



Newsletter



November 2022

Sport

Our school cross country team have been braving the elements during this term, to produce some fantastic performances, even with a couple of podium finishes. Well done to everyone who turns up whatever the weather and challenges themselves to run through the mud and long grass.

Athletics training has been very popular and we are entered into the Wirral indoor sportshall athletics competition later this month.

The football season will also get underway soon, with our year 5 team being drawn against New Brighton in the Corgi Cup and the year 6 team being placed in a group with Overchurch, Somerville and St John's in the Houlihan Cup.



Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest assembly took place on 21st October. We are so thankful for the generous donations that you sent in. All of the items were collected by a representative from the charity "Response," who was amazed with the amount collected (they barely fit in her car.) All of the items will go to teenagers in need in our local area.



November Dates

1st Nov – Judo club starts

4th Nov – Non-uniform in return for chocolate donations for the Christmas Fair

14th Nov – Sportshall Indoor athletics competition

16th Nov – Flu immunisations

22nd Nov – Y5 football match vs New Brighton

25th Nov – Mad Hair Day for pre loved books and games

26th Nov – Christmas Fair (1pm – 3pm at the Infants School)



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Attendance

Attendance at school is incredibly important for all children, especially after large periods of closure in the past few years. Each month, I will share our whole school attendance in our newsletter. Our target is **96%**

Whole School Attendance for October 94.18%

190 DAYS 100%	183 DAYS 96%	179 DAYS 94%	175 DAYS 92%	More than 18 days absence less than 90%
Very best chance of success	Off to a flying start	Less chance of success	Harder to make progress	Persistent Absentee (your child misses a lot)

E-Safety

This month's e-safety advice is from National Online Safety and gives ideas on how to ensure your child is safe when using Whatsapp. Even though the age limit for Whatsapp is 16, we know that many of our children use it and should follow the advice below:

Advice for Parents & Carers [CLICK HERE](#)

- CREATE A SAFE PROFILE**
Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.
- EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING**
If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.
- REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS**
Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.
- LEAVE A GROUP**
If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.
- THINK ABOUT LOCATION**
If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.
- DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES**
If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.
- CHECK THE FACTS**
You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

Thank you

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