



Willow Bank Infant School Newsletter

Diary Dates :

November:

15th Yr1 trip to
Natural History
Museum
18th Children in
Need Day
23rd Open Morning
29th Open Morning
30th Panto Trip-
whole school

December:

8th Dress Rehearsal
for Nativities
9th Family Nativity
Performance
12th EYFS Nativity
13th KS1 & EYFS
Nativities
14th KS1 Nativity
15th Christmas Meal
Christmas Jumper
Day
19th Carols
20th End of Term
Party

Remember:

- EV2 form
- Yr 1 Trip form

From the Headteacher:

4th November 2016

Welcome back to school, everyone! It is hard to believe, but we have already started our planning and preparations for Christmas!

We have a very busy and exciting term ahead, and the children are looking forward to the range of activities and experiences that this time of the year brings.

We will shortly be having the lovely playground equipment that the PTA bought last year installed, and I know that the children will simply love being able to play with all the lovely new outdoor musical instruments.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Masters

From the Governing Body:

The Governing Body were busy last half term setting targets and beginning our monitoring processes for the year. In our Full Governing Body (FGB) meeting, Rebekah Brumby was reelected as Chair of Governors for another term and Becky Stewardson was reelected as Vice-Chair of Governors. The Chairs of Committees were confirmed as Claire Fronwieser (Finance and Resources) and Kirsten Foster (School Improvement). Roles within the governing body were also reshuffled to make the most of the skills on the governing body. Michelle shared the School Development Plan (SDP) with governors and we had the opportunity to feed in to this and provide challenge and support to ensure that the school continues to improve on its good practice and develop areas that have been identified as needing improvement.

As SEN governor, Rebekah supported the school by being on the interviewing panel for the role of Learning Support Manager and the governors are delighted to welcome Lynda Perrins to the staff. She has already settled in and we are delighted by her eagerness to be a part of the Willow Bank team. Governors responsible for carrying out the Headteacher's Appraisal met with Michelle and the School Improvement Officer to set this year's targets for the Headteacher. These are robust and will improve many areas of the school in line with the SDP. Progress towards these targets will be monitored mid way through the year.

We paid particular attention to the monitoring of Health and Safety and Finance last half term. Becky (Health and Safety Governor) carried out a thorough site visit with Michelle. Together they highlighted areas of improvement for this year and ensured that the statutory duties were being adhered to. Claire chaired the budget monitoring meeting and we are delighted to report that even in these difficult times of funding for education the Leadership of the school are managing the school's money very well and delivering good value for money. Both of these areas impact on the outcomes for the children and, as a result, are very important to the governors.

The governors are looking forward to another productive half term, with performance data and the quality of learning and teaching being a focus.

From the PTA:

Christmas planning meeting- Tuesday 8th November

If you would like to find out what we have planned over the Christmas period or get involved with our Christmas fair, please come along to our meeting which will be at 7.30pm in the staff room. This is a very relaxed and informal meeting. Everyone is very welcome and to get us all in the festive spirit we will be providing mince pies.

Social night out- Thursday 10th November, 7.30pm.

We will be heading out to the Bosco lounge in Woodley. If you fancy a night out please pop down and join us. All welcome.

Contact details

If you ever need to get in touch with the Infant school association our email address is

www.wbis.pta@hotmail.com.

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



Happy Birthday to these children!

