



WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter

Diary Dates



March

30th Mini- reports to be sent home today.

April

1st Last day of Spring Term 1

2nd – 18th Easter Holiday

19th First day of Spring Term 2

From the Headteacher

12th March 2021



We've come to the end of our first week back in school with all the children attending. It has been an absolute delight having everyone back- the school feels and sounds alive again!

Our children have coped so well with the return and have largely settled back into our school routines really nicely. It has been very hard work though, as it is such a change from learning at home and even from keyworker club, and we can see today that many of our children are ready for the weekend and some downtime (and possibly even an early night!).

The ease with which the children have re-settled is mostly down to the brilliant work you, their parents, have done in keeping the children on an even emotional keel and the enormous effort the staff teams have made to help the children feel comfortable and happy, so I just want to **thank you all for doing your bit** for the children.

Please remember that we **still need to observe the lockdown rules**, and continue to encourage your children to wash their hands frequently, cover their mouths when they cough and catch sneezes in tissues which can be binned before washing hands. **If your child develops a cough, a temperature or loses their sense of smell or taste, please remember to isolate, book a test and let us know.** We are very keen not to have to close a bubble, and so I am urging everyone to be extra vigilant for the remaining three weeks of term.

Wokingham Borough Council have arranged for **Covid Marshals** to patrol 'high density' areas (such as schools during drop-off or pick-up times) so you may see a marshal outside our school, doing their rounds. They will be easily recognisable as they wear a fluorescent jacket with 'Covid Marshal' written on the back.

As I have mentioned before, we will be **postponing the planned Parents' Evening until the end of May, and will instead be issuing a mini-report to all parents** at the end of this month. This mini-report will cover the information we have gathered during our baseline assessments and will highlight the next steps your child can take to progress. We will also cover how your child has settled back into school and how they have reconnected with their peers. However, if you have any concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Mrs Killick or me to discuss it, we are always happy to help!

Please ensure that your **children's clothing is clearly labelled**- even their home clothes if they haven't got their full uniform on- as it makes it far easier for us to reunite children with their items if they're clearly labelled and it also prevents items going home with the wrong person. Although it is brighter today, the weather is still very changeable so please make sure that **children have warm coats and jumpers** in school. These do not have to be school jumpers until after the Easter break.

The **Year group weekly bulletins will be on the school website** as they were last week (find them at <https://www.willowbankinfant.com/web>).

Have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Masters



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AND
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Have a Great
Weekend