

Dear Parents

This is our last newsletter of this term and I can't believe how fast the year has gone! It's been a fantastic year and the children should be thoroughly proud of how well they have behaved and how hard they have worked. We hope you all enjoy a well deserved holiday and we will see you back in school in September

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

Well done Years Three and Four:

Congratulations to our Year Three and Four staff and children for their stunning performance at our Thankyou Afternoon last week. All the children sang beautifully and the parents really appreciated your selection of French songs and Deeside Music Festival Songs.

Swimming Message:

Please see the message below from Wirral's swimming pools...

Swimming is great fun and an excellent form of exercise for children. With the Summer holidays fast approaching Wirral Leisure are offering a Junior Cash Pass for just £15.00 per month available throughout the Summer for all Juniors living on the Wirral, up to and including 17 years of age.

The Pass gives access to all Wirral Leisure Swimming Pools including:

West Kirby Concourse

Leasowe Leisure Centre

Oval Leisure Centre

Woodchurch Leisure Centre

Guinea Gap Pool

Europa Pools (£2 supplement to swim in the Leisure pool with the flumes and slides)*

Our Swimming Pool Timetable can be viewed on our website [here](#) and our Holiday Pool Timetable will also be available via this link during the Summer Holidays.

Medicines Message:

We seem to have rather a lot of medicines left in our office cupboard. Could you please ensure you collect them to free up some space. Many thanks.

2018 Education Business Awards:



Well done to Thingwall! Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Mitchell travelled to London last week to attend the Education Business Awards. We were delighted to be awarded second place (Commended) for our whole school commitment to Environmental Education. This is a great achievement and we are all extremely proud. Thanks to all the staff and children for all their hard work. Thanks also goes to Janet Wright, one of our parents who set us off on the recycling track in the first place.

Well Done to Mrs Mitchell:

We are thrilled that Mrs Mitchell has been nominated (for the second year in a row) for the Liverpool John Moores University Mentor of the Year Awards. This is a regional competition and a great honour to be nominated. Congratulations Mrs Mitchell, this recognition is thoroughly deserved and testament to your hard work and commitment to creating the next generation of teachers.

Thank you POTS:

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the life of the school this year, we really do appreciate all the time and effort you give to us to benefit our pupils. We would like to particularly thank everyone who has been involved with POTS - your tireless enthusiasm and efforts have been wonderful and we do appreciate each and every one of you.

Message from POTS:

POTS have had a tremendous year, offering a wide programme of activities for the whole school community. As well as all the children having lots of fun, a huge amount of money has been raised for the school. Thank you to everyone who has helped, contributed, donated, given time and supported us this year.

Here is a breakdown of each event and the total raised:

<i>Autumn Disco.....</i>	<i>£578.60</i>
<i>Festive Fun Carousel.....</i>	<i>£ 53.14</i>
<i>PJ Party</i>	<i>£484.46</i>
<i>Carol Wagon.....</i>	<i>£500.00</i>
<i>Christmas DVD</i>	<i>£131.00</i>
<i>Christmas Fair.....</i>	<i>£693.57</i>
<i>Breakfast with Santa.....</i>	<i>£118.42</i>
<i>Children's Christmas Raffle</i>	<i>£137.86</i>
<i>Spring Disco</i>	<i>£622.71</i>
<i>Mother's Day Shop</i>	<i>£194.89</i>
<i>Easter Extravaganza</i>	<i>£488.87</i>
<i>Summer Disco</i>	<i>£579.65</i>
<i>Father's Day Shop</i>	<i>£306.69</i>
<i>Summer Fair</i>	<i>£2100.82</i>
<i>Lolly Ices</i>	<i>£119.10</i>
<i>Trivia Quiz Night</i>	<i>£503.65</i>
<i>TOTAL.....</i>	<i>£7613.34</i>

This year, POTS has provided new reading resources for KS2, high-visibility jackets for the whole school, enabled pupils to watch a curriculum enhancing film at the Light Cinema, contributed towards cultural experiences and a trip to the gallery for KS1, contributed toward the cost of the school text messaging service and towards the Yr 6 residential to Colomendy. We round the year off with a visit from an ice-cream van, giving each child (and all the staff!) a free ice cream on Friday.

The POTS AGM will be Thursday 4th October at 3.30pm. Entertainment will be provided for children so please come along and join us for a light bite and to help us to plan the next 12 months. As well as electing the committee, we are also hoping to elect a Class Representative from each Year group.

Our Class Reps will undertake a very important role. There will be one or two Representatives per class who will provide a link between individual classes and parents and the Parent's Association committee. If you'd like to know more about the role, please see one of the committee or pop into the office & pick up an outline role description.

From September all POTS communication will be coming home on blue paper to help identify what we are doing. Follow us on Facebook (Parents of Thingwall Primary School) to keep up to date with all POTS events plus useful reminders about wider school news. Until September, thank you and we wish you all a very enjoyable summer.

Tuesday Biscuits:

Mrs Rees has calculated costings for next year's Tuesday Biscuits as we recognise that some children's parents prefer to pay in advance. Your child will be bringing home the price list tonight. If you would like to purchase biscuits in this way please bring the correct money in a clearly labelled envelope in the first week of term. Many thanks.

Goodbye Mrs Stark:

Today we are saying goodbye to Mrs Stark as she will be starting her new job in September. We all wish you the best of luck and love as you begin your new post as head of the Early Years Provision at Kingsway Primary.

Celebration Corner:

This part of the newsletter is to celebrate your child's achievements outside of school. Please see below...

Jess (Year Three) - Well done Jess for bringing in your Great Uncle Dennis' World War Two memorabilia - we loved looking at it all, it was very interesting! ☺

Emily (Year Two) - Well done Emily for a stunning performance in The Greatest Show with the Starlight Youth Theatre at the Floral Pavillion. ☺

Zoey-Lea (Year Four) - Well done Zoey-Lea on gaining your Wildlife Explorer badge at Brownies. ☺

Nyree (Year Four) - Well done Nyree for coming first, second and third in your recent swimming competition at the Llandudno Open and for coming second in three races at the Southport Season Finale. ☺

Max (FS2) - Well done to Max for winning a huge trophy for being the Best Young Sailor at Thursaston Sailing Club. ☺

Grace (Year Three) - Well done Grace for achieving your Stage Ten Swimming Certificate. ☺

Amber (Year Three) - Well done on achieving your Blue Belt grading in Judo. ☺

With best wishes for a happy, healthy and relaxing holiday for everyone. We will see you on Tuesday 4th September.

Miss D L Cronin