

Diary Dates :

<u>April</u>

<u>**21**</u>stCycle Balance sessions begin for EYFS

<u>24th Pantomimus Music</u> Workshops begin for 5 weeks

<u>26th</u> Scooter Session for Year 1

27th Scooter Session for Year 1

<u>27th School Nurse to</u> see Summer Born children

28th Non-uniform Day

<u>May</u>

1st Pank Haliday

Remember:

Please do not let your children climb on the outdoor equipment before or after school- this includes siblings who do not attend our school.

Willow Bank Infant School Newsletter

From the Headteacher:

21st April 2017

<u>Welcome Back!</u> I hope that everyone has had a wonderful Easter break, and is ready for a fun-filled Summer term!

The teachers attended a very interesting **INSET training day** with Chris Quigley Education, focussing on differentiation and engagement. They are all fired up with some marvellous ideas, so I am sure this term will be a great one!

Free Yoga Sessions I am very pleased to be able to offer the children at Willow Bank free Yoga sessions with a qualified yoga instructor on Friday afternoons from 3:20 to 4pm. All equipment will be provided and sessions will start on Friday 28th April. Places are limited to 30, so they will be given on a first come first served basis. Permission letters will be available in the school office from 8:30am Monday morning, and must be returned to the school office by Wednesday 26th April.

Welcome

I would like to welcome Mrs Turner in Owls Class and Miss Moore in Woodpeckers Class to Willow Bank Infants. Mrs Turner will be working with Mrs Lewis, and teaching on Thursdays and Fridays, and Miss Moore will be teaching in Woodpeckers full-time. We are all looking forward to having Mrs Turner and Miss Moore on our staff team.

Michelle Masters

<u>Family Time:</u>

A reminder:

Year 2: Family Time will not continue for the Summer Term, in preparation for Junior school.

<u>Year 1:</u> Family time sessions will be on Friday 5th May and Friday 26th May (which will be followed by a coffee session with the teachers and Headteacher) <u>EYFS:</u> Family time sessions will be on Friday 28th April and Friday 19th May (which will be followed by a coffee session with the teachers and Headteacher)

Sessions will begin at 8:40 when parents and children can look through work or do an activity together in the classroom, and finish at 9:00am when registers are taken and the school day begins. For the final session of the half term, parents are invited to have coffee or tea with the teachers and Headteacher from 9:00am until 9:30am.

Thank vou!

Classroom Quotes: Year 2- Holiday News: "I ate all my roast potatoes at Grandma's house, and no-one noticed!" Year 1- Holiday News: "My dad did press-ups with Buzz Lightyear!" EYFS- Holiday News: "For my holiday, I did the washing up". (Child had been to Disney Land)

Assembly Guide

Monday: Achievement Assembly

This assembly is run by Mrs Merritt, and focusses on awarding Gem Bear to the children in the class which has collected the most gems during the week. It is also an opportunity for the children who have achieved an award or certificate for activities outside of school (such as swimming badges, Karate belts etc.) to show their peers and be celebrated for their achievements.

Wednesday: Music Assembly

This assembly is run by Mrs Killick and focusses on developing children's understanding and awareness of music and to teach them new songs.

Friday: Celebration Assembly

This assembly is run by Mrs Masters and focusses on celebrating the past week's birthdays and children's hard work. Birthday children are encouraged to bring in one card, or one present that they can show their peers. They receive a birthday sticker and card from the school. Children who have worked hard or tried hard during the week receive a Head teacher's certificate and a special Golden Sticker.

From the PTA:

Friday 28th April - Non uniform day.

Children can come to school dressed in non uniform for the day. Please bring in a £1 donation.

May 9th - PTA meeting.

Everyone is welcome to our next meeting. It will be at 7.30pm in the infants staff room. Please pop along and find out what exciting things the PTA have planned for this term.

Fund matching.

A huge thank you to David Bartholomew (Max's dad in Year 1) who applied for fund matching through his company after helping to clear away at the Spring disco. We have just received a cheque for £292 from them. If your company operates a fund matching scheme and you have helped the PTA in any way, then let us know and we will be happy to provide the necessary supporting documentation.



Happy Birthday to these Children!