

# WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

# Newsletter

#### Diary Dates



#### May

Walk To School
Week Begins &
EYFS and Yr1
Dance Festival
(information
below)

25<sup>th</sup>

Year 1 Multiskills morning (information below)

25<sup>th</sup>

**EOT** 

June

5<sup>th</sup>

Children return to school

#### Parking



Please do not park in the staff carpark- even if only dropping your children off- we have a lot of cars to squeeze into the carpark and even one car parked in the wrong place can make it extremely difficult for staff to find a space and get into school.

#### App Update

E-schools have apologised for the technical issues that we have all been experiencing since the app upgrade. Their latest advice is to ensure that you allow the app to access your location, photo and media files, which should allow you to open the letters attached to the messages from E-Schools.

#### From the Headteacher

### 18th May 2018



It is difficult to believe that next week is the last week of Summer First half termthis half term has flown by so fast!

It was good to see the Year 1 parent who stayed for today's coffee morning. Thank you to all the parents who have given me feedback on the letter that was sent out at the beginning of this week. Your opinion is important and the governors have again devised a parent questionnaire to gather your thoughts and opinions on matters in the school. Please follow the link: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FQPCT98">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FQPCT98</a> to access the survey and let us know what you think. You will need a password to access the survey, which is 'SurveyWillow18'. A gentle reminder that this survey is only open to parents of children who currently attend the Infant School. I am in the process of confirming the teaching arrangements for Squirrels class, and will be in touch with parents as soon as I am able to confirm what is happening next. Similarly, as soon as I am able to confirm who will be covering Mrs Merritt's maternity leave, I will let you know.

A gentle reminder to all parents not to allow your children to play on the outdoor play equipment before and after school- we would appreciate your support in upholding the school rules. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Masters

#### From the PTA



As part of our fundraising efforts, the PTA has worked with the teachers and children to produce a Willow Bank Infant School tote bag for the current academic year. The children have had fun drawing self-portraits, as well as creating ones of their teachers, to produce a special keepsake for the 2017/2018 school year. We have endeavoured to include all of the children on the tote bag, but due to illness or absence from school, this might not have been possible in every case. Order from our website <a href="www.pta-events.co.uk/willow-bank">www.pta-events.co.uk/willow-bank</a> and the bags will be delivered via your child's book bag after half term. Tote bags are £6 each.

Summer Disco - Friday 13th July 6-8pm

Apply for tickets in our ballot which will be open between 25th may - 15th June. Ticket will then be selected till will reach capacity. Successful applicants will be notified and asked to pay for their tickets. If the weather is nice we will be able to hold the disco outside in the playground. We will then not be restricted to numbers and additional tickets can be purchased on the day. Apply for your tickets from our website.

#### Family Time



A reminder that from the Summer Term, beginning 17<sup>th</sup> April, Year 2 children will no longer have Family Time sessions in preparation for Junior school.

**EYFS Family time:** 25<sup>th</sup> May followed by tea and coffee in the hall, 22<sup>nd</sup> June and 13<sup>th</sup> July followed by tea and coffee in the hall.

Year 1 Family time: 29th June and 20th July followed by tea and coffee in the hall.

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.

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#### Summer Term Checklist

18th May: PTA Film Night

21st May: Walk To School Week Begins and EYFS and Yr1 Dance Festival (information below)

25th May: Year 1 Multi-skills Morning at Rivermead School and End of Summer Term 1

4th June: INSET day

5<sup>th</sup> June: Children return to school.

7th June: Tennis Workshops begin for Year 2 children- more information will be sent closer to the time.

7th June: 7:30pm New Parents Meeting and Introduction Evening

12th June: School Sports Day begins at 1:45pm. More information to follow.

13<sup>th</sup> June: Dinosaur Day for Key Stage 1

18th June: Art Week Begins

19th June: School Photos taken today

20th June: Perform Drama Workshops today for all children

22<sup>nd</sup> June: Non-uniform day

29th June: Dance Workshops today for all children

13th July: Circus Day for all children

20th July: PTA Disco

24th July: End of Year- Have a lovely Summer!

#### EYFS & Year 1 Dance Festival- 21st May

All the children in EYFS and Year 1 who are participating in the dance festival have already had their permission forms sent out to secure their attendance at the festival.

#### Year 1 Multi-Skills Morning- 25th May

The letter regarding this whole year-group activity morning is on the school website and a notification of it was sent out on the school app. If you are not able to find the letter to return the permission slip, please contact the school office.

## Happy Birthday to these children



#### Well done to this class

