



# WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

## Newsletter

### Diary Dates



#### March

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22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 1 Coffee Morning
26 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening
27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup>	SAGE Volunteers in to create sensory garden
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### Donations Needed

**Thank you all for your very generous donations- at the moment, we are fully stocked with everything we need.** Thank you so much for all your help!

We are always in need of Volunteers who can commit to a regular slot in a particular class or year group- if you can commit to helping, please contact Mrs Leary in the school office.

### From the Headteacher

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019



It's amazing how fast this week has flown by!

I'm excited to announce that Get Active will be starting their own Breakfast and After-School Clubs here at Willow Bank Infants! More information is on our website!

No doubt, many of you will be aware of the 'Momo Challenge' that has been a hot topic on social media and in the news. Whilst it seems that it hasn't been as widespread as previously thought, there have been a number of children who have been scared by the image that accompanies the 'challenge'. We have had a brief discussion in assembly about being safe online and always telling an adult if you have seen something that makes you worried or scared. I have attached some guidance that was produced on the 'Momo Challenge' recently, and would urge all parents to exercise caution as a matter of course in allowing their children access to the internet.

We have recently been notified of a case of chicken pox in the school, and also of threadworms. Please encourage your child to practice good hygiene and remember to wash their hands after using the toilet and before eating food. Woodley FC are offering Girls' Football sessions for girls aged 5-9. Their flyer is also on our website.

And finally, two of our governors paid a visit the Houses of Parliament to lobby MPs for fairer funding- more information below!

Have a lovely week!

*Michelle Masters*

### From the PTA

#### World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March is our World Book Day second hand book sale! Thank you for all the book donations so far, but we are still welcoming more. If you have any unwanted children's books (in good condition) please can you drop them off by next Thursday to the PTA blue box in reception.

Don't forget your spare change at pick up next week!!!

#### Spring themed coasters

Before half term, you will have received your child's Easter/Spring themed artwork from school. This can now be ordered as coasters and/ or teddies (with the design printed on teddy's t-shirt) which will help raise much needed funds for school.

If you would like to order, please complete the form and leave it with the money on top of the PTA safe in reception or hand this in to Mrs Leary in the office. It's best not to fold your child's design and please add your child's surname if it's not already written.

Cash or cheques made payable to WBISA. Orders need to be in by Wednesday 6th March please. Thank you





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5<sup>th</sup> Easter Assembly- all parents welcome to attend! 9:30am in the hall.  
**END OF TERM- EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
23<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day- No school for the children today  
24<sup>th</sup> Children return to school- start of Summer Term 1

### *Well done to these children!*



### *Happy Birthday to these children!*







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### *Our Governors: campaigning to make a difference!*

Yesterday our governors Becky and Kirsten attended a lobby in the Houses of Parliament organised by the National Governors Association. It was an opportunity within a week of debates including one critical one next Monday, to bring our issues to our MPs directly in their own environment and also talk to a panel of representatives from the House of Lords, NAHT and ASCL. Unfortunately our own MP appears to be a little distracted to attend but we have contacted her again to encourage attendance in Monday's debate.



### *Eco-Bricks: Help us to make a difference!*



An **Ecobrick** is a plastic bottle packed to a set density with used, clean and dry plastic to achieve a building block that can be used over and over again. Ecobricks can also be packed with other non-biological un-recyclables that, uncontained, are toxic to the environment (i.e. styro-foam, wires, etc.).

Ecobricks are used to make modular furniture, garden spaces, walls and even full-scale buildings.

Ecobricks are an exciting way that individuals, communities, and companies can start their immediate transition from plastic towards ever greener harmony with the Earth's cycles.

We are hoping to use the Eco-bricks to build a wall for our sensory garden! Similar to this one...

So make your Eco-bricks colourful and strong by packing them tightly with non-recyclable plastic!

