Willow Park update

03 February 2022





Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very cold couple of weeks but that hasn't stopped the children for giving their best. I have been particularly impressed with the children's resilience as we have had a lot of staff absence this term.

Even with the disruption the children have continued to work hard. I have been lucky enough to have worked in year 6 for 3 days over the last week!

So much learning was covered.... I think the have been glad to see Ms Strandh returning this week! Year 6 showed that they are clear role models to the school! Well done!

Covid-19

We continue to battle on with the challenges that Covid presents us.

We have had a number of staff and children off school poorly I am glad to have seen many of you back at school this week.

If your child is off school with Covid and they are well, please let school know and we can sent through learning via email or google classroom so that they do not miss out.

Visit from the Director of Education of the Diocese

We were lucky enough to have had a visit from Liz Townend, the Director of Education, last week.

She was overwhelmed with how things are developing at Willow Park. She was impressed with how beautiful the school was looking and how hard the staff have worked to make Willow Park a success after the turbulent year we have had.

Finally, she wanted to recognise how well behaved and hard-working our children are - they are a real testament to us a school and to you as parents and carers!

Our new School Improvement Partner, Ms Lizzy Meadows, has also visited Willow Park and left with the same impression!

Attendance

Another reminder that leave of absence requests are to be submitted before the leave.

Unless the circumstances are exceptional it will not be authorised and risk a fine from the local authority.

Days that are missed are precious moments of learning lost - please speak to a member of the leadership team if you have any questions.

New families

Finally I would like to welcome all of the new children that have joined Willow Park over the last couple of weeks. 14 new children have been welcomed into the school community with open arms and have fitted in seamlessly.

Please watch this space for a full newsletter with contributions from all classes on Friday, 11 February.

Best wishes.

Chris Larke-Phillips

Headteacher

Willow Park CE Primary School

Next newsletter

We apologise for the delay with the current letter and lack of class updates due to staff absences.

Please look out for our next newsletter with full updates on your children's learning on Friday, 11 February!

What's on

Here are some dates and reminders...

Term 3

Trips

Tue, 15 Feb: Kingfisher Class (Year 4/5) visiting the New Room in Broad Mead

Wed, 16 Feb: Goldfinch Class (Year 2/3) visiting Bristol Museum

Wed, 16 Feb: Golden Eagles Class visiting Clifton Observatory

Term 4

Swimming

Year 4 and Year 6 and Golden Eagle class will continue to swim in Term 4.

Clubs in Term 4

Zumba (Y1-Y6): Continuing. £20 per term

Sport (all years): Wednesday and Thursday

£2 per week

Invitations to sign up for next term will go out next week.

Year 6 Residential Trip

Mon, 4 Apr – Fri, 8 Apr 2022

Culmington Manor

Term Dates and INSET Days

Term 3:

Tue 4 Jan - Fri 18 Feb 2022

Term 4:

Mon 28 Feb – Fri 8 Apr 2022

Term 5:

Mon 25 Apr – Fri 27 May 2022

INSET Day: Fri 27 May
The last day of term for the children will be Thu, 26 May.

Term 6:

Mon 6 Jun - Thu 21 Jul 2022