrate children's achievements outside of school. If you would like your child to appear in this area of the newsletter, please let the school office know with the relevant details.

George (Year Six) — Congratulations to George who has become a member of the North Wales Gliding Club, completing his 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> flights last weekend. We are thrilled that you are one step closer to achieving your dream of becoming a pilot when you are older, congratulations! ⊙

Harriet, Mila, Errn and Poppy (Year Dix) — Congratulations to these four Year Dix children who represented Wirral Phoenix at a football tournament last weekend, coming 4th place overall. They worked well as a team, demonstrating grit, skill and resilience. We are very proud of you all and we are thrilled that Phoenix Football Club has been received so well after school every Monday and Wednesday at our school.

Alyssa (Year Fire) — Congratulations to Alyssa, who represented her football team at the Etihad Stadium last night. Alyssa played in several matches and thoroughly enjoyed the exciting experience at Man City's ground. What an opportunity!

Ynaent (Fb2) — Congratulations to Vincent who completed his first Park Run at the Wirral Way Junior Park Run in Parkgate last weekend. Considering it was his first ever run, he did brilliantly, coming 46th place out of 50 runners and achieveing a personal best! Well done Vincent, we are really proud of you — you will soon be giving Mrs Starkey and Mrs Goulding a run for their money! ⊙

Nick, Daniel and Aria (Year Three) — Congratulations to these Year Three pupils who were awarded their British Gymnastics Core Skills Level ⊙ne certificate at our after school Speare Gymnastics alub. Well done children, we are proud of you! ⊙



With Best Wishes to you all