



# OJS WEEKLY UPDATE

## 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

### Message from Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Elwill

Many of you may miss teaching your children at home but we are over the moon to be teaching them back in our busy classrooms.

School is a safe place for children to learn as we constantly review our risk assessments, staying up to date with the latest DfE advice and SAGE recommendations.

We receive weekly, sometimes daily updates on the latest Covid data and new actions to take to keep children, staff and our community safe. Our Chair of Governors (Mrs McGettrick) is in school weekly ensuring we adhere to protocols. Our safeguarding governor is Mrs Dudley (Little Robins). Staff take twice weekly LFT tests then report results to school.

The good news is we are now able to resume singing in classrooms again. I know this will make Mrs Rawlinson especially happy as there used to be many magical notes emanating from Silver Birch. Mrs Newton is keen to get back on track with Spanish songs.



Little Robins continues to offer before and after school childcare. They collect children from our school playground and pick up at the end of the day. We continue to offer after school football this term, led by our sports coach (Mr Sheehan).

Promoting a love of reading is a key priority here at Overchurch Junior School. Phenomenal reading has been recorded on MyOn and Accelerated Reader. Every word counts! Keep your children reading as research proves it is a key to success.

We are really pleased that Miss Wagstaff and Mrs Nelson have created the new Eco Committee after selecting the team from many applications. They are sure to make David Attenborough proud! What an important role the children have.

Enjoy the weekend and we hope the sun continues to shine while we are able to meet up outside.



**Mrs Sheridan & Mrs Elwill**

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# Changes to End of School Day Collection Times

Moving to the next phase of school reopening we will move to all children finishing school at **3.20pm**.

As we no longer have an afternoon playtime we will not be returning to 3.30pm.

**This will begin on May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Doors will continue to open at 8.45pm.

The register is taken at 8.55am.

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## INSET Days

The INSET Days for the 2021 / 2022 Academic Year have now been announced. They are as follows:

- Wednesday 1st September 2021
- Friday 22nd October 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Monday 28th February 2022
- Friday 29th April 2022



## Star Readers

This week's Star Readers are:

Apple -	<i>Emily</i>	Cherry -	<i>Jess</i>
Ash -	<i>James</i>	Pine -	<i>Oliver</i>
Larch -	<i>Hayden</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Rosa</i>
Beech -	<i>Hope</i>	Elm -	<i>Joseph</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>Oliver C</i>	Lime -	<i>Evie</i>
Willow -	<i>Emily</i>	Rowan -	<i>Ben H</i>
		Sycamore -	<i>Kaitlyn</i>



Our Excellence Award and Star Readers from Year 6 enjoying Tilly time in the glorious sunshine this week.

Keep up the amazing reading. Children are really enjoying coming out and spending time with Tilly and she loves every minute.

Massive congratulations to Pine and Rowan for exceeding 3 and 4 million words respectively.



## School Lunch Order Form

# Lunch Order Form Changes

Following parental feedback, we have now slightly changed the way in which you order your child's school lunches.

The form will no longer appear in the "Forms" section of the ParentApp. On Wednesdays we will send you a link via the App as usual but you will notice that the form will look slightly different. There will also be an icon on the Home Page of the App. You will be able to access the form through either of these ways.



The advantage of this new format is that you will receive a confirmation email after submitting your completed form which will contain a copy of your completed form so that you have a record of what you have ordered.



## This Week's Excellence Award Winners

Apple -	Alice G	Cherry -	Jack W
Ash -	Annie Mc	Pine -	Mischa S
Larch -	Leo P	Silver Birch -	Max B
Beech -	Holly G and Daniel G	Elm -	Hydee R
Hawthorn -	Cerys W	Lime -	Lucy A
Willow -	Bella L	Rowan -	Ruby S
		Sycamore -	Kaitlyn R

Well Done to all of our winners!!

## COVID-19

### LFD TESTING

At the end of March, NHS Test and Trace reintroduced confirmatory PCR testing for positive lateral flow device (LFD) tests conducted at all assisted testing sites, including schools or colleges. This means that all staff, pupils and students who get a positive LFD test, whether at home or supervised at their school or college, should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either online or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days of the positive LFD result.

Staff, students and pupils who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with [NHS Test and Trace guidance](#) and while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the staff, pupil or student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can also end their self-isolation.

### **TESTING FOR WIDER COVID SYMPTOMS**

Please note that as of this week, Public Health are no longer advising people to book a PCR test if they are experiencing any of the 'wider' symptoms that may have been related to COVID.

Owing to our significantly reduced infection rates, the LCR Directors of Public Health have agreed that we will revert to only those experiencing at least one of the 3 MAIN symptoms (ie high temperature, new continuous cough or loss or sense of taste/smell) should book a symptomatic test.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding testing, please see the gov.uk website or call 119.

### **SITE RULES**



- One adult on site only.
  - Keep to the one-way system by keeping to the left and leaving the site through the Infant gate.
  - Remember to wear your face masks to keep our site Covid secure.
    - Remember to practice social distancing
- Children are doing their part, washing hands and their behaviour is excellent.



***Thank you for your continued support***

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## **OJS Girls Development Football Sessions**

Mr Sheehan will be offering a new five-week Girls Development Football Course for Overchuch Junior Pupils, starting Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April. The cost of the five-week course is £20.

Sessions will take place after school until 4:20pm.

If you would like to sign your daughter up to take part, please visit Mr Sheehan's website:

<https://www.soccerschoolwirral.co.uk/>

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## **Secondary School Open Events for Year 5 Pupils**

We have set up, on our website, a page containing details of any Secondary School open events and virtual tours.

Please keep checking the website as we will update this as and when we receive any new



information.

<https://www.overchurch-junior.wirral.sch.uk/transition-to-secondary-school-september-2022/>

The page is located under the “Parents” tab and is labelled “Transition to Secondary School 2022.”

## Wirral Lifelong Learning Service

Please find below the Wirral Family Learning flyer which details all the workshops and courses which are available this term.

Currently all our family learning provision is **ONLINE**. The courses and workshops are completely **FREE** to all parents/carers who live in Wirral.

If you are interested please call 0151 666 3330 or e-mail [lifelonglearning@wirral.co.uk](mailto:lifelonglearning@wirral.co.uk)

### Wirral Lifelong Learning Service

We offer a selection of courses available through our **FAMILY LEARNING** programme.

These are provided for parents and carers, they are designed to help with supporting your children in school and helping with both their education and personal development.

Some courses are simply for the parents themselves, whilst others are designed so that the children join their parents in the second half of the session and the skills developed are applied. These courses are provided in partnership with primary schools.

*“ I liked the fact that nothing was too hard but at the same time felt challenged. ”*  
Town Lane Infant School

*“ It has been incredible to see some parents growing in confidence and even volunteering in schools. ”*  
Gill Linfield, ESOL Tutor

*“ I enjoyed the atmosphere and learning how literacy skills can be practiced at home. ”*  
St Josephs Catholic Primary School

#### Benefits of Family Learning

- Raises children's achievements
- Encourages parents to support their children's learning
- Promotes a learning culture in the family
- Increases parents' confidence
- Encourages parents to improve to their own learning/qualifications

Due to COVID-19, all of our Family Learning courses are currently available online only.

**ALL** Family Learning courses are **FREE** for everyone. You must be aged 19 or over and a Wirral resident to enrol.

For online courses you will need a smartphone/tablet/laptop to attend these classes. If you need any support, we offer an 'Online Support' workshop to help you to access these online courses. Please ask to be booked onto this workshop when you contact Wirral Lifelong Learning Service to enrol.

Course	Day	Time	Starts	Ends
<b>Family Learning for Foundation &amp; Key Stage 1 Parents &amp; Carers:</b>				
- Support Your Child With Phonics	Tue	9.30am-11am	13 Apr	13 Apr
- Support Your Child With Reading	Tue	9.30am-11am	20 Apr	20 Apr
- Number Fun - Creating Number Games	Tue	9.30am-11am	20 Apr	20 Apr
- Support Your Child Maths	Fri	9.30am-11.30am	23 Apr	21 May
- Support Your Child With Spelling	Tue	9.30am-11am	27 Apr	27 Apr
- Support Your Child Story Telling	Tue	9.30am-11am	04 May	04 May
- Story & Rhymes for Maths Activities	Tue	9.30am-11am	04 May	04 May
- Support Your Child With Phonics	Tue	9.30am-11am	08 Jun	08 Jun
- Number Fun - Creating Number Games	Tue	9.30am-11am	08 Jun	08 Jun
- Support Your Child With Reading	Tue	9.30am-11am	15 Jun	15 Jun
- Support Your Child With Spelling	Tue	9.30am-11am	22 Jun	22 Jun
- Story & Rhymes for Maths Activities	Tue	9.30am-11am	22 Jun	22 Jun
- Support Your Child With Story Telling	Tue	9.30am-11am	29 Jun	29 Jun
- Support Your Child With Maths	Fri	9.30am-11.30am	11 Jun	09 Jul
<b>Family Learning for Key Stage 2 Parents &amp; Carers:</b>				
- Support Your Child With Times Tables Activities	Tue	9.30am-11am	27 Apr	27 Apr
- Support Your Child With Numbers	Tue	9.30am-11am	11 May	11 May
- Support Your Child With Grammar	Tue	9.30am-11am	11 May	11 May
- Support Your Child With Spelling	Tue	9.30am-11am	18 May	18 May
- Support Your Child With Fractions	Tue	9.30am-11am	18 May	18 May
- Support Your Child With Reading	Tue	9.30am-11am	25 May	25 May
- Support Your Child With Times Tables Activities	Tue	9.30am-11am	15 Jun	15 Jun
- Support Your Child With Fractions	Tue	9.30am-11am	29 Jun	29 Jun
- Support Your Child With Spelling	Tue	9.30am-11am	13 Jul	13 Jul
<b>Family Learning:</b>				
- Bake & Taste Workshop	Tue	1pm-2.30pm	27 Apr	27 Apr
- Food Safety Workshop	Tue	1pm-2.30pm	18 May	18 May

Full descriptions of all workshops/courses can be found on [wirral.gov.uk/lifelonglearning](http://wirral.gov.uk/lifelonglearning)  
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