

18.1.24

Dear Parents and Carers,  
I hope that you have had a good week.

The children all enjoyed Chinese New Year workshops run by teachers from the Confucius Institute at Edge Hill University yesterday.

### Chinese New Year Workshop



### Sacramental Preparation

The children in Year 3 will be taking the next steps in their 'Sacramental Journey' over the next few months. All children who will be making their First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion are invited to attend the Enrolment Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January. All children who will be making their First Holy Communion in **Holy Family** should attend the **9:30am Mass in Holy Family** and those who will be making their First Holy Communion in **Our Lady and St John** should attend the **11:00am Mass in Our Lady and St John**. During the Mass the children will be enrolled onto the Sacramental Preparation Programme and will receive their medals. Please note that all children **must** be baptised before they receive the sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion.

All children will receive the Sacrament of First Forgiveness at 6:00pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at **Our Lady and St John's**.

The children will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at the following times:

**9:30am Holy Family**  
**11:30am Our Lady and St John**

There will be a Celebration Mass for all children on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 10:00am in Holy Family. This will be followed by a party in school.

To prepare the children to receive the sacraments they will take part in weekly lessons in school using the 'I Belong' book. The books cost £7.99 and can be paid for via ParentPay.

If you would like your child to take part in the Sacramental preparation programme please complete the following Google form [Sacramental Preparation](#). The form must be completed by **FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**.

If you have any questions regarding First Sacraments please speak to me at the gate or contact me on [headteacher@ladymount.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@ladymount.wirral.sch.uk) . Thank you.



### Wake up Wednesday



The theme of 'Wake Up Wednesday' this week is '12 Smartphone Safety Tips'

### Ten Ten Resources – January Newsletter



Please follow the link below to read the Ten Ten Resources January newsletter.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

### NSPCC Number Day

NSPCC Number Day is on Friday 2nd February. It is a non-uniform day (children are welcome to wear number themed outfits if they choose to) and all money will go to the NSPCC. Children will spend the day completing a range of exciting maths activities.



### Brass Lessons

We still have some availability for brass lessons. If you would like your child to take part in the lessons please see the letter attached to this newsletter.



### Bag2School

We are pleased to announce that Ladymount has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for our Plas Caerdeon fundraiser.

**Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.**

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our Caerdeon fundraiser, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <https://bag2school.com> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

**Bag2School** will be collecting from Ladymount on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (we have been informed that the date needs to be changed). Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the gazebo and help us have a really good collection. Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.



### Enrichment Activities w/b 22.1.24

	Before School	Lunch Time	After School
<b>Monday</b>	Fencing		Story Explorers (Ladybirds) Dance (Yr. 1-4) Gaelic Football (Yr. 5-6)
<b>Tuesday</b>		Tag Rugby (Yr. 5 -6)	Chess
<b>Wednesday</b>			Mandarin (Yr. 2 – 6)
<b>Thursday</b>	Lacrosse (KS2)	Mini Vinnies	Choir
<b>Friday</b>	Gymnastics (Yr. 1, 2 and 3)		Football (Yr. 5 – 6)

### Attendance – Every Day Counts

It is a well-known fact that good attendance and punctuality at school give children the very best chance of success at school. Whilst we acknowledge that children are unwell and unable to attend school from time to time as a school we promote the belief that ‘Every Day Counts’



### Attendance – Autumn Term

Class	% Attendance
Ladybirds	93.5%
Year 1	95.6%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3 MP	100%
Year 3 SS	92.9%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	96.6%
Whole School Attendance	96.6%
Whole School Attendance (to date)	95.7%

### School Matters!



## Lunches Week Beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January

**CAN ALL PARENTS PLEASE CHECK THAT THEIR CHILD'S DINNER MONEY IS UP TO DATE ON PARENT PAY**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Pasta bar</b> Pasta served with either tomato &amp; basil or cheese sauce. Garlic bread and broccoli</p> 	<p><b>Sausage &amp; Mash</b> Choose from fresh butcher's quality pork sausages or Quorn sausages served with homemade mashed potatoes, Pea and gravy or beans.</p> 	<p><b>Homemade Pizza</b> Choose from cheese &amp; tomato or pepperoni served with sweetcorn and potato wedges.</p> 	<p><b>Chicken Burritos</b> A tortilla wrap filled with Chicken or Quorn piece cooked with onion, chilli powder, tomatoes, peppers. Topped with cheese and bake in the oven. Served with Mexican rice.</p> 	<p><b>Fish &amp; Chips</b> Choose from either Battered Cod fillet, Cod fillet fish fingers, or Quorn nuggets oven and served with chips and peas or baked beans.</p> 
<p><i>Jacket Potatoes and Paninis. Cheese or cheese &amp; ham are also available daily as a hot alternative.</i></p>				
<p><i>Or</i></p>				
<p><b>Deli Bar - Available Everyday</b> Design your own sandwich, first choose your bread - wraps, assorted bachel or riced bread, then choose your filling a selection of the following will be available daily - ham, cheese, tuna, Chinese chicken, turkey, roast beef, egg and finally finish with a choice of salad - carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, sweetcorn, coleslaw, beetroot and peppers.</p>				
<p><b>Dessert</b> Fresh Fruit, Fruit Pots, Yogurts and Cheese and Crackers are available daily along with the dessert of the day</p>				
<p><b>DRINK</b> A selection of fresh fruit juice and fresh milkshakes, milk and water will be available daily</p>				

### Nuts

Can I remind parents and carers that we are a nut free school. Please do not send any nut based products, including peanut butter and Nutella, into school in your child's lunch boxes. We have a number of children in school who have nut allergies and this is to keep everybody safe.



### Year 4 PSHE

Over the coming weeks, Year 4 will be working to explore important aspects of their social and emotional wellbeing.

These statutory lessons include:

- \*Making judgements on acceptable and unacceptable physical contact.
- \*How to respond to the above.
- \*Recognising abuse, and the different types to be aware of (physical and emotional for example).
- \*Identifying trusted people that can help us.
- \*Learn the biological names for male and female anatomy and will begin to discuss the changes that will happen during puberty.



### Year 5 Swimming

Swimming lessons for the children in Year 6 will be taking place the week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. It is compulsory for all pupils to attend regardless of their swimming ability as it forms part of their P.E. curriculum. The lessons will take place at West Kirby Concourse every afternoon for an hour lesson. The children will leave by bus after lunch and return to the school before the end of the day. Children should wear their PE kits to school each day during the week that they are swimming.

The cost of transport and swimming lessons are provided by the school, however we do ask that you make sure your child wears the correct swimwear, without it they may be refused entry into the pool.

#### **Every child will need to bring the following:**

- Girls - A one piece swimsuit (not bikinis)
- Boys – Swimming trunks (not swimming shorts)
- Towel
- Still soft drink
- Inhalers should be handed to class teacher, if required
- Swimming goggles are optional
- Verruca socks if necessary
- Swimming caps are compulsory for girls and boys with long hair.

Kits will need to be brought home daily and returned dry for the next day's session.



Have a lovely weekend,  
N. J. Turner  
(Headteacher)

### Diary Dates

<b>January</b>	
19.1.24	Year 3 S/S Class Assembly
19.1.24	Pantomime – A Christmas Carol
Week Beginning 22/1	Year 5 Swimming
28.1.24	First Holy Communion Enrolment 9:30am Holy Family 11:00am Our Lady and St John
<b>February</b>	
1.2.24	Year 3 MP Assembly
2.2.24	NSPCC Number Day (Non-Uniform)
7.2.24	Open Afternoon / Book Look
12.2.24	PTIs
14.2.24	Ash Wednesday Service (2:30pm)

14.2.24	PTIs
15.2.24	PTA Disco (Non uniform day) Ladybirds, Yr. 1, Yr. 2 and Yr3 3:25pm – 4:15pm Yr. 4, Yr. 5 and Yr. 6 – 4:30pm – 5:30pm
16.2.24	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
26.2.24	Drama 4 All Workshops
29.2.24	Year 2 Class Assembly
<b>March</b>	
1.3.24	Non-Uniform Day
6.3.24	Year 5 / 6 Trip to Liverpool Philharmonic
7.3.24	World Book Day
14.3.24	Year 1 Class Assembly
22.3.24	PTA Music Quiz
25.3.24	Cross Country at Birkenhead Park