

# WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL Newsletter

#### Diary Dates

February	
9th	End of Spring Term 1
9th	Valentines' Cake Sale
19 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC Assembly
March	
1st	World Book Day
12 <sup>th</sup>	Science Week
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Relief Week
20 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents' Evenings
23 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA Disco

#### Parking

**Please:** Please be considerate and park thoughtfully!

Please do not park on the yellow lines outside school and ensure you leave sufficient space for passing traffic to get by safely.

#### App Update

Thank you to the parents who have signed up for the E-Schools App, just over half the parents in the school have done soif you need any further information to assist you in downloading and getting started with the app, please contact the school office!

#### From the Headteacher

It was lovely to see the EYFS parents this morning at the Coffee morning after Family Time. In answer to some of your questions about Homework in EYFS, we will continue to have Reading homework which needs to be done daily at home, and additionally, we will continue to send home the weekly bulletin in the Yellow Home-School Books. These bulletins suggest challenges you can do with your child, but they are not homework. We are unable to stick in the latest bulletin if you haven't returned the Yellow Book by Thursday.

Additionally, we have had some requests to clarify how 'late' arrivals at school work. School legally starts at 9:00am and all children are expected to be in their classrooms by this time. Any child arriving after the doors are closed at 9:00am will need to be signed in at the office so that they can be added to the register. Arriving after 9:00am means a child is 'Late before Registers Close' and arriving after 9:30am is recorded as 'Late After Registers Have Closed' and is considered an Unauthorised Absence. Although the weather seems chillier, it has been brighter lately, hopefully this means Spring is on the way!

Have a lovely weekend!

#### Michelle Mas<del>l</del>ers

2nd February 2018

#### From the PTA



Thank to everyone who came to the film night we raised a fantastic amount of £352, we hope everyone had a great time. Look out for the next movie night coming to the school hall soon...

Don't forget we our Valentine's Day cake sale on the 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please drop off the donations in the ICT suite on between 08.45 and 9.00. The cake sale will be in the playground after school from 3.15pm, if you can help set up and sell cakes from 2.50pm please let us know.

We have some awesome events planned for Science week for the kids so watch this space. Our Spring Newsletter will have more information on where the money you have all helped raised has been spent this year. We are working hard to continue to support the school and making sure the children have as much fun as possible, so THANK YOU for your help with that. We are still on the hunt for some laptops so please if you can help out by supplying the school with any that would be great. For those who do online shopping make sure you have registered with Easyfunding <u>www.easyfundraising.org.uk</u> It is so simple to use either online or on your phone and earns the PTA "free" money. Please do check it out and if you need

help using it or want to see how easy it is grab someone from the PTA and we can show you.

Our raffles raise a great deal of money so if you, your company or anyone you know are willing and able to donate a prize please reach out.

### Family Time



**EYFS** 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March followed by coffee in the hall. **Year 1** 9<sup>th</sup> February followed by coffee in the hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> March followed by coffee in the hall. **Year 2** 9<sup>th</sup> February followed by coffee in the hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> March and 23<sup>rd</sup> March followed by 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.



## Happy Birthday to these children!



Congratulations to these children for their awards!



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### Spring Term Checklist

<u>9th February</u> PTA Valentines Day Cake Sale

<u>9th February</u> End of Spring Term 1

12th to 16th February Half Term

<u>19<sup>th</sup> February</u> Spring Term 2 Begins

<u>19<sup>th</sup> February</u> NSPCC Assembly- children will have a special assembly about keeping themselves safe. A letter to all parents will be sent out before the half term break so you know what will be covered in the assembly.

<u>1<sup>st</sup> March</u> World Book Day- children can come to school in their pyjamas (with sensible shoes please) and their favourite book to share with their class.

**<u>12th March</u>** Science Week- we will send out a timetable of events covered in this week closer to the time.

**<u>19th March</u>** Sports Relief Week- we will send out a timetable of events covered in this week closer to the time.

<u>20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March</u> Parents' Evenings- times will be made available two weeks before parents' evenings begin.

**<u>23rd March</u>** PTA Disco- more information to follow, please see PTA section of the newsletter for more details.

<u>28th March</u> Martin the Puppet Man will be in to do a special puppet show for all children. <u>29<sup>th</sup> March</u> End of Spring Term 2

<u>**30**th</u> March to 16th April Easter Holidays</u>

<u>**16<sup>th</sup> April**</u> INSET Day- for staff only

17th April Children's first day back at school- Summer Term 1

Congratulations to these children

Well done to this class

