



**18<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**„Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself“**

**Message from Mrs Procter**



It is that time of year again when I am asking for a contribution of £15.00 per family to the Diocese Building Fund.

As parents and carers you will be aware that as a Voluntary Aided Catholic Primary School we are required by law to provide 10% of the money spent on repairing, maintaining and updating our school buildings and infrastructure.

To help finance these projects we ask that each family makes a contribution to ensure that the school can continue to maintain and improve the facilities for the benefit of all of your children. The ideal method of contributing to the Building Fund is through Gift Aid donations by either our ParentPay system or by standing order (annually or monthly). If you would like to contribute via Standing Order in the future, please complete the Standing Order and Gift Aid forms. If you are a UK income taxpayer we ask that you consider Gift Aid for your contribution. Gift Aid means that if you are a UK income taxpayer the school can claim an extra 25p from the Government for every £1 that you donate.

It is important that parents and carers understand that without these contributions, the school cannot continue to maintain and improve the premises to the high standard our children deserve. Each year parents complain about me asking for money but I can assure you every penny is spent on improving the school for our children. This year we have been able to refurbish our kitchen at a cost of £96,000- something that I would never be able to afford out of the school budget. This year more than ever I would ask all parents to pay their £15.00 as due to the extra costs of COVID our budget is under enormous pressure as we do not qualify for the Government grant as schools can only apply if they are in deficit.

This year, school was granted £96,000 for the kitchen refurbishment and we had to pay £7,500. However, as a school we only collected £2,040, meaning we had to take £5,460 from the school budget (this could have been spent on new classroom resources or extra reading books). If parents are not willing to contribute £15.00 per year the Diocese will not be able to fund larger projects and schools will have to find the money within their own budget to fund the projects needed. This is just not possible in the current climate so I ask that £15.00 per family is given. If each family gave £15.00 this year we would be able to meet the required 10% for the Diocese for any building work **AND** still have enough money in the budget to continue to improve our school resources.

## Weekly Reflection

### **Ethos Statement – We are all special**

This week we have been thinking about what makes us all special. In the first book of Genesis we are told that God made us all to be just like Him. If we are all made to be like God then we must be special!

We thank God for our special gifts and ask Him to help us use them in love. We remember our uniqueness and help us to treat everybody we meet as children of God. When we share God's love with others we help them come to know God.

The following Children have shown an understanding that we are all special this week:

FCB – James Rennie	1HW – Lucy Kent	2RL – Ronan Madden
FCB – Robyn Morgan	1HW – Niall Atkins	2RL – Charlie Lally
FEM – Sean Mea	1SH – Sienna Nag	2HS – Brooke Wilson
FEM – Orla Morad	1SH – William Spencer	2HS – Jensen Jagger-Tippey
3AD – Billy Mohammed	4AY – Poppy Welch	5RM – Harriet Bull
3AD – Izzabella Rogan	4AY – Michael Williamson	5RM – Lacie-Mai Copeland
3EJ – Gino Vokes	4DJ – Poppy Glascott	5HK – Sam Keeley
3EJ – Keir Strand	4DJ – Daniel Carter	5HK – Rylan Longog
6GA – Lily Strand		
6GA – Charlie Speirs		
6KH – Libby Wilson		
6KH – Kieran Holmes		

## House Points

Each week, we collect house points from each class and see who is the Key Stage 1 winner, the Key Stage 2 winner and the overall winner. We usually announce the winners in our weekly worship with Mrs Procter but as we cannot do that at the moment, we will announce them on here for the previous week.

### **Last week's winners:**

Key Stage 1 = **Matthew**

Key Stage 2 = **Mark**

Overall = **Mark**

Well done! Keep working and behaving hard to collect those points.

## ELSA- Emotional literacy support assistant

Within school we have two trained ELSAs so if any parents feel that their children require any extra support please contact Mrs Jones at [jjones@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:jjones@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk)

## Year 3 and 4 – Missed Sacraments

We have had lots of enquiries about the missed Sacraments from last Year. We appreciate that many of you will be wondering about what is going to be happening and we promise that as soon as any arrangements are made you will be informed straight away. As you will understand, circumstances are changing constantly at the moment and we may need to wait for things to settle down. We will continue to consult with Father Tom and the diocese for the best way to proceed.

We will not be able to plan the programme for the children who have just moved into Year 3 either. We will endeavour to let you know as soon as is possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### **Bikeability – Revised Schedule**

Please accept my sincere apologies for this. I have had to re-jig some of the days for Bikeability as the company is insisting each day is full (with 6 children). The new schedule was emailed to you on Thursday morning and I urge you to check which day your child has been assigned. You may find nothing has changed for you but some children have been moved to a different day. Children are to wear their school polo shirt and dark tracksuit bottoms or leggings on their Bikeability day. I really hope I haven't caused you any inconvenience. Mrs Kane

### **Message from Wirral Grammar School for Year 5 and 6 Girls**

Due to COVID-19 we are unable to hold our Open Evening/Day this term. We have put a virtual 'Open Evening' on our website and enclose a link here: [sites.google.com/wirralgirls.co.uk/openday2020](https://sites.google.com/wirralgirls.co.uk/openday2020) It can also be accessed from the homepage of our school website [wirralgirls.co.uk](https://wirralgirls.co.uk)

The local authority have moved the 11+ across two days, the 22nd and 23rd of October in order to accommodate the pupils in a socially distance environment. Parents will be informed which day and morning or afternoon session their daughter has been allocated. I wish you all the best in this challenging time, Mrs Cogan.

### **Message from South Wirral High School**

Prospective parents and students are invited to our first ever online 'Welcome Festival'.

From 5th-11th October we will share videos online - including an introduction to the staff, the school facilities and subjects. We will also be hosting some live Q&A sessions with members of our leadership team and parents. We appreciate that picking a secondary school is an exciting, important yet sometimes daunting part of a student's life - so to ensure parents and students are completely at ease, we have an engaging and thorough programme planned. Additionally, we are offering one-to-one parental tours in exceptional circumstances (such as children with significant additional needs) after regular school hours. Visit [www.southwirral.sch.uk/welcome](https://www.southwirral.sch.uk/welcome) for more information and to sign up for updates.

### **11+ Exam**

The assessments are now expected to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The number of application preferences has been increased from 3 to 5 to allow parents to give at least two non-grammar preferences by 31<sup>st</sup> October. The dates for the Catholic grammar assessments have also altered. St Anselms assessment is now intended to take place on 13<sup>th</sup> October, Upton Hall is now intended to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Flu Campaign**

The 0-19 Health and WellBeing Service, Wirral will be in school delivering this year's flu campaign on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. This will be offered to all children in foundation 2, and years 1 - 6. A letter has been sent out this week – please return the consent form to your child's class teacher or the school office.

## School Reading Books

When school locked down in March the children were sent home with 2 school reading books. Please can you make sure that these are returned to their class teacher at the beginning of next week as we are very short of books.



## Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

Year 2 children will be taking part in a half day Great Fire of London Workshop in school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October run by One Day Creative. The cost of this is £8 per child which should be paid via ParentPay.

## Delayed Burwardsley Trip for Current Year 5

Our current Year 5 children missed out on their residential trip to Burwardsley last term due to lockdown. We had rebooked this for October, however due to current government guidelines we have been advised that there will not be any residential visits in the Autumn term. Unfortunately Burwardsley has very limited availability next year in the spring months and so we have moved our booking to Beeston at the beginning of June 2021. If you have already made a payment towards the Burwardsley trip and would like this transferred to the new trip you don't need to do anything. However if you would prefer a refund please email [schooloffice@christtheking.wirral.sch](mailto:schooloffice@christtheking.wirral.sch) and we will arrange this.

## Thurstaston Trip Refund

Unfortunately our current Y6 children were not able to take part in their Thurstaston trip in March. We will be making refunds to all of the parents via ParentPay – the office will send a text to parents once this has been processed.

## Face Masks

### **Today we have received a letter from Public Health England.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to all schools in Wirral today to ask that parents and carers take extra care as Wirral's coronavirus cases continue to rise. The number of people with coronavirus has increased dramatically since the end of August and remains high.

We are seeing more people from all age groups testing positive across all areas of Wirral. This is why we have taken the decision to write to **ask that all parents and carers in Wirral wear face coverings when collecting and dropping off their children at school.** This will apply from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

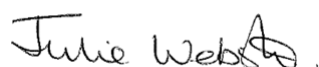
I would also ask you to please take note of the following points:

- Whilst certain individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings (for example those with particular medical conditions), they will still be expected to maintain social distance and consider wearing a mask on site. Wearing a face covering does not replace the need for social distancing.
- We are asking you as parents and carers to wear a face covering at school pick-up/drop-off points. The focus on adults is due to the unavoidable congestion that is happening at some school pick-up/drop-off points and the higher risk of COVID19 transmission from adult to adult, which is not replicated amongst children.

- As part of the increased measures for schools, members of school staff who oversee drop-off and collection times will also be required to wear a face covering.
- Further detail about face covering use in schools can be found at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education>

I appreciate your support with these protective measures.  
We must all do our bit and keep Wirral Well.

Kind regards,



Julie Webster  
Director of Public Health

I am pleased to say that the vast majority of our parents are already adhering to this guidance but we still have a few each day who are not wearing a mask when they come on site. In order to look after our school community can I please ask that you all wear a mask to protect others for the short time when you drop off and pick up, as we have vulnerable members of our community on the yard.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	St Anselms Entrance Exam
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Upton Hall Entrance Exam
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Upton Hall Entrance Exam
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	11 Plus Examination
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	School Closes for Half Term
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Inset Day – Children not in school
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	11 Plus Examination
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Inset day – Children not in school
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Children return to school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas Break, 2pm

