



ATTENDANCE

The school year = 190 days. Good attendance is judged by the DfE to be 95% or above.

We would like to remind parents that we are unable to authorise absences for holidays. Parents may receive a fixed penalty notice for an unauthorised absence holiday in term time.

Please see the Attendance Policy on irbyprimary.com for more detail.

STAFF NEWS

Miss Stocks, who joined Y2 during last term, will be with us until early February. Miss Crabtree and Mr McMinn-Davies will be with Y3 every Tuesday until the end of June.

Miss Jackson has moved to a school in Liverpool. We will all miss her and wish her every success in her new role.

E-SAFETY

Safer Internet Day this year will take place on 11.2.20. The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. The children will be learning how to keep themselves safe online. Parents may find the following link useful.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>

DATES

HALF TERM

School closes -14.2.20

School opens - 24.2.20

SPRING BREAK

School closes - 3.4.20

SUMMER

School opens -20.4.20

INSET - Thursday 7.5.20

May Bank Holiday- Friday 8.5.20

HALF TERM

School closes - 22.5.20

School opens - 1.6.20

School closes - 17.7.20

INSET - Monday 20.7.20

AUTUMN 2020

INSET - 1.9.20

School opens - 2.9.20

HALF TERM

School closes -23.10.20

School opens - 2.11.20

CHRISTMAS

School closes - 18.12.20

SPRING 2021

INSET - 4.1.21

School opens - 5.1.21

SCHOOL CHARITY

WORK

We had a great time on the Santa Wagon with Heswall Round Table. It was lovely to see so many of our families who came out to see Santa. We raised an amazing £829 for local charities which includes £497 for our school. A big thank you to the staff and parents who helped on the night and also to Heswall Round Table and Mrs Smart for organising this event.

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evenings this term will be 12th and 13th February.

There will be an additional date for Y5 parents on 4th February. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with staff members, admire the children's work and discuss next steps. Booking will be via the school website. Details to follow.



We are delighted to announce that the Christmas Fair raised just over £1100, thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Coffee Morning-PIPS are hosting coffee mornings on Friday mornings between 8.50am and 9.30am. Everyone is welcome.

PRIDE OF IRBY PRIMARY

Our choir came third in a regional competition for the best Christmas choirs organised by Chester Cathedral. A special assembly will take place on 14.1.20 when the children will be presented with their award. Congratulations to all of our fabulous singers and thanks to Mrs Thornborough for entering us into the competition.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Parking - Please remember to park safely around our school and with respect for residents.

Earrings- Please ensure that children's earrings are removed before school. Thank you for your co-operation.

WRITING COMPETITION

We have had so many entries for the writing competition and we are looking forward to reading them all and choosing finalists from our school to be judged alongside the finalists from other local schools. Well done to all of the children who entered. Finalists will be notified later this month.

UNIFORM

A reminder that our winter uniform is a red polo shirt, **grey** sweatshirt or cardigan (no hoodies), **grey** trousers, skirt or pinafore and black sensible shoes. **Please note that trainers are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn.** Thank you for your co-operation.

HISTORY WEEK

Each class had the opportunity to learn about a different period of British history: Present Day Royal Family, 1950s, 1920s, Spanish Armada & Queen Elizabeth I, Battle of Hastings & 1066, Saxons and Stone Age. Staff and children enjoyed History week, especially dressing up on Friday. Photographs are already on the school Website and Twitter.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

17.1.20 Chinese New Year workshops and assembly (KS1)

20.1.20 Big Read Week

20.1.20 Teach Rex

Dinosaur workshops

21.1.20 Science under the Stars

Lantern Making at Heswall Primary 4-6pm

22.1.20 & 23.1.20 Life

Education Caravan

23.1.20 Science under the Stars at Heswall Primary

27.1.20 Big Write Week

6.2.20 Multi-cultural

Storytelling

11.2.20 Safer Internet

Day

26.2.20 PIPS Fashion

Show

5.3.20 World Book Day