

Week ahead information – w/c 18th November 2024

Whole School information

Headteachers Award – this will be presented in Fridays assembly to recognise exemplary contributions to our school values and ethos. This week's Headteacher Award will be given to Oliver R in Class 5WO. Parents/carers are invited to our celebration assembly on Friday 22nd November. Please arrive from 2.05pm for a 2.10pm start.

Lunch menu – week 2

Community garden rota – Week 1

Monday – Children in Need – The official children in need day is Friday 15th November however at Brackenwood Junior School we will be raising awareness for Children in Need on Monday 18th November as Pudsey Bear is visiting us on Monday. We usually ask children to wear something yellow or spotty, however, we appreciate not all children may have this and we don't want parents to have to go out and buy things. Therefore, this year, children can wear their own clothes (non-uniform). Football kits are also allowed. All your generous donations are to be made online via the following link

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15799>

Monday – Piano and Guitar lessons that are usually with a tutor on a Wednesday will be on Monday for this week only. Rocksteady is Thursday as normal.

Tuesday – Y3/4 Team Building day (selected pupils only)

There seems to be an increase in children using the trim trail while waiting for other children to be dismissed. To keep everyone safe, please can I ask that no children use the trim trail as they are not covered by school insurance to be using it without a supervised member of staff.

Christmas Concert

This year our Christmas concerts will be on the following days and times:

Tuesday 10th December 9.30am

Tuesday 10th December 2.00pm

Thursday 12th December 9.30am

There are 2 tickets allocated per family, to comply with health and safety regulations. Please email your child's name, class and preferred performance day and time to parentreplies@brackenwood-junior.wirral.sch.uk Please put 'Christmas Concert' in the email subject.

Please ensure you have emailed your ticket preference by Friday 29th November.

Christmas dinner / Christmas jumper day

This year our school Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day will be on Wednesday 18th December. If your child would like to have a Christmas dinner, please complete the Google Form using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/kzRAPEA4HhBzsTbW8>

All dinner orders need to be made by Friday 29th November. Any orders received after 29th November we will be unable to accommodate as Mrs Merrick has to order the supplies in advance.

The cost of Christmas dinner is £2.50. This includes their Christmas dinner, a reindeer biscuit and a drink. Please ensure there are sufficient funds in your child's dinner money account prior to the 18th December.

Please note: if your child is entitled to free school meals, you will still need to order as mentioned above, however, this will be available to you with no charge.

Children are allowed to wear Christmas jumpers with their school uniform on Christmas dinner day (Wednesday 18th December).

Important update regarding dinner money

We are delighted to let you know that as our contract with Parentpay is coming to an end we will be moving the payment for school dinners to Arbor. This will start from 1 January 2025 but you will be able to start topping up your dinner money account with Arbor over the Christmas holidays.

Our long term plan was always to move everything to Arbor so that parents have only this one app for communication and payments making it easier all round!

Don't worry we will transfer over any surplus or deficit balances in January but we can only do this once so please remember do not top up your Parentpay account after 21 December.

Fundraising

We're thrilled to share that one of our wonderful families, who are part of our school community, is featured in the **Claire's House Christmas Advert** this year!



Their story is a touching reminder of the incredible work Claire's House does to support children and families in need.

Take a moment to watch the advert, celebrate their journey, and discover how you can help make a difference this holiday season. Let's come together to support this amazing charity and the incredible work they do.

Click the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/15FiAapPw3/>

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| | <p>Shoebox appeal – A reminder that there is a collection box in reception for shoe box donations. If you would prefer to donate a singular item rather than a full box of items, boxes will be created with singular donations. These are being collected at 9.00am on Wednesday 20th November.</p> <p>Poppy Appeal – We raised £125.45 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you all so much for your donations.</p> <p>Asda – Cashpot for schools</p> <p>We currently have £312.88 in our school Cashpot. There are only 15 days left for us to build up our Cashpot funds.</p> <p>If you haven't already done so, please sign up for Asda Rewards and add our school to the Cashpot for schools.</p> <p>For each parent that signs up, Asda adds £1 to the school Cashpot, then 0.5% of your shop donated at no extra cost for you. This will help towards our fundraising efforts for our school playground project.</p> |
| BFG | <p>The BFG are always looking for parent volunteers to join their amazing team. If you are interested or for further information, please email brackenwoodjuniorbfg@gmail.com</p> |
| Y3 | <p>Weekly attendance w/c 11th November 2024 3B – 98.42% 3W – 96.19%</p> <p>Year three had a great week this week, especially going to Barnstondale for team-building exercises with another school in our MAT. All the children had huge smiles as they ran around the woods and got to grips with nature. We are expecting a visit from Pudsey bear on Monday which will be exciting! Children can wear their own clothes (non-uniform) including football kits. Can everyone keep up their great efforts of sending in reading books regularly so teachers can reward pupils for all the hard work they do at home too?</p> <p>Parents of the children detailed below are invited to join us in our celebration assembly on Friday 22nd November. Please arrive at 2:05pm for a 2:10pm start. The children receiving awards are:</p> <p>3B Denie Penny Matthew</p> <p>3W Isaac Isobel Samuel</p> |

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| Y4 | <p>Weekly attendance w/c 11th November 2024 4K – 98.93% 4T – 97.04%</p> <p>We have had a fantastic week in Year 4 this week with our Viking workshops, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. Next week, we will be continuing with our visits to Bebington Care Home on Monday. These visits will continue every fortnight throughout the academic year. If you are able to volunteer to support with any of these visits please can you let the school office know.</p> <p>We have also started our DT Units for this half term. The children will be learning to use mechanical systems to make a slingshot car and learning sewing techniques to make a book cover using fastenings. As these are practical lessons where children will be using equipment such as hot glue guns and needles it is extremely helpful to have additional adults present to support the children in these lessons. Again, if anyone is able to volunteer to help in these lessons we would be very grateful. These lessons will take place on Thursday afternoons. If any parents/carers are able to help please let a member of the Year 4 team know or the school office.</p> <p>Many thanks.</p> <p>Mrs Kavanagh and Miss Thomas</p> <p>Parents of the children detailed below are invited to join us in our celebration assembly on Friday 22nd November. Please arrive at 2:05pm for a 2:10pm start. The children receiving awards are:</p> <p>4K Adam Emilia Sophie</p> <p>4T Blake Martha Betsy</p> |
| Y5 | <p>Weekly attendance w/c 11th November 2024 5W – 94.19% 5WO – 93.79%</p> <p>Just a reminder that Year 5 will be visiting Birkenhead Priory on Wednesday 27th November (Please refer to the email sent on Monday for voluntary contribution details). On the day of the trip, we will be leaving school at 12:30, so we will have an early lunch. For this day only, only sandwiches and paninis can be ordered from the school kitchen. Children will need to wear school uniform, comfortable sturdy shoes and have a rain coat. We will spend most of the trip outside.</p> <p>Parents of the children detailed below are invited to join us in our celebration assembly on Friday 22nd November. Please arrive at 2:05pm for a 2:10pm start. The children receiving awards are:</p> <p>5W Theia Dominic Samuel</p> |

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| | 5WO Frances Cindy Reggie |
| Y6 | <p>Weekly attendance w/c 11th November 2024 6LB – 98.93% 6M – 92.63%</p> <p>Monday - We will be celebrating Children in Need.</p> <p>Wednesday - Miss McKinney's class (6M) will be having a computing lesson which will be led by a computing teacher from Hilbre High School as part of work across our Oak Trees MAT. He will be working with 6M - each Wednesday afternoon - for an hour each week across Autumn 2 on a project. We are hopeful that he will have availability to work with 6LB later in the year.</p> <p>Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who helped on the trip to Styal Mill - it was very much appreciated. The volunteers from Styal Mill were very positive about our children and commented on their wonderful manners which was lovely to hear and so very true! Their costumes also looked fantastic so thank you for your effort in sorting those for your child.</p> <p>Parents of the children detailed below are invited to join us in our celebration assembly on Friday 22nd November. Please arrive at 2:05pm for a 2:10pm start. The children receiving awards are:</p> <p>6LB Adam B Thai K Dexter T</p> <p>6M Leo Ben L Autumn</p> |