



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Newsletter Number 8 Spring Term

Dear families,

Happy New Year to you all- we hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and that 2024 is treating you well so far.

Thank you for the many good wishes at the gate this week following my change in role. I feel very excited and extremely privileged to be given the opportunity to take on the role of acting Head teacher and look forward to all that it brings. I am very pleased to inform you that Miss Grant and Mrs Embery have been appointed as interim deputy head teachers and they are equally thrilled to be given this opportunity.

### **PTA Meeting**

The next PTA meeting is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. The meeting is a virtual meeting and the link to join the meeting is below:

PTA meeting: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 6.30pm

Google Meet joining info: <https://meet.google.com/dre-xxug-ijh>

### **Extreme weather conditions**

Please take care around the site in these colder temperatures. We do grit paths but ice can form very quickly so please take extra care. On extremely icy days, we will close the path and ask you to send the children through the main entrance. An email will be sent out in advance to warn you of this.

### **PTA Family Bingo**

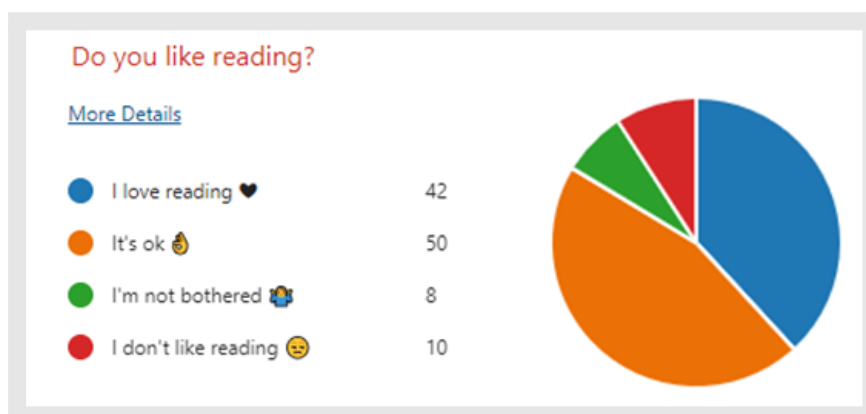
On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 5:30pm-7:00pm, the PTA have organised a family bingo event. The details for the 'End of January Blues Family Bingo' will be sent to you shortly so please look out for these.

### **Christmas jumper days and Christmas carol singing**

As a result of your donations, and some beautiful singing at Asda from our choir, we managed to raise the fabulous total of £568.49 which we can now share with Cancer Research in memory of our lovely, Mr Klausen. Thank you so much for supporting this.

### **Reading for pleasure survey**

As part of our reading for pleasure work, we recently asked the children to complete a survey to find out how they feel about reading. As you can see from the data below, the majority of our children love to read but what also came from this survey was how much children loved to be read to. Over 70% of our children said that they loved it when an adult read to them, either at home or in school because they loved to get lost in the wonder and imagination of a good book. We thank you for your support with your children's reading and hope that our children's love of reading continues.



## Primary admissions 2024/25

The deadline for primary school applications is fast approaching. If you have a child due to start school in September 2024, please ensure you have submitted the primary admissions form by 15<sup>th</sup> January. You can apply online at [www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Attendance

You may well have heard that there is a national drive to improve school attendance. We have been asked to direct you to NHS guidance which offers parents advice and aims to help you decide whether to keep your child off school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> We will be working with you to keep you updated on your child's attendance and inform you if this goes below 95% so that we can work together to support your child's attendance.

## Free courses for jobs

Did you know that the government might be able to pay for you take a course that helps you learn new skills or apply for work, depending on your circumstances? The following website provides further details: <https://www.skillsforcareers.education.gov.uk/pages/training-choice/free-courses-for-jobs>

## Rags to Riches

We are raising money by collecting reusable clothes. If you have any good quality, reusable clothes that you would like to donate, collection is taking place on **14<sup>th</sup> February**. We will send the bags home as soon as we receive them but wanted to give you plenty of warning. Further information can be found by scanning the QR code from the flyer.

## And finally...

The morning rush is one of the most stressful times of the day, especially when returning to school after the Christmas holiday. I would please ask that you be considerate of each other and be mindful that some mornings can be more stressful than others for both the children and adults. In being mindful of other people, I would like to ask you to refrain from commenting on other people's parenting skills as everyone has their own manner of dealing with things. What may work for your child might not be the best approach for another family so please be kind and supportive of each other.

## Dates for the half term

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
Monday 22nd January	6.30pm	Online PTA meeting	Link included in this newsletter
Monday 29th January to Wednesday 31st January	9.30am	Year 6 to Robinwood	Details to follow for Y6 parents
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	5.30pm-7:00pm	PTA End of January Blues Bingo	Details to follow
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	Rags to Riches collection date. Please bring bags in from <b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b> .	
Friday 16th February	3.30pm	<b>School closes for half term</b>	
Tuesday 27th February (Monday 26th Feb - INSET)	8.40am	<b>School opens for second half of spring term</b>	

Mrs K Wright,

Acting Head teacher

