

16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Updates for you on:

- **Changes to school holidays**
- **Coats for pupils**
- **Footwear in our new sports hall**
- **The School Bakery**
- **Christmas events**

### Changes to school holidays

#### 'King's Bank Holiday':

An additional bank holiday to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III has been announced. This will be a national holiday and all schools will be closed on this day. The date of the bank holiday will be **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

In July 2023 West Kirby Golf Club will host the Open Golf Championship. This takes place in the locality about every 8 years (I understand). The Local Authority has been in contact with head teachers of schools in the area to discuss school term times and physical access to school sites.

Due to the proximity of WKS and West Kirby Girls Grammar School to the golf course, which is across the road from us, we have been advised that additional traffic, the presence of emergency services and road closures will mean that travel to and from School will be severely disrupted. The Local Authority has also advised schools to move INSET days and to conduct remote learning days on the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023, to avoid any unnecessarily long travel times for children and young people.

We are therefore advising you of the following changes:

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – School building will be closed. Pupils will have remote learning sessions with their class/form teacher from home.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – Half day 9am-12 midday. School building will be closed. Pupils will have remote learning sessions with their class/form teacher from home.

Day ends at midday. School holidays begin for pupils.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – Staff INSET Day – School building will be closed. Last day of term.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – School holidays begin for staff.

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Your child's class teacher will be in touch nearer the time to organise remote learning sessions for your child/children. Please discuss any issues you may have with IT equipment and connectivity with your child's class teacher.

We understand that not all pupils are comfortable with remote learning. As this is the end of term we will not insist that pupils engage for the full day and a half if parents/carers feel this is a battle they would prefer not to engage in. We are willing to work with you to create a timetable which will work for you and your child.

**NB pupils in Y11, Y13 and Y14 Will NOT be expected to participate in remote learning.**

### **Coats for pupils**

We have been kindly sent donations to the charity by local citizens who wish to support children in our school. We have decided to use this money to provide a coat for any child who needs one.

If you would like us to buy a coat for your child you can do this in one of two ways:

- Email your child's class teacher and ask that school buys a coat for your child. We will then take your child shopping for a warm and appropriate school coat.
- Email your child's class teacher with a link to the coat which you would like us to buy for your child. Please make sure the coat is warm and appropriate for school. We will contact you with regards to your request.

### **Footwear in our renovated sports hall**

Renovations to the sports hall are almost complete. Mr. Musgrave, Mr. Evans and Mr. Quayle (our PE specialists) are very excited about the changes. We now have:

- A large hall with appropriate flooring
- A smaller studio for gymnastics, dance and fitness.
- A new, large and improved gym which will contain equipment for older pupils and staff to use for fitness.

Part of the renovations includes a new floor. We would like to maintain the quality of this floor, so need pupils to wear PE trainers or pumps. Failing this, pupils will be asked to participate bare footed. Pupils cannot wear shoes for PE. We are going to buy some spare trainers and pumps for pupils to wear in various sizes. Please be aware, if your child does not have appropriate footwear, they will be asked to go barefooted or to borrow a pair of trainers/pumps.

### **The School Bakery**

As you may know we have been creating a School Bakery as a life skills enterprise for the pupils. Following a prolonged wait for windows and a door, we understand these will be delivered imminently! Once the School Bakery is completed we will be training our bakers and baristas in using the equipment, in readiness for a launch (and opening to the general public) in February 2023.

## **Christmas events**

Please note the following dates for the Christmas period:

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022:** Primary nativity in the morning (time TBC)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022:** Christmas Enterprise Fair 10am -12 midday.

PM normal lessons.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022:** Normal lessons.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022:** Christmas Jumper Day.

Elf Run in the morning (weather dependent).

Christmas Lunch. Hopefully with a visit from Father Christmas, if we are lucky.

Afternoon wellbeing.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022:** Half day. Taxis to arrive from 12.30pm. School closes for Christmas break.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023:** School opens for Spring term.

Please find attached a copy of the School's term dates for 2022-2023 for your information. If you have any queries with regards to any events your child will be involved with, please contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,



S. Thomas  
Principal / CEO

## Term Dates 2022-2023

### **Autumn Term 2022**

**Inset** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 (staff)

Open Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (pupils)

Close Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

**HALF TERM – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Open Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Close Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 –  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023**

### **Spring Term 2023**

Open Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Close Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**HALF TERM – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Open Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Close Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**SPRING BREAK – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**EASTER BANK HOLIDAYS - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023 & Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

### **Summer Term 2023**

Open Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Close Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

**KINGS CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**HALF TERM – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023**

Open Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Close Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – REMOTE LEARNING\*\*

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – REMOTE LEARNING \*\*

– **School finishes at 12noon for pupils**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - **INSET (Staff)**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - School Closed for Summer holidays

\*\* pupils learn from home due to The Open Golf tournament in Hoylake

***Please note: Inset Days at beginning and end of academic year.***