



Willow Bank Infant School Newsletter

Diary Dates :

March:

2nd

World Book Day

3rd

Author visit

6th

Yr2 trip to Ufton
Court

8th

School nurse visit-
EYFS (Summer born)

Remember:

Please do not
park in the staff
car park. We
will be using a
new system of
parking, and
may find
yourself parked
in for the
school day!

From the Headteacher:

24th February 2017

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you all had a good half term break! It looks like spring is trying to arrive, and I love seeing the crocuses scattered across the lawn outside my window.

Just a few quick reminders-

World Book Day is on Thursday, 2nd March, and children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please make sure that children still have warm coats and sensible shoes for playtime!

We are very lucky to have **children's author Cathy MacLennan visiting** us on Friday, 3rd March. The children have a lovely day of different activities planned around Cathy's visit.

Parents Evening is nearly upon us again- Forms for booking your appointment time with the teachers will be available in class from Monday 13th March.

Please do not park in the school grounds there is very limited space and we need them for the school staff.

Please read the information about Family Time below.

Enjoy your weekend!

Michelle Masters

Family Time:

Family Time is one of the unique and special elements of our school, but after a number of safeguarding concerns raised with the current format, we would like to establish a better quality experience for parents and children. I know from speaking to some of you that it's difficult juggling time between classrooms when you have more than one child and also some children are unhappy as their parents are unable to attend. We do also find that a number of the EYFS children struggle to settle on a Friday morning after parents leave.

The purpose of Family Time is to give children an opportunity to share their work with parents and loved ones, so with this in mind, we are proposing a more focused approach. After Easter, each Year group will be invited into school once a half term to share in the work children have done and afterwards we will host a coffee morning to provide an opportunity to meet with me. We'll confirm dates via the Newsletter.

Traditionally, Family Time ceases for Year 2 children after Easter as part of their transitioning process to Junior School, so these changes will only impact EYFS and Year 1 classes.

From the PTA:

Book Sale - March 2nd

The PTA will be join in the fun on world book day by holding a 2nd hand book sale after school. This will be in the playground, weather permitting.

Spring disco - Friday 24th March

The ballot will be open online until Tuesday 28th February for you to apply for your tickets. Go to www.pta-events.co.uk/willow-bank. Tickets are £3 each. All children must be accompanied by an adult and all adults and children must purchase a ticket.

Easyfundraising

Join up to easy fundraising and raise money for the school every time you shop online. This includes booking holidays online and making travel arrangements.

Sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/willowbanksa

Information for Active Kids Holiday Clubs for the Easter Break is available on the school website.





Congratulations to these children for earning the Headteacher's award!



Congratulations to Hedgehogs for winning Gem Bear this week!



Congratulations to these children for earning their awards!