



# WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

## Newsletter

### Diary Dates



### From the Headteacher

9<sup>th</sup> October 2020



#### October

21 <sup>st</sup>	Virtual Assembly release date
21 <sup>st</sup>	School Photographs
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day to get Christmas Cards back for scanning
22 <sup>nd</sup>	PTA Break The Rules Day (info in PTA newsletter)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	October Half Term Holiday

We only have two weeks left to go until Half Term- and we are still open! **Thank you to all parents who are remembering to socially distance and wear masks.** Cases around our area are rising rapidly, and it's only through your support and the hard work of the children and staff that we are keeping ourselves as healthy and safe as possible. Thank you!

This year, as most of the usual forms of fundraising for our school are off-limits, the PTA are being very creative in finding ways to support our children in school. This means that they have a lot more information to share and more projects to run, so please read the **PTA newsletter** (which was added to the parentmail sent out today).

We have had a child with a **case of worms**. Worms spread really easily where children have longer nails and don't wash their hands properly after toileting, as the eggs can remain under the fingernails and then transfer into a child's mouth through finger sucking, or through contact with an object that is then put in the mouth (such as chewing on a pencil). Please check your child's nails for sharp edges, shorter nails are easier to keep clean- and as always in the current climate, keep reminding them to wash their hands.

**If you have a message to pass to your child's teacher, please can you write a little note** which you hand over when your child goes into class, rather than chat with the teacher. Ordinarily, we encourage you to chat to your child's teacher, but at the moment, we are trying to reduce the contact between adults in school. You can also email or call the school to arrange a telephone call with your child's teacher if needed.

As part of the safety measures we have had to take in school, **we are required to keep our windows open for ventilation in the classrooms, which means that some of the classes can be quite cold** (particularly in Year 1 and EYFS). Please ensure that you send your child into school with a jumper (it doesn't have to be a school jumper) so that they can stay warm in class.

We will be having our **school photographs on 21<sup>st</sup> October**. Regrettably, we will not be able to arrange sibling photographs this year, unless both children are in the Infant School, as we cannot allow cross-bubble contamination.

The **Year group weekly bulletins will be on the school website** as they were last week (find them at <https://www.willowbankinfant.com/web>). Please do let us know if you are struggling to access the bulletins, as we will be relying on the website access in the case of a year group or school wide closure.

Have a lovely weekend!

*Michelle Masters*



*Please*  
**Wear a Mask or  
Face Covering**

*Thank you!*



**Please wash  
your hands**





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*Happy Birthday and Congratulations to these children!*



## *Book Festival Information*

### **Wokingham Libraries Virtual Book Festival**

Wokingham Libraries in partnership with Wokingham Town Council have been working hard during this unconventional year to still bring you the joy of the book festival virtually!

That's right, we've transferred all the talks with authors online this year so you can watch from home. Places will still have to be booked, but you won't have to pay as there are limited places on the system we've chosen to bring you the festival on.

The festival will be run over Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th of October 2020, and You can download the schedule for the 17th and 18th October [here](#).

Tickets and more information can be found here: [www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/bookfest](http://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/bookfest).

Join us for talks with Chitra Soundar, Steve Antony, Peter Bunzl, Onjali Q Raúf, Inbal Leitner, Roopa Farooki, Smriti Halls and Ken Wilson-Max. Debut novelists Elle McNicoll and Iszi Lawrence complete the amazing line up for this year's Wokingham Children's Book Festival!

We look forward to you joining us for this very special occasion this year.