



# WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

## Newsletter

### Diary Dates



#### May

7 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Cluster Group project
21 <sup>st</sup>	Walk To School Week Begins & EYFS and Yr1 Dance Festival (information to follow)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Multi-skills morning (information to follow)

### Parking



#### Please:

**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

4<sup>th</sup> May 2018



What a lovely day we have had! Let's hope the sunshine lasts all weekend! Today was exciting because we had children's author, Jenna Rothwell in to work with the children doing different activities. The children all looked so sweet in their pyjama's today and they had a wonderful time working with Jenna. Sadly, however, we will also be saying goodbye to our fluffy chicks- all of whom have now found loving homes to go to. We know we can't keep them forever, but the last two weeks have simply flown by!

Please note that from Monday the gates to the current bike park will be locked. Please use the lovely new bike park (from the PTA- Thank you!) located at the front door.

We are now half way through the first half term, and as the weather improves, I remind parents to ensure that children have suitable clothing, sun protection and water bottles in school. Please ensure that you are sending your children into school in the correct school uniform. Thank you!

Have a lovely long weekend!

*Michelle Masters*

### From the PTA



We hope the children have enjoyed their living eggs visitors these last two weeks. The PTA is really pleased to be able to fund it again this year. We have also purchased the new bike rack which has just been installed at the front of reception. Today the children have the Author visit day, which has been funded by the PTA and we hope they all have fun enjoying the stories and workshops Jenna Rothwell will do with them all.

**Clothes aid collection – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** Please place good quality items of unwanted clothing, shoes or accessories into a bag (any type of bag will do) and drop outside of Infants reception on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>. We receive payment based on the weight of collection

**Family film night – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 5.45pm:** We will be showing Ferdinand in the school hall. All the family welcome, including older/younger siblings. Tickets are £3 per child which include a drink and snack and 50p per accompanying adult. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets can be purchased from our website [www.pta-events.co.uk/willow-bank](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/willow-bank)

**Father's day cake sale – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June:** Please bring any donations of homemade or shop bought cupcake/biscuits into the ICT suite on the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup>. We will then hold a cake sale from 3pm in the playground

**Sunflower Competition:** Who can grow the tallest sunflower? We're selling sunflower growing kits which you can plant at home. At the end of the summer, just measure how tall your sunflower is, let us know and the tallest one wins a prize! Winners will be announced when we get back to school in September. Email us at [wbis.pta@hotmail.com](mailto:wbis.pta@hotmail.com) to purchase a kit.

**100Club** :Do you have your 100Club number(s) yet? Check which numbers are still available on our website [www.pta-events.co.uk/willow-bank](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/willow-bank)

**Easyfundraising:** Join up to easy fundraising and raise money for the school every time you shop online.

Sign up at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/willowbanksa](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/willowbanksa)

### 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:** 11<sup>th</sup> May, 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:** 18<sup>th</sup> May followed by tea and coffee in the hall, 29<sup>th</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> 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*

7<sup>th</sup> May: BANK HOLIDAY

18<sup>th</sup> May: Year 1 Cluster Group project at Waingels (information to follow) and PTA Film Night

21<sup>st</sup> May: Walk To School Week Begins and EYFS and Yr1 Dance Festival (information to follow)

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

4<sup>th</sup> June: INSET day

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

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

7<sup>th</sup> June: 7:30pm New Parents Meeting and Introduction Evening

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

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

18<sup>th</sup> June: Art Week Begins

19<sup>th</sup> June: School Photos taken today

20<sup>th</sup> June: Perform Drama Workshops today for all children

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

29<sup>th</sup> June: Dance Workshops today for all children

13<sup>th</sup> July: Circus Day for all children

20<sup>th</sup> July: PTA Disco

24<sup>th</sup> July: End of Year- Have a lovely Summer!