



### ONLINE SAFETY (INCLUDING PREVENT DUTY)

Since Covid-19 and remote learning there has been an increase in the number of children who access digital technology and a significant increase in the number of cases of abuse reported involving children online.

We work hard to ensure children are aware of the benefits of using digital technology as well as identifying healthy behaviours and making children risk aware. Technology changes quickly and quite often children and young people are faster than adults to use the latest technology or app.

From this month onwards, we will have a section on online safety (or E-safety) to keep all parents and carers well informed and able to support and safeguard your children. We would also direct you to our website (Curriculum - Computing tab) which contains links to key websites and information. **The "HOW TO GUIDE: PROTECTING YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE PROFILE AND ACTIVITY is a really useful resource and I would also recommend you read the 'IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR SOCIAL MEDIA' advice.**

At 5.30pm on 1/12/22, Miss Benson has organised for a workshop on online safety for parents, which should provide further advice and support. A recording will be made available for anyone who can't attend that day. More details will follow. Thank you for your support.

### PREVENT DUTY

School's Prevent Duty is directly concerned with educating children to be able to understand the threats posed by extreme views, ideology and radicalisation. Children may come across this information online and so it is important that they understand how to keep themselves safe, to recognise the dangers views inciting hatred or violence pose and how to seek help. The website <https://educateagainsthate.com/> is a simple to use reference for parents and carers, which encourages conversation at an age appropriate level and I hope you will take the time to look through it if you have not already done so.

### DATES 2022/23

School Close - 20.12.22  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**  
**INSET DAY 04.01.23**  
School Opens 05.01.23  
School closes 17.02.23  
**HALF TERM**  
School Opens 27.02.23  
School closes 31.03.23  
**EASTER HOLIDAY**  
School Opens 17.04.23  
Bank Holiday 01.05.23  
School Closes 26.05.23  
**HALF TERM**  
**INSET DAY 05.06.23**  
School Opens 06.06.23  
School closes 20.07.23

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

03/11/22 Y1&2 Liverpool Museum  
04/11/22 KS1 Fire Service Safety  
08/11/22 Y5 Liverpool Museum  
08/11/22 Mr Allport Y4 Science  
10/11/22 Internet Safe Assembly  
11/11/22 Remembrance Assembly  
14/11/22 Anti-Bullying Week and  
Odd socks Day  
14/11/22 Finance Committee  
16/11/22 Roberts Recycling  
16/11/22 Y5 Cabbage Science  
17/11/22 9.30am F2 Lookaround  
17/11/22 6pm Y6 Conway Meet  
18/11/22 Children In Need  
21/11/22 World Cup Challenges and  
England Football Match  
21/11/22 Full Governing Body Meet  
24/11/22 Special World Cup Menu  
29/11/22 Mosh Tots Live (F2-Y4)  
29/11/22 Y4/5 Football Match  
30/11/22 6.30 Christmas Market  
1/12/22 3.30pm Fun Night  
01/12/22 Parent Online workshop  
5/12/22 Nativity Dress Rehearsal  
6/12/22 Flu Immunisation  
6/12/22 2pm Nativity Show  
7/12/22 Y2 Visit Methodist Church  
7/12/22 Christmas Dinner Day  
7/12/22 6pm Nativity Show  
9/12/22 Christmas Fair  
12/12/22 St Chad's Carol Service  
12/12/22 5pm Book at Bedtime  
13/12/22 KS1 Christmas Party  
14/12/22 Irby's Got Talent  
15/12/22 Floral Pavilion Panto  
16/12/22 Christmas Jumper Day  
19/12/22 Santa Skype/KS2 Party  
20/12/22 Father Christmas  
Assembly  
20/12/22 Christmas Sing Along

Please check the calendar  
[www.irbyprimary.com](http://www.irbyprimary.com) for further  
information and dates.

### PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2023

If you have a child due to start school in September 2023 please ensure you have submitted the Primary Admissions form by 15.1.23. You can apply online at [www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### SCHOOL LIBRARY

Our school library is now open and it was lovely to see so many children selecting new books and enjoying some time reading for enjoyment.

We must thank PIPS for donating funds; yourselves for raising the money and Mrs Baker and her team for ordering and cataloguing the new stock.

#### **Volunteers Needed!**

We have a considerable number of books still to label and are looking for some parent volunteers to help us with this task. If you can give some time, please contact the school office.

### READING CHALLENGE

A huge thank you for all of your support with children's reading. With Red Class still in training we have Y1-6 achieving an average of 950 reads per week!! This is an average of 150 reads per class.

**WELL DONE CHILDREN (AND PARENTS)  
AND KEEP UP THE  
GREAT EFFORT!**

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Through PSHE lessons we explore the types of bullying, its effects, prevention and how children can ask for help. On 14/11/22 we start with Odd Socks Day when we celebrate our uniqueness.

### HOMEWORK (SPaG/GaPS)

All children now have access to our new spelling, punctuation and grammar digital homework resource ([www.spag.com](http://www.spag.com)). We will send out a glossary to support parents and carers and hope that this provides further insight into or curriculum and the standards or expectations with in each year group. If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

### HALLOWEEN DISCOS

The children thoroughly enjoyed our two discos earlier this week and we must thank the PIPS Committee, all of the volunteers and the staff who have their time and effort to make the evening such good fun and run so smoothly. Well done to all concerned.