



# Greasyby Junior School

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## Care, Courtesy and Consideration

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I want to thank all of you for your continued support. It has been a challenging term for everyone with the national lockdown restrictions; juggling home learning for pupils in and out of school and then re-establishing school routines and structures as we welcomed all our pupils back to school from the 8<sup>th</sup> March. We remain hopeful that, as we move into the Summer term, restrictions will continue to ease and that life will begin to resonate with more normality.

Again, I wish to thank all the staff who have worked tirelessly throughout this term to teach the children during the national lockdown, and support all our pupils when they have returned to school. I am so grateful to them all for their hard work and dedication, and wish them all a restful spring break; I hope they will be able to relax and enjoy spending time with their own families.

### SPRING CELEBRATIONS

#### Egg Decorating

Earlier this week, we had a wonderful celebration with our egg decorating 'eggs'hibition. The ideas, designs and final displays were so creative and, in some cases, an example of engineering prowess! Many of the eggs showed the children's interests and hobbies, while others shared important messages of staying safe and thanking our NHS. Well done to all who took part, and thank you to, the adults, who undoubtedly helped.

Final congratulations to class winners: Honey, Alfie, Danny, Sonny, Florence, Evie, Jacob & Ollie.



#### Egg Rolling

Today, once the rain had gone, each class enjoyed a spot of egg rolling or should I say egg under-arm throwing, on the field. I must say, have never seen so many eggs fly at once before! The children did brilliantly, cheering each other on and applauding the winners.

Huge congratulations to the class winners for the longest throw: Finn, Toby, Charlie, Oscar, Jack, Archie, Jack & Muhammad.



## PARENTS' EVENING

As in Autumn term, Parents' Evening appointments will happen over the phone rather than in person. These phone meetings will take place in week commencing 19th April 2021.

An email will be sent on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April** for all parents and carers to book their preferred appointment time. When booking your preferred time slots, you will need to include: your child's name, name of any siblings who also attend Greasby Junior School and your preferred telephone number for contact. The booking form will close on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 12pm**, noon. Please keep an eye out for this email so as to not miss a booking opportunity.



## MOVING TO ARBOR

After the Spring Break, Greasby Junior School will be moving to a new Management Information System called Arbor. This new system will allow all parents and carers to access their children's information, such as attendance, via a secure login. Week beginning the 12<sup>th</sup> April, you will be sent an email invite to the email address we have on record. This will contain a link for you to activate your account and set your password. We recommend you download the free app, as this secure portal will be replacing the School Jotter App. All school emails will come from Arbor from April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND RAPID ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING

Wirral Local Authority have requested the following information be shared with our parents and carers.

On advice from Public Health England (PHE), pupils in primary schools and children in nursery settings are **not included** in the rapid asymptomatic testing programme. PHE has advised that there are currently limited public health benefits to testing primary-aged pupils with lateral flow devices (LFD). In addition, primary-aged pupils, particularly younger children, may find the LFD testing process unpleasant and are unable to self-swab.



We are advising that primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they are symptomatic, in which case their families should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and [book a PCR test](#) for their child.

The timings have altered at Wirral's Symptoms only testing centres at Birkenhead, Bebington, Liscard and Heswall. They will now operate at the following times every day:

8am to 12 noon - available to anyone with symptoms to get tested.

You can walk-in or book at [www.wirral.gov.uk/test](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/test)

12noon to 1.30pm - CLOSED 1.30pm to 7pm - collection point for adult symptom-free home testing kits only

## COVID-19 SPRING BREAK TRACK AND TRACE

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, within the 48 hours of school finishing on Friday 26th March 2021, it is vital that you contact school to report this to us. This means that you need to let us know by Sunday 28th March 2021 at 3:40pm. If this is the case, parents should email the school office email account: [schooloffice@greasby-junior.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@greasby-junior.wirral.sch.uk)

I will be periodically monitoring this account up until Sunday 28th March at 3:40pm. We would then contact parents in case your child is required to isolate following a positive case in the school community.

## COMIC RELIEF – FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Many thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising for Comic Relief. We have managed to raise a superb £254.20! Also, many thanks to the children (and staff) who entered the joke competition – congratulations to Emily, Maddie, Isabelle, Abby & Charlie who were our overall winners.





### ACTIVITIES OVER THIS EASTER

This Easter Holidays, March 27 @ 8:00 am - April 11 @ 5:00 pm, Hillbark Hotel will be running an Easter Hunt, offering 20 prizes and 20 Hillbark tasty Easter Eggs. Along the 8-mile circular route from Hillbark Hotel & Spa, 20 crafted stones will be placed for you to find!

Prizes range from 20% discount off your next stay, to a staycation for a family of 4! #HillbarkHikeEasterHunt. Email [enquiries@hillbarkhotel.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hillbarkhotel.co.uk) and ask for a map and register!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Johnson  
Headteacher

### INSET Days 2020-2021

Monday 7th June

Monday 19th July

Tuesday 20th July