

Dear Parents

Welcome to our final newsletter of the school year. What a busy year it has been! As always, thank you for your support for our school, it is wonderful that we can all work together for the children's benefit. We hope that you will find the information below useful... **Remaining**

Diary Dates for 21/22 Academic Year:

w/c 04.07.22 – Wirral Schools Viking Week - a week of themed activities about this fascinating period of history and the important part that Thingwall played in shaping the history of our country.

08.07.22 – Annual Reports to Parents will be sent home. Please ask your class teacher if you are a split family and require two copies.

06.07.22 – Induction Day for Year Six Pupils to visit high school (Wirral High Schools only)

- Meet the Classes – Children will have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher and spend the morning in their new classrooms.

07.07.22 – FS2 Class Assembly – All Parents/Grandparents and Carers welcome for a 9.30 start. Doors open at 9.00am.

08.07.22 – Whole School Viking Dress Up Day

12.07.22 – Summer Term Parents Evening

14.07.22 - Year Six Class Assembly – All Parents/Grandparents and Carers welcome for a 9.30 start. Doors open at 9.00am.

20.07.22 – 3.30-5.30 Year Six Leaver's Party

21.07.22 – Final Day – Own Clothes, Toy Day, Film Afternoon

01.09.22 and 02.09.22 – Staff Development Days

05.09.22 – School Opens to Pupils



2022/2023 Staffing:

Staffing for next year is as follows...

FS2 – Miss Collins/Mrs Stratton-Powell (job share as Mrs Leyland has decided to extend her maternity leave until January)

Year One – Mrs J Harvey – full time

Year Two – Mrs J Goulding – full time

Year Three – Miss H Ainsworth - full time

Year Four – Mrs S Holroyd – full time

Year Five – Miss R Arden – full time

Year Six – Miss S Taylor – full time

Mrs Mitchell will facilitate the PPA cover across school until Mrs Leyland's return in January and Miss Yardley will facilitate the PE teaching across KS2.



Congratulations Mrs Mitchell:

Mrs Mitchell has made the decision to step down from her class teacher responsibilities at the end of this academic year and so the current Year 3 class will be her final class. Mrs Mitchell has taught at Thingwall since September 1990, meaning that she has taught Thingwall classes of children for the last 32 years (including some pupils who are now parents at our school)! This means that she has taught and inspired *at least* 900 pupils; that's not including all the pupils she has inspired in School Band, guitar club and recorder club. It goes without saying that we will miss Mrs Mitchell's super teaching, her organised classroom, her helpful ways and her creative direction (she has co-ordinated art and music for nearly as long as she has taught here). We are extremely thankful that she will still be staying with us to cover PPA teaching across the year groups so she will still be remaining with us for four days per week for the foreseeable future. Congratulations Mrs Mitchell, 32 years in education at the same school is quite the achievement and Thingwall has been all the richer for your outstanding teaching, exemplary subject leadership and sage knowledge as part of the school's leadership team.



Staffing Changes:

Miss H Patterson (our FS2 maternity leave cover teacher) has made the decision to leave Thingwall. We wish her well with her future and with her forthcoming wedding in summer 2023. FS2 will therefore be taught for the remainder of the term by Mrs Harvey (their Year One teacher next year so what great transition!) and Year One will be taught by Mrs Stratton-Powell and Miss Ainsworth, who is very well known to us already, having spent the former part of the year based in Year Two with Mrs Goulding. She will also take over the Year Three class next year from Mrs Mitchell, so this has been a great transition for her as well.

Mr James (Premier Sports) will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Mr James has been a brilliant PE teacher and Miss Yardley will have a tough act to follow! We wish him all the best for his future endeavours and we know that the next school to receive his expertise will be a very lucky school indeed.



The Journey of the Travelling Suitcase:

We had a fabulous time setting the Deeside Travelling Suitcase off on its travels around our local schools and we were very excited to add our welcome handkerchief, our postcards to Ukraine and our Welcome to Wirral pictures. This coming Saturday, three children have been invited to the Hearts 4 Refugees celebration event at St Peter's Church in Rock Ferry where they will present our beautiful pictures and speak about the work that Thingwall have done to raise awareness about the challenges that refugees face and how important it is to give everyone a warm welcome.



Request from Miss Collins and the FS2 Team:

As you are aware, summer is almost here, and with it often comes a summer sort out. Instead of sending items to your local charity shop, we would appreciate donations to school. We are looking to update some of our EYFS areas and would appreciate any donations of the following:

- Pots, pans and kitchen utensils
- Outdoor toys e.g balls and games
- Gardening resources e.g pots, watering cans, seeds
- Play tents and pop up tunnels
- Outgrown bikes, trikes and scooters
- Plastic outdoor play equipment e.g playhouses
- Sand and water trays
- Foam flooring tiles
- Play prams and dolls
- Outgrown wellies and waterproofs
- Role play resources and costumes
- Crates, gutters or cable reels
- Musical instruments

It's a wonderful opportunity to support school and give your unwanted, good quality items a new lease of life. Thank you for your support. Items can be dropped off for the attention of Miss Collins from Monday 11th July.

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STATION**

Summer Fair:

Thank you so much to POTs (ably led by Angela Sutcliffe) for our fabulous Summer Fair last Saturday. We were thrilled it was so well attended and this could not happen without a willing

band of volunteers who helped to set up, run stalls and tidy up afterwards. We can't wait to find out the grand total of funds raised for our school - watch this space!

**THANK
YOU!**

CELEBRATION CORNER

(or HUGGS- Huge, Unbelievably Great Goals!)

Jack H (Year Four) - Congratulations to Jack who has been awarded Player of the Match status in his recent football match with Heswall Juniors. He was a superb team player and it was his best game to date - he played with skill and stamina! Well done Jack, we are very proud of you! 😊

Emily H (Year One) - Congratulations to Emily who managed to learn how to ride her bike without stabilisers last month. She found it tricky but persevered and refused to give up. What a resilient young lady, well done! 😊

Emily B (Year One) - Well done to Emily who also managed to learn how to ride her bike last week. She was an expert on a balance bike and then seamlessly progressed onto an actual bike without any stabilisers! Proof that practice does make perfect, congratulations! 😊



Finally, all that remains to be said is that we hope you have a relaxing summer break and we really look forward to working with you in September for the new school year. Thank you for all you all do to support our school and work with us to ensure that Team Thingwall is the very best it can be.



With Best Wishes

Mrs Evans