

Dear Parents

Welcome to the June edition of our school newsletter. It is proving to be a busy half-term so we hope the following information is useful for you as we navigate through the final few weeks of this academic year.



Staffing Update:

We are interviewing for teaching assistant posts this week so we will be able to tell you which classes our TAs have been allocated to in the July newsletter.

Mandy, from our school kitchen has been redeployed to another school last week, by Edsential and we are thrilled to welcome Sue officially as our new kitchen assistant. The children will already know Sue as she has been covering Mandy's absence over the last half-term or so. We hope you will enjoy your new post Mandy. Welcome Sue, we are sure you will settle quickly into Thingwall life!



2024/2025 Classes:

Just in case you missed our May newsletter, please see our class structure for next year:

FS2 - Mrs Harvey

Year One - Mrs Waddington (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Leyland (Wed-Fri)

Year Two – Mrs Goulding

Year Three – Miss Yandle

Year Four – Mr Rees

Year Five – Miss Arden

Year Six - Miss Taylor

We have planned a transition morning for later on this term, when children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher in their new classroom.

All our FS2 welcome visits were completed last week and all new cohort 2024 pupils have been given the opportunity to have a tour of the school and meet their new staff. Next week it will be the turn of our cohort 2024 new parents to meet with us. Please remember, that our new FS2 pupils are also able to visit again on the 26th or 27th July to spend time in their new classroom.

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Global Beatles Day/Thingwall Primary School's 60th Birthday Celebrations:



Preparations are well underway for this fantastic themed day which will also give us a grand opportunity to celebrate Thingwall's 60th birthday! Our wonderful ladies in the kitchen are busy making us themed 60th birthday/Beatles' cakes for every child in school, regardless of whether they are school dinners or packed lunches and every class will be completing exciting lessons based on The Beatles. We hope it will be a wonderful day – please keep an eye out on 'X' formerly known as Twitter, for some exciting photographs!

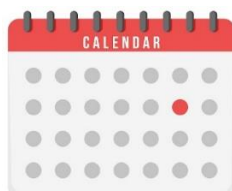


As mentioned on our May newsletter, there will be a best dressed prize per class (no obligation to dress up, this is purely optional). Please note that this event is instead of our annual Viking Day as we were mindful of costs to families with having two dress up days in a term. You may be pleased to know that we plan to revert to our usual Viking Day event from next year as the Vikings form such a big part of Thingwall's heritage.

Diary Dates:

As it is such a busy final half-term, we have listed key dates from now until the end of term:

Date	Event
18.06.24	Year One launch their exciting £10 Enterprise Project – watch this space as three of our Year One pupils work with the Oak Trees MAT's Chief Operations Officer, Claire Jackson, to make and market their products!
19.06.24	FS2 Class Assembly starts at 9.30, arrivals from 9am. Teas and Coffees will be available on arrival (Thank you POTS) and FS2 will be working with their Year Six Buddies to sell cakes at the end of the assembly as part of their £10 Enterprise Project. Prices start at 50p per cake.
24.06.24	Year Three visit Wirral Country Park.
25.06.24	Thingwall's 60th Birthday celebrations and Global Beatles' Day
26.06.24 and 27.06.24	FS2 New Parents Meetings 1.30-3.00. Parents will be in the School Hall with Mrs Evans, Mrs Harvey, POTS, Victoria Gardiner (Chair of Governors) and Edsential Catering. The new FS2 cohort will enjoy time in their new classroom with their new classmates. Coffee and juices available in the canteen afterwards.
28.06.24	Annual Reports to Parents (Please note Year Six Reports will come out after the SATs results have arrived). Please return your Parent Comment Slip by the end of term. Please note the slight change in report format this year, to bring us in line with the Annual Reports issued to parents/ carers of all of our MAT schools.
03.07.24	FS2 and Year One visit Imagine That.
03.07.24	Year 6 Transition Day.
04.07.24	School closed to pupils due to the General Election – School is used as a Polling Station.
05.07.24	POTS Non Uniform Day – Please bring a bottle to donate for the Summer Fair.
06.07.24	POTS Summer Fair 11-2.
08.07.24	Year Six visit Van Gogh Exhibition in Liverpool.
09.07.24	Optional Parents Evening
10.07.24	Year Six Parent Coffee Morning – Moving On to High School – Helping Your Child Make A Smooth Transition.
10.07.24	Year Six Leaver's Party after school – details to follow.
11.07.24	Year Four visit to the Liverpool Museum.
16.07.24	Year Six to receive first aid training from First Class' Mike Collins. All day in the school hall. Comfortable sportswear can be worn.
18.07.24	Rock Steady Music performance
22.07.24	Own Clothes Day and Film Afternoons in classes POTS Uniform Swap Shop
23.07.24	Own Clothes Day and Toy Day (Please do not bring any toys that connect to the internet or that take photographs).
23.07.24 3.30pm	School finishes for the summer holidays
02.09.24	Staff Development Day
03.09.24	School is open to all pupils
03.09.24	FS2 Group 1 start school
05.09.24	FS2 Group 2 start school
09.09.24	FS2 Group 3 start school



CAMHs in Schools Visits:

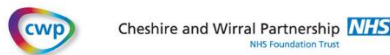
Some of you may already know Katie O'Shaunessy, who is our CAMHs in Schools member of staff. She works with groups on a weekly basis and she is able to deliver workshops to classes. Some classes will remember already working with her earlier on this academic year. Katie will be delivering the following sessions:

18.06.24 – Year Four 'Cool to be Kind' part 2.

Various Year 6 groups from w/c 01.07.24 'Transition to High School – Saying Goodbye and Moving On'.

10.07.24 - Y6 parent coffee morning for transition support.

Many thanks to Katie and the CAMHs in schools initiative, we are grateful for all of the support and advice you have given our children, families and staff this year and we look forward to continuing to work with you again next academic year.



Wirral CAMHS Advice Line

0151 488 8453

The Advice Line is open Monday-Friday 9am – 10 pm,
weekends and bank holidays 12- 8 pm
staffed by experienced CAMHS practitioners.

It is for anyone supporting young people (including parents, education & social care staff, GPs & other health professionals) to call for any advice about concerns they might have in regards to a Child or Young Person's mental health.



FS2 Merseyside Police Visit:

FS2 were thrilled to welcome Constable John and Constable Nathan into school at the start of the half-term, as part of their 'People Who Help Us' topic. The children were able to find out all about how the Police can help us and they were even able to sound the siren and sit in the Police car (much to the envy of Years Five and Six!). Thank you John and Nathan for telling us all about how you support our communities and keep us all safe. Thank you to Mrs Leyland for organising such a fun afternoon.



General Election:

As part of our British Values curriculum, we are incorporating a variety of opportunities for the children to vote in the weeks running up to the election. For example, Barbara our temporary school cook (Sheila is currently absent from work) has worked with the Year Six staff to enable the Year Six children to vote for their final favourite meal in their last week and Miss Yandle has visited Year Two to invite children to vote and help select their class read for September. More opportunities to understand voting will arise over the next few weeks as we feel it is important for our pupils to realise that you need to cast your vote to get your voice heard. Also, it is important to learn that we must stand by the results of the vote, even if it wasn't the option we voted for! All valuable life lessons...



Sports Day Thanks:

Thank you to everybody who took part in our infant and junior Sports Days, we were so proud of your team spirit and your resilience. It really was lovely to see you all trying your hardest and encouraging your team mates. Thank you also to our team of spectators – we appreciated you coming to support our families and we hope that you weren't too chilly – weren't we lucky to get two of the driest days in a very wet June? We hope that you enjoyed yourselves, thank you for all of your positive comments as you left. Thank you to our dedicated POTS team for providing teas and coffees and also thank you to Miss Yardley and Mrs Harvey for masterminding both events – they ran like clockwork!



'X' Formerly Known as Twitter:

Please do follow us on 'X' if you haven't done so already. This is a valuable communication tool where we showcase all of the lovely things that we do in our school as well as signposting our families to useful sites. One such useful site is the Wake Up Wednesday page, which is run by the National College. Every Wednesday, parent posters are shared, offering a wealth of advice about how to keep your children safe on the internet, how to successfully navigate a range of childhood dilemmas/issues such as friendships, competitive sports, pop-ups ads on social media etc. The site is well worth a look and we try to share the posters on our school page every Wednesday/Thursday for our followers to see.

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Arbor Management System:

Miss Clucas, our school's Business Manager, will be circulating information later on this week about Arbor. Arbor is our school's new management system and it is designed to manage our school's daily admin, record pupil information, create reports and improve communication with our families. We love the new system so far and hope that you will too!



Celebration Corner (O R. HUGGS – Huge Unbelievably 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Noa (FS2) – Congratulations to Noa, who was awarded a medal for her footballing skills earlier on this month. We are very proud of you indeed, keep up the hard work! ☺

Matthew (Y4) - Congratulations to Matthew, who completed a 5k Race for Life course over the weekend with his Nan and Grandad. He raised £175 for Cancer Research. Well done Matthew!

With Best Wishes to you all

Mrs D L Evans