



WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter

Diary Dates

March

19th Sports Relief Week

20th-
22nd Parents' Evenings

23rd PTA Disco

28th Martin the Puppet
Man's Show

29th Easter Assembly-
9:30am -10:00am

29th End of Spring
Term

April

17th Children return to
school

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

Thank you to the parents who have signed up for the E-Schools App, we are working with them to sort the bugs in the system. If you are still having issues with the calendar syncing, please let the office know so that E-Schools can fix the issue!

From the Headteacher

16th March 2018



What a very busy week we have all had! **Science week** has been a great deal of fun, and I hope the children have been sharing with you some of the fantastic activities and experiments they have done!

A very big **thank you** to the lovely parent-scientists (Mr Whale and Ms Le Coq) who came into school to give talks to the children, they thoroughly enjoyed it and the feedback we have received has been hugely positive!

Hopefully you will all have received the information about **Sports Relief week next** week- most particularly, Dance-a-thon day on 21st March. Remember that children can come into school this day in their favourite sporting outfits!

I have also attached some information about **Easter activities** being run by Wokingham, so if you would like some ideas of what to do over the Easter break, please do take a look at the flyers.

Hopefully you will have noticed that all **staff members are now wearing lanyards** with their names and roles on them. This was in response to some suggestions made in the school parent questionnaire, and hopefully should make identifying members of staff much easier.

We have found that the number of children who are bringing **backpacks** into school has risen dramatically, and this has meant that space on the children's pegs for their coats, PE kit and other sundries is becoming increasingly cramped. This means that lots of items are ending up on the floor and are either being ruined or causing a trip hazard. Please do not send your child into school with a backpack- their coats and a drawstring PE kitbag should be all that is on their pegs. Thank you for helping to keep all the children, staff and visitors to the school safe.

If you haven't yet signed up for **Parents' Evening next week**, please do so!

Our school also had an **Attendance Audit** this week, with the School Education Welfare Officer. She has inspected our registers and spoken in detail with us about the children who are not currently attaining a good level of attendance. She has also directed me to remind parents that if you take your child out of school for a holiday that you may be fined by Wokingham Borough Council. Please bear in mind the educational impact that missing school has on children before you make the decision to take a term-time holiday.

Have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Masters

From the PTA



Despite the rain we managed to raise £100 at our cake & 2nd hand uniform sale on Friday. A huge thank you to everyone who bought/donated and helped out. This week the PTA have funded the science workshop and the science dome. We hope the children have enjoyed both events.

Spring disco 23rd March 6-8pm. Please can all those who were successful in getting tickets to this event please make sure they have paid for them by Sunday. We still need donations of wrapped sweets and party bag fillers for the kids tombola. Please drop off any donations in the box under the PTA safe in reception.

100 CLUB We've set up a new fundraiser, to combine raising some money for school with the opportunity to win up to **£250**. More information can be found on our website www.pta-events.co.uk/willow-bank or by speaking to one of the PTA.

PTA MEETING - 1ST MAY 7.30PM Please pop a long to our next meeting which will be held in the Infants staffroom. Find out what we have planned for the summer term including our popular summer disco.

PJ Non uniform day - 4th May Children invited to come into school in their PJs, please bring a £1 donation.

PTA vacancies From September the PTA will have vacancies for a Chairperson, Deputy Chair and secretary. Please speak to any of the PTA if you think you might be interested.

Family Time



Year 2 23rd March followed by coffee in the hall.

From the Summer Term, beginning 17th April, Year 2 children will no longer have Family Time sessions in preparation for Junior school.

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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Spring Term Checklist

19th March Sports Relief Week- we have sent out a sponsorship form and covering letter. Please contact the office if you need another copy of the letter and form.

20th, 21st and 22nd March Parents' Evenings- Please sign up for an appointment if you haven't yet done so.

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

28th March Martin the Puppet Man will be in to do a special puppet show for all children.

29th March Special Easter Assembly- All parents are warmly invited to attend our special assembly which will run from 9:30am til approximately 10:00am. We are excited to have Rev.Eddie joining us for this assembly.

29th March End of Spring Term 2

30th March to 16th April Easter Holidays

16th April INSET Day- for staff only

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