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Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope that you have all had a good week. Thank you to all of the parents who have downloaded the Schoolgateway app, please make sure that you have allowed notifications and persistent banners for when you receive in-app messages.

Parent Questionnaire

To help us make sure we are providing the best standard of education for your children, we'd like to know how you feel about our school.

This will help us to find out what we are doing well and what we could do better.

Please take the time to complete this survey to help us to make Ladymount the best it can be.

Please complete the survey by following this link [Parent questionnaire January 2023](#) by Monday 30th January.

Replies will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Your feedback is very important to us.

Industrial Action

You will have seen on the news that members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take strike action and dates have been listed for this action. For our area these are:

Wednesday February 1st

Tuesday February 28th

Wednesday March 15th and

Thursday March 16th.

Not all teachers will be in the NEU as there are a number of different teacher unions, but it does have a large membership. At the moment, I am assessing the impact this may have on our school. I will inform parents of this at the earliest opportunity as you may need to put arrangements in place for childcare on these days. Whilst as a school we regret any inconvenience this may cause, we must respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a legal ballot.

There is also the potential for strikes to be called off subject to further talks or negotiations.

I will update you further as soon as possible.

Make Up and Jewellery

Children should not be wearing make up or jewellery at school for health and safety reasons. Children can wear a small set of plain studs for the first six weeks after they have had their ears pierced. During this time their ears should be covered with tape before coming into school. Earrings should be removed for school after the first six weeks.

Plas Caerdeon Payments

Parents / carers of the children in Year 6 are now able to make payments for their trip to Plas Caerdeon which will be taking place in June. The balance which needs to be paid is £280 (£140 for children in receipt of Pupil Premium). Payments should be paid in the payments section of the Schoolgateway app.



Year 5 Trip – Matilda

We have received an invitation from Pensby High School for our **Year 5** pupils to go and watch their school production of Matilda on Tuesday 14th February in the morning. We have accepted this generous invitation and will be walking the children down to Pensby ready for the start of the performance at 10am. Please complete the Google form [Matilda](#) to confirm that you give permission for your child to attend and also please let us know if you are available that day yourself to help as we need a few volunteers to walk down with the children.



Dance Club – February Half Term

Shadow Dance, who run the after school dance club on a Monday evening, will be running a dance club during February half term. A flyer giving the details of the form are attached to this newsletter.



Alive Community Church – Food Drive

We have been approached by Alive Community Church to support their Food Drive. They are asking for donations of non-perishable foods (see list) which will then be distributed to the Foodbank and some of the other social supermarkets in Wirral.

If you would like to donate to the food drive please send donations into school with your child – there will be a collection box in the front entrance.

The last day for donations will be Friday 17th February, thank you.



Wrap Around Places

Can I remind all parents and carers that if you book a place at before or after school wrap around and your child does not attend the club you will still be charged for the session unless your child is off school sick. If you know that your child will not be attending club you are able to cancel the place up until the start time of the club.

Morning Drop Off

Can I remind all parents and carers that they should wait outside the school gate with their children until the member of staff on duty that day arrives at the gate to welcome the children, thank you.

NSPCC Number Day

We will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day on Friday 3rd February. Children are invited to come into school in non uniform that day and can wear number themed clothes if they choose to. All donations for the non uniform that day will be donated to the NSPCC and should be made via ParentPay. The children will take part in a range of number related activities during the day.



Extra- Curricular Activities – Week Beginning 16th January 2023

Monday	Pilates (6:00pm) Dance (Years 1, 2, 3 and 4) Girls Football
Tuesday	Chess (after school)
Wednesday	
Thursday	Mini Vinnies (lunch time) Choir (after school)
Friday	Yr 4 / 5/ 6 Cross Country (lunch time)



The theme of this week's Wake Up Wednesday is – Twitter



Ten:Ten January Newsletter

Please follow the link to read the January newsletter from Ten:Ten. The newsletter will give you an insight into the themes that will be covered in Prayer and Liturgy sessions in school this month so that you can support your child in this area.

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



Attendance

Pre-Covid 19, we had excellent rates of attendance at school. Since the pandemic, rates have improved again, but not to the levels we had before, and I hope that we can address this problem this term. Clearly, the only way your child/children will benefit from the lessons prepared by their teachers is if they are actually here in the classroom. Good attendance does make a difference to the progress made by children at school, and reduces the chance of them missing out on any key learning.

The Department for Education have published guidance for schools on how to work with families on improving rates of attendance, and this guidance includes the following illustration of the link between attendance and attainment;

The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment. At KS2, pupils not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate of 4.7%, compared to 3.5% among those meeting the expected standard.

As you can see, even missing a few more days can make a big difference.

This week the class with the highest level of attendance was Year 3/4 Mr Moore's class with 99.1%. Well done Mr Moore's class!



Menu – Week Beginning 23rd January

Can all parents and carers make sure that they have cleared their school meal debts on Parent Pay, thank you.

WEEK 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Quorn Lasagne <i>Quorn mince cooked with onions, garlic, tomatoes and herbs then layered between sheets of pasta and topped with a béchamel sauce, grated cheese and baked in the oven served with garlic bread.</i>	Minced Beef and Onion Pie <i>Choose from minced beef or Quorn mince cooked with onions, carrots and stock, baked in the oven with a pastry top served with diced potatoes.</i>	Margarita Pizza <i>A wholemeal margarita pizza with extra topping served with a cold pasta salad.</i>	Creamy Chicken Curry <i>Choose from chicken pieces or Quorn pieces cooked with onions cooked with onions, garlic, turmeric, coriander, coconut milk and natural yoghurt. Served on a bed of rice with naan bread.</i>	Fish & Chips <i>Choose from a battered cod fillet, breaded cod fillet fingers or simply a salmon fillet, all baked in the oven & served with chips</i>
Served with				
Carrots	Peas	Mixed Salad	Spinach	Peas
Or				
Jacket Potatoes				
<i>Choose from fillings of tuna and mayonnaise or cheese served with salad</i>				
Or				
Deli Bar				
For dessert				
Dessert of the day				
And finally, a drink				
A selection of the following drinks will be available daily – milk, water or juice.				

Have a lovely weekend,

N. J. Turner

Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
29.1.23	First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass (11:15am)
30.1.23-3.2.21	Year 5 /6 KC Swimming (all week)
3.2.23	Non Uniform Day – NSPCC Number Day
14.2.23	Year 5 trip – Matilda at Pensby High School
1.3.23	Opportunity to look at children’s books before PTIs (3:30pm – 4:15pm)
6.3.23	PTI’s (3:40pm – 6:00pm)
8.3.23	PTI’s (3:40pm – 6:00pm)

