



Town Lane Infant School Newsletter

Welcome back

We would like to start this newsletter with a thank you to all of our wonderful children for making the first month of school so enjoyable

for all of the teachers and staff at school. To see them all having fun with their friends and learning the new routines of school life in their new year group so quickly is wonderful to see.

We are seeing settled children in all areas of the school and lots of excellent learning taking place. The children are a credit to you all and we are so proud of their positive attitudes.

Leave of Absence during term Time

We expect all children to be in school during term time. It goes without saying that children have had significant disruption to their learning over the last few years. Leave will not be granted apart from in exceptional circumstances. It remains a priority for us to work together with families in the best interests of all children's education. Unauthorised absences can result in penalty notices being issued. It would be in the children's best interest for any holiday time to be taken during holiday periods throughout the year. Please see our attendance policy on the school website for more information.

Covid – 19 Update

Cases of Covid currently remain low in Town Lane and we thank you all for your support in helping to reduce

infection. We follow National Guidance which asks all children and family members to get a PCR test should they have symptoms.

New Term dates adopted by Wirral, Liverpool and Cheshire

New term and holiday dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 have been adopted by Wirral, Liverpool and Cheshire. There are not many changes but you will notice that the October half term for Wirral is now the same as the other two Local Authorities. The Wirral website has now been updated to reflect this.

Town Lane Infant School Parents Fundraising Association.

Members of the school PTA are delighted to welcome new parents this year.

The volunteers have organised for all children in school to design a Christmas card, which when published will be a lovely personalised gift for families and friends.

E-safety and school website

In September, the DfE updated their Keeping Children Safe in Education document which informs all safeguarding updates in education. Online safety is a particular challenge especially for older children but also to any child who has online access

and the ability to use a search engine. Please read the recent update from Wirral LA below regarding an app causing current concern. We are aware that many of our families have older siblings and know that this will be useful information.

Safeguarding alert

On behalf of the Wirral Contextual Safeguarding and Compass teams we would like to alert you about the Yubo App. Previously known as Yellow, the Yubo app is extremely popular among teens. It mimics adult social media and dating apps like Tinder. It has been referred to by social media commentators as being a dating app for teens and as such there is scope for such a platform to be misused. Wirral's Contextual and Compass teams have seen a recent increase in children and young people using this app. This has resulted in some young people going to meet other peers through the app, potentially placing themselves at great risk of harm and abuse.

Further information about Online Safety is available on the WSCP website:

For children and young people – <https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/online-safety-2/>

For parents and carers <https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/online-safety-guidance-parents/>

Please refer to our school website regarding E-safety within school and our new updated school policy. Keeping children safe online is given the very highest priority in school. If you wish to discuss this further please contact Mrs. Gibson, our computing subject leader, via the school office.

Health Week Volunteers

During our annual health week, we are asking any health professional parents to come into school to support with the important message of healthy body/healthy minds. If you think you may have some time during the week beginning 18th October, please do get in touch.

Reminders

We are continuing to monitor the use of 'Numbots' at home (Y1/Y2 currently) and the children who are reading frequently at home. Please do support your child with this important learning.

All teachers have requested the children bring a pair of named wellingtons into school so they can regularly take the children outside to explore the school grounds and participate in forest school outdoor learning opportunities. Thank you to parents who have already sent wellingtons in.

In addition, please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly named so that we can reunite items with the correct owner.

We struggle to accommodate large back packs in school. The reading book bag can be used to transport books and important messages between home and school.

Change in Weather

As the weather starts to change, please ensure that your child has a jumper/cardigan/warm coat in school. We do have more windows open than usual at the moment to help with ventilation within the school environment.

Dates for your Diary**Y2 Curriculum Evening**

Tuesday 12th October 4.30pm

Health Week

Week beginning Monday 18th October

Half term

25th October- 29th October

INSET DAY School closed to pupils

Monday 1st November

School Opens to pupils

Tuesday 2nd November

Anti-Bullying Week

Week beginning Monday

15th November

Flu Immunisation

Thursday 18th November

Online consent form to be completed

Please note

There is an additional day's holiday for schools next year to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will be on Thursday 21st July 2022. School will now close for the Summer on Wednesday 20th July 2022.