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Weekly Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

These weeks are going by so quickly. We are incredibly lucky to be having such a stable time in school at the moment and are facing very little COVID related disruption to learning. Attendance is excellent and we thank all of our families for supporting the school at this time in keeping us all safe, ensuring your children are not missing schooling and opportunities for social interaction with their friends.

Academy Photography

The proofs went sent home last week. The deadline for orders to be returned to school is 7th December 2020. Payment can be made by cash or by completing the credit/debit payment form. Please return your order plus cash or payments details in the envelope provided in your Proof Pack. Please ensure your child's name and class are written on the envelope. Seal the envelope and return to school. School can't accept orders after 7th December, but you can send your order after this date directly to Academy Photography.

Last day of term - REMINDER

We have an INSET day on Friday, 18th December. School will be closed to pupils.

The last day of term is Thursday 17th December, when school will close at 1.30pm. We will be undertaking a deep clean of the premises. We will however still be running our Swashbucklers club as normal, until 6pm on 17th December.

For those who cannot collect their child/ren at 1.30pm, we will provide an extra session at Swashbucklers club until 3.15pm, at the cost of £2 per child. Please book places through ParentPay. If you cannot access parentPay, cash will be accepted. Please send in via your child's class teacher.



The rest of our INSET days for this academic year are: Friday 18th December, Monday 4th January, Monday 12th April and Thursday 6th May (for school to be used as a Polling Station). Please note that on these days, school will be closed for all pupils.

Flu Immunisation sessions

Don't forget that Wirral Community Health will revisit Eastway Primary on Wednesday 9th December. If you wish your child to receive the flu immunisation, please complete and return a completed consent form.

Free School Meals

We are actively encouraging all families to let us check if they may qualify for Free School Meals. If your circumstances have changed recently, please let us know. This is not just for your child to receive a free lunch in school; it also provides us with extra money to give your child additional support or opportunities.

Cold weather

As the weather is turning cold now, please ensure that your child/ren are dressed appropriately to keep them warm. We are spending a lot of time outdoors, whether outdoor learning or just out having fun. If you are struggling with getting winter wear, please let us know and we will try to help. We have spare coats etc.

Santa Sleigh 11th December

We are incredibly happy to let you know that Santa's annual visit to Eastway and Moreton is still going ahead. We will be working with Heswall Round Table to complete a tour of the community from 6pm on Friday 11th December. We will not be collecting money or knocking on doors due to COVID restrictions but it will be lovely to see you out in the community while we spread some much-needed Christmas Cheer!

Tackling Food Poverty

Times are becoming increasingly challenging at the moment for many of our families. We are able to support in many ways and no one should ever feel too proud to ask for help. We are a strong, caring community and will do all that we can as a school to ensure that no one goes hungry. Over the Christmas holidays, we will be working again with the amazing team at Neo Community to provide food and activity packs for families in need. We also have our Social Supermarket in the Family Centre. If you are struggling, please speak to us in confidence and let us help you.

Support Event for Families



Listen Up! Cheshire and Wirral!
Online event for children, young people & families to share ideas & views about mental health and wellbeing support
Monday 30th November 6-8pm (via Zoom)

- Hello & welcome
- **Mental Health Support Teams in Schools**- you will find out more about the role of the teams in schools and how they hope to help children, young people and families
- **What has been 'Pants'**-share some of the things that are not great about mental health support
- **What has been 'Tops'**-share some of the things that have been really good about mental health support
- Break 
- **Put on your 'Thinking Caps'**- An opportunity to share all your ideas about what needs to happen to make mental health support better
- Questions
- Next steps, feedback & Thank you

To book on to this event or for more information please email cwp.adminmhst@nhs.net



Home Learning

It is really important, as the children have missed so much formal schooling this year that they continue with learning at home as regularly as possible. It helps to promote a good attitude towards learning, supports them in school and they love to share what they have been doing in school with the family. Make this fun and enjoyable! We are noticing that many children have 'gaps' in their learning or have forgotten what may have previously been taught. Class teachers can support you with this. Remember that you have the packs for each child that we sent home, Times Table Rockstars, Read Theory, Bug Club, Phonics Games, Artist of the Week, Fitness Challenge and weekly ideas of the class pages of the school website. The most important part is ensuring that children are reading daily. If you need any support with Home Learning, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Gates

Thank you so much to adhering to our social distancing and start and end of day procedures. It is working incredibly well and we are pleased with how safe it feels. Please can I remind you to ensure you are keeping a minimum of 2-metre distance from other families, always wear a facemask and do not gather at the gate. If you have a message for class teachers, it is always best to arrange a call back, please ring or email the school office or if it is urgent and confidential, ask a member of staff to step to one side to chat rather than create congestion for others coming in or leaving.

Please note there will be an important letter coming out later today regarding changes for some classes from January.