

Dear Parents

The following information may be of use to you...

December Dates:

Hopefully your child will have brought home a December flyer last week containing all the key dates to remember for the remainder of term. If your note did not make it home please ask for another at the School Office or check the POTS Facebook page. Apologies for the mix up over the Christmas Party dates - totally my fault as my brain was occupied with nativities! Just as confirmation, the parties are this coming Monday afternoon, the 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Warning for Parents/Carers:

It has been brought to our attention that some of our KS2 children are using bad language whilst playing Fortnite and other on-line games. This has been overheard by several parents. Although this is an out of school issue it is starting to impact on school as we have had a couple of extremely upset children (and parents). Please ensure that you are vigilant when your child is playing age-appropriate on-line games. It is recommended by CEOP that, if such games are played, the children should be in full view and not hidden away in their bedroom. Also please encourage your child to tell you if they feel at all upset/intimidated whilst playing these games. Often children are using headphones when they are on-line and parents may not necessarily overhear incidences of bad language and poor behaviour. We will of course continue to reinforce this message at school and hope you will support/monitor your children at home. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Charles Thompson's Mission Thanks:

Please see the message of thanks from the Charles Thompson's Mission below...

*Dear Children and Parents of Thingwall Primary*

*Thank you so much for your donations to Charles Thompson's Mission this Christmas. Your support is very much appreciated. Last year, because of tremendous generosity, we were able to:*

- Give sacks of toys to children in our local area*
- Serve over 120 Christmas dinners*
- Open for Christmas Day*
- Give out 50+ food hampers and over 300 filled rucksacks*
- Support a Birkenhead initiative for old people by giving them Christmas goodies.*

*We hope to do the same with your generous donations this year, and it is all because of your support and kindness. On behalf of everyone here at the Mission, thank you.*

*Best Wishes*

*Charles Thompson's Mission.*

Christmas Performances:

Many thanks to all our pupils who took part in our infant and junior Christmas Productions. Every single pupil did themselves proud and it really got us into the Christmas spirit. We managed to collect nearly £250 for our charities and to pay for the copyright of Santa's Setbacks Infant Performance) too which is great news.

Parent Meeting: Spelling Strategies for Students:

We are pleased to welcome Sue Calveley into school (Edsential) to lead two workshops for parents to equip them with strategies to help children with spelling. Please see the dates below, everyone is welcome and teas/coffees will be available...

9am on 22.01.19 - FS2 and KS1 Parents

9am on 29.01.19 - KS2 Parents

### Times Tables Rock Stars:

We are very excited as January will see us introduce our new Times Tables Rockstars project across school. This on-line package, which aims to improve the speed and accuracy of multiplication tables recall, will be launched with a Sponsored Rockathon on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Children (and staff!) will be invited to come to school dressed as a rock star for the day and we will be taking part in various exciting activities which will be organised by Mr Hartley, our Premier Sports teacher. Your child will be bringing home a sponsor form this week to enable them to collect sponsorship over the Christmas holidays.

Certificates and prizes will be given for the following...

- ♣ Best Dressed Rockstar - child and teacher category
- ♣ Most Recognisable Rockstar
- ♣ Best Dancer
- ♣ Best Air Guitar
- ♣ Best Attitude
- ♣ Best Lip Syncing
- ♣ Most Improved Dancer
- ♣ Child who manages to collect the most sponsor money

Obviously we are aiming to have lots of fun on this day (adults included) but, if your child is not fond of fancy dress, please do not worry. They can still collect sponsors and take part in the day in their school uniform. All proceeds will go towards school funds as we are trying to develop our outside areas and refine our on-line reading systems. Many thanks for your support.

### Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes:

The Christmas Fair was brilliant, thank you to all who supported us (stall helpers, parents who helped to set up/clear away, staff, past pupils etc). As always the Christmas Raffle was very popular. Please see below for our lucky winners...

- ♦ Shellac Manicure from Suzie at the Nail and Hair Emporium, Bebington  
Mrs M Evans
- ♦ Love Cloud Bath Bomb Set  
Mrs Galway
- ♦ Sanctuary Gift Set  
George
- ♦ Dry Cleaning by David - 3 £15 vouchers  
Ben  
S Burgess  
Alex
- ♦ Afternoon Tea for Two at the None Leaves Café, Hoylake  
Jacob
- ♦ Selection Box  
Daisy
- ♦ Sweetie Tubs  
Ms Weekes
- ♦ 2 Sainsbury's Food and Drink Hampers  
Heidi  
Jack
- ♦ Drinks and Chocolate Hampers  
Isaac  
Joe
- ♦ Christmas Food Hamper  
Mason
- ♦ £20 Voucher for Sorrelle  
L Garton  
Gifts from Me to You  
William

Thank you to all the local businesses and parents who supported us with raffle prizes - we really appreciate your generosity.

### Staff Development Days:

We apologise but we are going to need to change our 3<sup>rd</sup> June Staff Development Day as we need to receive staff training to support our new on-line assessment package (kindly funded by POTS). Instead, the training day will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### Celebration Corner:

Grace (Year Four) – Well done Grace for coming first in the 9 and under 25m Butterfly at her annual swimming gala. ☺

Amber (Year Four) – Well done Amber for completing your 8<sup>th</sup> Park Run and finishing in 10<sup>th</sup> place. Over 1000 children took place and it was Amber's fastest time yet, taking 13.09 seconds to complete 2K! ☺

Daniel (Year Four) – Well done Daniel for attending your football training every Saturday. He has been Player of the Day twice and also scored a hat trick of goals in his last match! ☺

Frankie and Liam (Year Four) – Well done to both boys who achieved their orange belt in Karate last week. ☺

Harry (Year Five) – Well done to Harry who achieved his purple belt in Karate last week. ☺

Ffion (Year Five) – Well done to Ffion for winning gold in a recent breast stroke and back stroke race and for racing in an Individual Medley. ☺

Nyree (Year Five) – Well done to Nyree for winning gold in an Individual Medley and getting the best county time! She also raced in the 50m free and got gold and another county time too. In another gala she won gold in her 50m backstroke and her 100m free and won silver in a 50m breast stroke race. ☺

Jack (Year Two) – Well done to Jack for getting Man of the Match in a recent match for the West Kirby Panthers. ☺

Erin (Year One) – Well done Erin for getting your Badge Five in gymnastics and for being chosen as Gymnast for the Term! ☺

Isla (Year Four) – Well done Isla for achieving your Stage 10 ASA award in your swimming lessons and we are told that you now swim for Wallasey Swimming Club – super news! ☺

Mila (Year One) – Well done to Mila for getting several dancing medals recently! ☺

With Best Wishes for a super Christmas and a relaxing holiday

Miss D L Cronin