



Willow Bank Infant School Newsletter

Diary Dates :

June

26th Lu's Owls Visit EYFS

27th Lu's Owls Visit Yr 2

28th Lu's Owls Visit Yr 1

28th Transition Day

29th Tennis Workshop Yr 2

July

3rd Walk to School Week

5th Year 2 Induction Day only

5th EYFS to Year 1 Transition meeting

6th Tennis Workshop Year 2

7th Arts cluster project

7th EYFS to Bucklebury Farm Park

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.

From the Headteacher:

23rd June 2017

What a wonderful week we have had- not only with the gorgeous summer weather, but also with all the activities we have had going on!

This week is **Maths Week**, and it began with a wonderful **theatre production** of 'Shape, Space and Desperate Measures' which the children all thoroughly enjoyed. This was followed by some exciting **practical Maths workshop** sessions for Key Stage 1 and topped off with the **Smarties Challenge** sponsored by our lovely PTA.

We have had our **class photos** (before lunch so uniforms were still clean!) and Year 2 enjoyed another round of **tennis workshops**. Year 1 had a lovely visit to **St Johns Church** yesterday and everyone was full of excitement today for our **Transition Day!** The Year 2 children all looked so grown-up as they went over to the Junior School to meet their new teachers, and Year 1 and EYFS had a wonderful time moving up a year group. Our new EYFS children visited today also, and it was lovely to meet them!

Today is also the first of two **transition meetings for our current EYFS parents** for children moving into Year 1, the next meeting is on 5th July at 5:00pm. Parents do not need to attend both meetings, and the presentation will be put onto the website for anyone who is unable to attend either meeting.

We are also excited to announce that we have managed to find a date with the Junior school for our **annual inter-school picnic**. This will be on Friday 30th June. Children are invited to bring picnic blankets with them (named, please!) if you have any, and they may either bring a packed lunch or order a hotdog or veggie hotdog for lunch on that day.

Next week, we will also be having **live owls in school** as part of a series of special workshops where children can learn about these lovely birds. And of course, we will be having our **second induction day on Wednesday 28th June**. Have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Masters

Family Time:

A reminder:

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

Year 1: Last Family time session on 21st July followed by a coffee session with the teachers and Headteacher.

EYFS: Last Family time sessions on 14th July 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.

Parking:

Please remember to park considerately when dropping off and fetching your children from school.

It can be incredibly congested outside of school in peak times, and tempting to park on the double yellow lines or across the corners of driveways, however, please bear in mind that the yellow lines are there to ensure the safety of the children and other motorists, and that being blocked in causes distress to our neighbours.

Thank you!

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. This assembly will happen on a Tuesday if circumstances prevent it from happening on a Monday.

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.

Our Favourite Bedtime stories

Mrs Lunn's favourite bedtime story is:



Telling the magical tale of a mouse who takes a walk through the deep, dark woods in search of a nut. Encountering three predators who all wish to eat him - a fox, an owl and a snake - the plucky mouse has to use his wits to survive. He announces that he is meeting a monster with terrible features, a 'gruffalo'. But the mouse soon realises that the monster may not be imaginary after all!

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson