



WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter

Diary Dates



From the Headteacher

25th September 2020



September

28th - 30th Parents' Evenings

29th Great Fire Of London Workshop- Yr 2

October

21st Potential Harvest Assembly

23rd INSET

26th – 30th October Half Term Holiday



KEEP CALM
AND
WASH YOUR HANDS

It seems as if Summer is truly over and Autumn has arrived- and as my youngest proudly told me, it is now only 91 days until Christmas! Happily, I am now able to announce that **Mrs Merritt is expecting** a little brother or sister for her daughter. I am sure you will join with me to give Mr and Mrs Merritt our heartiest congratulations and wish Mrs Merritt a healthy and safe pregnancy. We will be able to confirm who will be covering Mrs Merritt's maternity leave closer to the time.

I am delighted that we will be starting with **Hot Meals from Monday**. As I mentioned in the letter I sent out earlier in the week, it is worth £444 per child for the school if your child has a school dinner on Census day, 1st October. We have arranged for the lunch on this day to be fish and chips, a firm favourite with the children, in the hopes that you can encourage your children to enjoy a school meal on that day.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are our Parents' Evenings, and we are looking forward to being able to catch up with you all about how your children have settled in and how we feel they have started their learning in their new classes. We will be trying **Zoom sessions for Parents' Evening for the first time**, and whilst we think we have planned for all eventualities, there may be some technical difficulties and **we would really appreciate your patience** if this is the case. Please rest assured that if for some reason we are unable to complete your parents' evening appointment we will arrange for an alternative catch up session. Please may I remind parents that the slots are only for ten minutes and because of the way that Zoom sessions work, we will not be able to continue meetings past the ten minute timings.

I have also attached to this newsletter, a letter from the Governors sharing the **results of our Parent Questionnaire** conducted at the end of last year. It also includes the actions we will be taking as a result of the issues or concerns that were raised in the questionnaire.

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

From the PTA



PTA committee:

Following our AGM this week our new committee have been elected.

Co-chairs – Natalie Lambert and Harriet Tyreman/Treasurer – Karine Lecoq/Secretary – Lee Kitson. Thank you to Lee for all your hard work as Chair last year.

Please contact the PTA 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!

Christmas raffle: We would like to run a raffle again this year and are looking for prizes. Could you or your company donate a prize? A boiler service, a haircut or maybe a car wash.....Please contact the PTA if you can help. Also, if any companies would be interested in sponsoring our raffle and advertising on the tickets please get in touch.

Easy Fundraising: This is another easy way to help us when you shop online. Please register and the PTA will get cashback when you shop at retailers such as John Lewis, Ebay and Amazon.

Your school lottery: Please join if you can. A chance to win weekly prizes and support the school.

Facebook: Have you joined our Facebook page? – It's a great way to keep up to date with what we're doing. Search Willow Bank Infant School PTA.



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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.

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.