



Newsletter 2 - October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this half-term, I am pleased to say that the children have truly settled into their classes, they are embracing new learning with enthusiasm and gaining lots of new knowledge and skills along the way.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent-teacher meetings; we hope they provided a clear picture of your child's strengths and their next steps in learning. Please remember that if you have any concerns or worries about your child then you do not have to wait until the next meeting, you can make an appointment to see your child's class teacher at any time during the year.

Our Curriculum meetings were well attended this year. One of the key messages in all of our curriculum evenings was the importance of reading. Reading is a fundamental skill that opens the door to all areas of the curriculum. When children develop strong reading abilities, they are better equipped to access and understand subjects ranging from science to history, and even mathematics. It builds comprehension, expands vocabulary, and fosters a love for learning.

We cannot stress enough how crucial it is for children to read regularly, both at school and at home. Parents play a vital role in supporting this by reading with their child as often as possible. Sharing a book together not only strengthens their reading skills but also encourages a positive attitude towards learning. Our school's reading motto is "Strive for 5," which means we encourage every child to read with an adult at least five times a week. This small commitment can make a big difference in your child's progress and confidence as a reader. Just a reminder that every time your child reads at home with a grown-up they can write their name on a raffle ticket in school. Each half term a winner will be chosen in Celebration Assembly to receive a lovely new book.

Scooting Stars

After half term (on Tuesday 12th November) we will be holding a Learn to Scoot session called Scooting STARS, with Wirral Council's Road Safety team. This will be a chance for the children in F2, Yr1 and Yr2 to practise balancing, braking and general handling skills through a series of fun games.

Children will need to bring their scooter and a helmet into school with them to be able to take part. It is important that all scooters are in good working order.

This means:

- good working brake(s).
- working wheels.
- a frame with no cracks on the welded joints.
- deck tape.
- secure handlebars, bar ends and bar plugs.

I am letting you know now so that you can check your child's scooter over the holidays. If your child does not have a scooter then they will be able to use a school scooter.

I will send a letter out after the holiday for you to give consent for your child to take part.



Events to share



This half term the children from F1-Yr1 enjoyed a Balance bike session. They learned to stop, start and navigate the space safely. The instructor was very impressed with the children's listening skills.



Although our Year 2 children did not participate in the balance bike sessions, they did have the opportunity to participate in a netball session with a coach from Galaxy Netball Club. They had a great time and enjoyed learning the rules of the game.

We had a visitor from a waste recycling plant who told us all about what happens to our rubbish and the importance of recycling and reducing our waste.



I thought you may want to have a look at some superb artwork created by our Year 2 children.



Places for F1 and F2 September 2025

Do you know any families looking for a school place for their child starting in September 2025? Spread the word and encourage them to get in touch with us!

We offer a personalised tour of our school, where prospective parents can meet our friendly staff and amazing children. It is the perfect chance to experience the school first hand and get all their questions answered.

Cheshire Phoenix Season Ticket

We have been given a Cheshire Phoenix Season ticket. The ticket allows admission for two adults and two children. If any family loves Basketball and would like the season ticket then please contact the school office. If we have more than one request for the ticket then we will put names in a hat and have a draw.



Safeguarding and Online Safety

As part of our curriculum (computing and PSHE) we teach the children about safety online. The children learn at an age-appropriate level about what they should and should not do when using technology.

The NSPCC provides lots of great advice for parents on lots of topics including online safety. It is important that you monitor what your child is doing when they are online. Parents are strongly advised to only allow children to play games that are appropriate for their age.

Piano

A generous member of our school community has offered to donate a piano to a family at our school. It is free, but the recipient will need to arrange collection. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more details.

Parent Governor

I am pleased to announce that we have a new parent governor. Vicki McParland-Thomas has been appointed to serve for a four-year term from 11th October 2024.



Royal British Legion

Poppies and other merchandise such as snap bands will be on sale in the school playground at 8.30am on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th November.



Children in Need

Children in Need this year takes place on **Friday 15th November**. We ask that children come to school dressed in spotty/colourful clothes. The children will learn about the charity in school and take part in Pudsey related activities in their classes.

We will be having a Pudsey colouring competition to raise money for the charity and there will be a £1 entry fee. The children can be as creative as they like. We will send the colouring sheet home with the children this week.

PE days for the next half term

All year groups will continue to have PE on a Friday and children should wear their school PE kit.

Diary Dates

October

- Friday 25th October Children finish school for half term (Non-Uniform Day £1 donation on Parent Pay)

November

- Monday 4th November Children return to school
- Thursday 7th November Fun Food Chef in for Year 2
- Tuesday 12th November – Scooter day (F2-Yr2 Children need scooters and helmets)
- Wednesday 13th November Flu Vaccinations F2-Yr2
- Thursday 14th November EYFS Nursery Rhyme day (See information on Tapestry from Mrs McLeod and Mrs Lucan)
- Friday 15th November Children In Need event (Non-Uniform wear spotty/colourful clothes)
- Monday 18th November Open Classroom – F2-Yr2 parents invited to see children’s work 2.30pm
- Thursday 28th November Full Governing Body Meeting

December

- Monday 9th December @2.15pm F2 Christmas play (parents/carers invited)
- Tuesday 10th December @2.15pm Yr1 Christmas play (parents/carers invited)
- Wednesday 11th December @2.15pm Rock Steady Concert (invited guests only)
- Thursday 12th December @9.15am F1 Christmas Crafts and Sing-along (parents/carers invited)
- Thursday 12th December @2.15am Yr2 Christmas Concert (parents/carers invited)
- Thursday 19th December Christmas Party Day (children wear party clothes)
- Friday 20th December School closes for Christmas Holidays (Non Uniform day)

January

- Monday 6th January Staff Development day (Teachers only)
- Tuesday 7th January Children return to school (after the holiday)

Other Staff Development Days 2024-25 –

Friday 23rd May 2025, Monday 21st July 2025, Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Yours sincerely,

Julie Morris
Headteacher