



Willow Bank Infant School Newsletter

Diary Dates :

February:

10th

Valentine's Cake Sale

13th-17th

Half Term

20th

Start of Term

March:

2nd

World Book Day

Remember:

Please do not park in the staff car park. We will be using a new system of parking, and may find yourself parked in for the school day!

From the Headteacher:

10th February 2017

What a wonderful end to our half term! I have just received our Ofsted letter, and am delighted to let you know that our school has been rated 'Good' as a result of the inspection. I have sent home a printed copy of the letter sent to me by the Lead Inspector, as it will not be available on Ofsted's website until 24th February.

We have also put a link to the document on our school website. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the wonderful members of staff, the governors and of course, the parents who took the time to help us prepare for the inspection and who also filled in the parent questionnaires.

Have a wonderful half term and a good break, I look forward to seeing you all again on 20th February, ***Michelle Masters***

From the Governors:

We have been really busy this last couple of weeks. The first important piece of news is that Rebekah Brumby has stepped down as Chair of Governors after five years in the role supporting Willow Bank due to other commitments. She will still remain a very active member of the governing body and we're delighted she can still support us with SEN and other work. We would all like to say a massive thank you for what she has accomplished in her time as Chair and wish her well in her other activities. Becky Stewardson has been nominated for the role and will be sworn in at our next Full Governing Body which will be immediately after half term. Our new governors, Lucy and Nik, have also started taking an active role in our work so please feel free to chat to them, or any of our governors that you see in or around the school as we are all regularly in and out of the premises!

Of course the main event this half term was our long awaited Ofsted visit and we are exceptionally proud and pleased with the result. There has been a lot of hard work and commitment from all the staff, and children leading up to the outcome which was well deserved following what we know has been an exceptional period of change for everyone. We would also like to thank you for your personal contribution as we had 77 Parent View responses overnight before the visit with some fabulous feedback! We would normally ask you to complete a parent questionnaire with very similar questions next term, but in the circumstances, this would just be repeating the same questions so instead we will ask for some direct comments and feedback on a series of topics during the next half term and then give you a consolidated update as to how you think we're doing during the summer term.

Our Finance & Resources committee and School Improvement committee have also met this half term and are supporting Mrs Masters with some great new ideas and improvements to come.

Finally, following the upcoming changes to the website, we have changed our contact details for the governing body and you can now contact Becky via our new chair@willowbank-inf.wokingham.sch.uk address, and our Clerk, Clare Randell, will be on clerk@willowbank-inf.wokingham.sch.uk.

We hope you have a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you in school later this month.



Happy Birthday to these children!



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



Congratulations to Owls for winning Gem Bear this week!



Congratulations to these children for earning their awards!