Irby Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL CHARITY WORK

Harvest Festival: Thank you everyone who contributed. Mrs Houghton delivered the contributions to the Food Bank. The children were able to take part in a virtual harvest festival assembly. It was lovely to hear them all singing.

Poppies: This year we were unable to sell poppies in school. The children attended a virtual Remembrance Assembly and were very respectful during the minute's silence. KS1 children made poppies for our friends at Irby Methodist Church. They thoughtfully sent the children a lovely thank you note and some Advent Calendars which were much appreciated.

BOOKFAIR

Due to current restrictions we have postponed the book fair until later in the year.

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2020

If you have a child due to start school in September 2020 please ensure you have submitted the Primary Admissions form by 15.1.21. You can apply online at www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions

TOPICS

Topics for this half term are: Red- Festivals & Celebrations Y1/2-Diwali/What was Christmas like in the past? Y3/4- What are the differences and similarities between Britain and France? Y5/6- How did England change under the Tudors?

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please apply if you are entitled (even if you don't want the milk or lunch) as it benefits the school financially. All new FSM will receive a £25 uniform voucher.

CHRISTMAS DATES

27.11.20 Non-uniform day
(Fair donations)
1.12.20 Christmas Lunch
3.12.20 Christmas Charity
Walk
7.12.20 Festive Forest
School Week
10.12.20 Santa Wagon
11.12.20 Christmas Fair
14.12.20 Santa Skype
15.12.20 KS1 party
15.12.20 Nativity Premiere
Night
16.12.20 KS2 party

18.12.20 Carol Singing

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16.11.20 Anti-Bullying
Week
19.11.20- Respect &
Diversity (MEAS)
23.11.20 - Y2 Phonics Week
4.12. 20 F2-Y6 Flu
immunisation
9.12.20 - Roberts'
Recycling
11.12.20 - Author visit
(virtual) KS2 Sibeal
Pounder

DATES 2020/21

CHRISTMAS

School closes - 18.12.20

SPRING TERM 2021

INSET - 4.1.21

School opens -5.1.21

HALF TERM

School closes-12.2.21

School opens -22.2.21

SPRING

School closes-26,3,21

SUMMER TERM 2021

School opens -12.4.21 May Bank Holiday -3.5.21 INSET - 6.5.21 (Elections)

HALF TERM

School closes-28.5.21

INSET - 7.6.21

School opens -8.6.21

School closes-20.7.21

PIPS

Roberts' Recycling raised £127.60. Thank you to everyone involved. The next day for Roberts' Recycling is 9.12.20

The PIPS committee are busy organising Christmas activities which will include a Christmas Fair and Colouring Competition for the children and Christmas raffles for the parents.

All events will be in line with current guidelines and restrictions.

<u>REMOTE LEARNING</u> The Remote learning policy is on our website and explains how we will support children if a bubble needs to close or an individual child is required to self-isolate.

<u>CATCH-UP FUNDING</u> Details of the school's plans for the catch up funding are being finalised and will be shared with parents before the end of term.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Covid-19 Safety measures:

Thank you for wearing face coverings on the playground and for adhering to the one way system and staggered times.

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

Cycling and scooting- Please remind your children to dismount at the gates.

Jewellery - Please note that jewellery (apart from watches) should not be worn in school. Please remove earrings.

CHRISTMAS

We are determined that the children will still have a special time at Christmas this year. We have carefully considered how we can adapt the traditional events in line with Government guidelines and regulations.

Parties: KS1 and KS2 parties will still take place. Children will be in their own classrooms and we will adapt some of the party games.

Christmas Fair: Each class will have a Christmas Fair in their own classroom. Donations will be quarantined prior to Fair Day. Children will not be handling cash.

Nativity: The Nativity is taking place. We will film the classes separately and edit the whole performance. The Nativity will be available for us all to watch together on Premiere Night. We hope that you will get the popcorn ready and tweet your Red Carpet photos.

Christmas in Forest School: Each class will have the chance to visit our Festive Forest School to sing some carols and toast marshmallows.

Santa Skype: The great man has managed to fit us into his busy schedule. He is also planning to visit in person on the last day of term.

St Chad's service: This will take place in school with all children attending virtually from their classrooms.

Carol Singing: There will be an opportunity for parents to hear the children sing some of our favourite Christmas songs. Each class will perform three songs at staggered intervals on the playground (weather permitting).