



WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter

Diary Dates



September

28th –
30th Parents'
Evenings

October

21st Potential
Harvest
Assembly

23rd INSET

26th –
30th October Half
Term Holiday

From the Headteacher

11th September 2020



Our first full week is done, although it has been a fairly strange one, with a number of us (me included) having to be at home isolating whilst we await our Covid test results. Thankfully, **everyone who has been tested has been negative for Covid**, and so we haven't had to use our plans for pod closure. **Thank you to all those parents who are being cautious and who are keeping their children at home if they are showing symptoms and organising tests.** I know it can be very frustrating especially if you feel your child simply has a cold or other winter virus, and as it is quite daunting organising testing at the moment, however, by being cautious you are helping to keep the other children and their families safe. A number of our school families have household members who are at risk if they were to catch Covid, and so our efforts to contain and manage the risks of Covid help not only the children but their loved ones too.

As part of some of the changes that we have had to make because of the **hygiene and safety requirements**, I need to remind parents that **we can no longer allow children to hand out sweets/cake at the end of the school day** for their birthdays. I know that this will disappoint many of the children, and I hope that we will be able to reinstate this tradition as soon as the risks of infection have reduced.

The **Year group weekly bulletins will be on the school website** as they were last week. EYFS will also have their first weekly bulletin online (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.

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. We also have to clean the structure if children from a different pod have used it, which takes time and uses our cleaning products up quicker.

And finally, **Mrs Killick and I will be back 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 admin@Willowbank-inf.Wokingham.sch.uk will always find their way to us).

Have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Masters



From the PTA



Welcome Back! ☺

AGM (via Zoom) – Tuesday 22nd September 7.30pm

Come along and find out what we do and how you can help. Please email the PTA for the Zoom link.

wbis.pta@hotmail.com All welcome

Happy school bags

Collection on Monday 14th September. Please leave bags outside by the infant school office (keeping access clear) no later than 9.15am. Money earned goes to the PTA.

PTA committee

We are currently in need of a new Chair and Secretary. Please contact the PTA if you would like to help with these roles, or if you can spare time to help us with the other fundraising projects we have planned for the year. We would love to welcome you!