

Willow Park News 13

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Willow Park
C of E Primary School



Dear parent(s) / carer(s),

What a beautiful end of the week it has been. The children (and staff) have enjoyed not wearing uniform for the last 2 days and I really hope this has helped the children to learn to the best that they can. The weather is meant to change next week so I hope you all manage to enjoy it whilst you can!

Learning and assessments

Over the course of the last few weeks children have been completing assessments, both statutory and in house in order for us to prepare for the next academic year. Year 6 and 2 have now completed their SATS and results for year 6 will be released at the beginning of July. Year 1 have completed their phonics assessment and Year 4 will complete the multiplication check that was introduced nationally this year.

It has been encouraging to see that all children have given their best and no matter the results we are all very proud of them.

Online safety

After our assembly with the local police a few weeks ago, it has been brought to our attention that there is still some inappropriate use of social media outside of school. Although we

can help to deliver the messages it is difficult for us to control outside of school hours. Please help us to monitor children's online use and please let us know if there is anything that we should know about. Many thanks

Sports Day

We have provisionally booked in Thursday 14th July as our sports day. We are still trying to organise a venue so will update you as soon as we know. If the weather is bad on the 14th, we will have sports day on Monday 18th July instead. All parents, carers and families will be invited to join us for a fun afternoon.

End of year

I am sure you and your children will be keen to know what class they will be going into in September. We are busy sorting the logistics and this is never easy! We should know very

soon and will deliver news ASAP! Teachers are also busy writing your children's end of year reports so look out for those at the end of the year.

Ice lolly sales

Throughout the rest of the term we hope to start raising money for the school by selling ice lollies. This has already been successful this week. Please continue to support the school by buying as many ice lollies as possible!

I hope you manage to have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week,

Best Wishes,

Chris Larke-Phillips
Head Teacher



Online Safety

Before half-term our local police came to visit our school and did a presentation to our KS2 children about online safety. Following a number of further concerns from parents about online safety at home, we thought these links would be useful to further online safety. This guidance is displayed on our notice boards in the playground and there are printed copies available in the office foyer if you would like to take one.

There is much more information on the "Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership" website if needed.

<https://bristolsafeguarding.org/media/19843/nspcc-share-aware.pdf>

<https://bristolsafeguarding.org/media/19838/6-step-e-safety-challenge.pdf>

<https://bristolsafeguarding.org/media/19839/e-safety-family-contract.pdf>

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Robin Class (YR)

We have been exploring the story of The Little Red Hen. The children have been using a story map to retell the story with actions.



We have been reflecting upon our experiences of visiting farms and learning how wheat growing in a farmer's field turns into flour for making bread. The children have been grinding corn using stones and have used flour to make their own tasty bread rolls.

As mathematicians we have been looking at how we can make different types of shapes such as a tall rectangle and a wide rectangle, through placing 2D shapes together. We have also started learning a doubling fact each week, this week we are reciting '1 and 1 is 2. Double 1 is 2'. Next week we will move on to double 2.

Collective Worship

The theme for this term is, 'Truthfulness'. We have already had lots of interesting discussions about this! The children have enjoyed thinking about the Moral in a few of 'Aesop's Fables' so this is something you could continue at home.

Our enquiry for this term is 'What is a story?' We have been creating stories using small world characters and sharing helicopter stories (children create and act out their own stories).

Starling Class (Y1)

This term in Starling Class we are learning about "What grows near us?" So, we already got our hands dirty planting seeds.



This is helping us develop our Scientific skills, studying and monitoring how our plants are growing from seeds. To learn about flowers and trees we are spending time outside exploring the school gardens. We are using our Artist skills to illustrate our learning about the differences and similarities that we can identify among different flowers and trees.

Sports Day

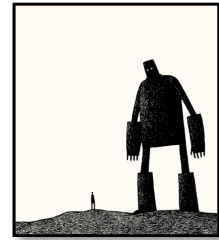
Thursday 14 July

All students are to come to school in **sports wear**

This will be a day of fun and games

Goldfinch Class (Y2 / Y3)

Goldfinch class were very excited by the ending of our class book, 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. Please ask your child to tell you all about the plot and characters. They wrote some great book reviews, recommending it very highly!



We have started our new enquiry, 'How do plants die?' They loved learning all about the functions of the different parts of a plant, taking photographs and sketching the different parts. They also had an afternoon of finishing off their magnetic games from last term. They worked diligently and enthusiastically, producing an excellent end result.



Forest School

Robin Class and **Golden Eagle Class** will be attending Forest School on these dates

Monday 20 June

NOT Monday 27 June

Monday 4 July

Monday 11 July

Monday 18 July

Kingfisher Class (Y4 / Y5)

As we begin our last term of the year, we have a lot still to look forward to. We have begun our new enquiry 'How are you helping to save the planet?' by learning about the seven natural wonders of the Earth and how plastic pollution and deforestation are having a negative impact. Our challenge this term is to help make the school garden a more wildlife-friendly environment, I have been talking with Anne (our school caretaker) about lots of exciting possibilities!



In our Author lessons we have been working with a text called 'The Promise', unpacking the story by theatrical reading and role play to help inform our own creative writing. We have also used this text to inspire an amazing free verse poem and some fabulous pieces of art.

With regard to maths, please be aware particularly if you are a parent of a year 4 student, that they will soon be sitting the DfE Multiplication Check. Please be practising with your children (Yr5s would benefit from regular practise too). Unfortunately, the

children cannot practise on the testing website at home, as the passwords change daily.

We have also begun to rehearse songs for the upcoming Yr6 production of Hamlet. We have been asked to support in the capacity of ensemble / choir – this will mean a couple of evening performances in July (12th / 13th) Please put these dates in your diaries and look out for ticket!



Owl Class (Y6)

A time of new projects for us Owls! Rehearsals for Hamlet are starting in earnest, we're learning lines at a rate of knots, although any support you can offer with practising your child's lines at home is welcome.



We have also started a new enquiry "How Big Is Your Footprint?" We have discussed energy sources, the uses of energy and how wealth and poverty

impact access to energy in different parts of the world -a very important conversation. In English, the children have written pieces of descriptive writing for their Author Portfolios, making our blood run cold with their descriptions of the parapets of Elsinore Castle in Act 1, Scene 1 of Hamlet.



Y6 Shakespeare Production of Hamlet

Wickham Theatre

Tuesday 12 July 07:00 PM

Wednesday 13 July 07:00 PM

£6 per person – 4 ticket limit

Please read the **What's On** section of this newsletter for more details regarding this event

Golden Eagles (Y3 / Y4 / Y5 / Y6)

We have been learning about British Values in Golden Eagles class. We have learned about democracy in the UK - parliament, MPs and the Prime Minister.



We found out that any British citizen can apply to be an MP and we guessed where these MPs were born and what religion they were. There are Christians, Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus, Jews and Humanists in parliament.



Find your child missing items here

What's on

Here are some dates and reminders...

Forest School

Mon, 20 June

Mon, 4 July

Mon, 11 July

Mon, 18 July

Year 6 Play

Performances on

Tue, 12 Jul 07:00 PM and

Wed, 13 Jul 07:00 PM

Sports Day

Thu, 14 Jul

Events for Reception 2022 families

Wed, 29 Jun, 5pm-6pm
Parent information evening

Thu, 7 Jul – 9:30-10:30am
Stay & Play

Thu, 14 Jul – 9:30-10:30am
Stay & Play

Term Dates and INSET Days

Term 6

Mon 6 Jun – Thu 21 Jul

Term 1 2022/23:

INSET Days:

Thu 1 Sep and Fri 2 Sep

The first day of the new school year will be Mon 5 Sep 2022.

Year 6 Shakespeare Production of Hamlet TICKETS



Our amazing Owl Class will perform Hamlet at the Wickham Theatre on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 12 July 07:00 PM
- Wednesday, 13 July 07:00 PM

Choir and Performers are to arrive at an earlier time



They will be supported by the Kingfisher Class choir

The performances will take place at the Wickham Theatre (Cantock's Close), less than 5min walk from our school.

Owl and Kingfisher families can book tickets via ParentPay now:

- £6 per ticket
- Up to 4 tickets per family

We have a limited number of tickets available for other families, Governors and staff.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the school office!