

# WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL Newsletter

### Diary Dates



## From the Headteacher

## 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020



#### September

28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evenings

#### October

21st

Potential Harvest Assembly

23<sup>rd</sup>

INSET

26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

October Half Term Holiday



Please remember to label every item of uniform!



Welcome back to you all! And a special welcome to all the children and families joining our school community. I hope you have all had a wonderful first week in school!

The children have settled in really well, and it is lovely to see how much they have all grown over the holiday.

The start to this term has been unusual in many ways, and I really appreciate that many of you are working to keep socially distanced whilst dropping off and collecting your children from school.

Usually my first letter of the school year contains a list of activities and events that have been planned for children and parents, but owing to the current Covid regulations, none of that has been possible this term. However, there will still be an updated list of **Diary Dates along the side of this newsletter**, and when the situation allows us to invite you into school, it will also include a termly checklist of activities.

We have moved to putting the **class weekly bulletins onto our school website** (find us at <a href="https://www.willowbankinfant.com/web">https://www.willowbankinfant.com/web</a>) in preparation for a potential lockdown and shift to home learning. In the case of a lockdown, home learning will be posted on the website each week. This is to allow us to share bigger files such as recorded lessons and activities, which we would be unable to do through Parentmail. The EYFS class bulletins will be added from next week.

We will continue to share **updates and forms through Parentmail**. Once our EYFS children have been allocated classes we will be able to add their parents to the Parentmail system, and ensure that you are able to access the updates, forms and booking system for parents' evenings. I urge all parents to get the Parentmail app on their phone, as it makes your life much easier to keep organised!

Our school website also has a section on School Strategy which has also been recently updated.

A gentle reminder to parents that children are not allowed to play on the play structures outside before and after school, as our school insurance will not cover any injuries or accidents outside of school hours.

Also, please may I remind you to **park courteously and legally** when dropping off and collecting your children from school. Why not park at Ashenbury Park nearby and enjoy a short, stress-free walk into school?

And finally, Mrs Killick (our deputy head) and I are out on the playground at drop-off and collection each day and are very happy to answer any questions or help out with any issues. If you aren't able to catch us then please give us a call or send an email (emails addressed to <a href="mailto:admin@Willowbank-inf.Wokingham.sch.uk">admin@Willowbank-inf.Wokingham.sch.uk</a> will always find their way to us).

Have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Masters

