

Willow Park News 4

5 November 2021



Willow Park
C of E Primary School



Dear parent(s) / carer(s),

Welcome back to term 2 to what we hope is going to be an exciting term as Christmas celebrations are slowly creeping up. I hope you all managed to have a wonderful break over the half term and that all children have returned refreshed and ready to go again.

Covid update

We are keeping a close eye on the Covid rates in Bristol and the surrounding area.

Currently the R rate is between 0.9 and 1.1 which is quite high. We have been advised by Bristol City Council that whole school gatherings will now cease for the interim.

That means there are no whole school assemblies, and they shall return to zoom.

It also means that our opening event will have to be postponed and will probably be in the new year now.

We are really hoping that we can return to face-to-face assemblies soon and that our annual Christmas nativity can take place.

The Senior Leadership Team will be reviewing the risk

assessment next week in line with government and local guidance. If you have a question or query, please come and speak to us in the office.

Weather

You will have noticed that the weather is getting considerably colder as we move towards the end of the year. Please remember for your children to wear warm coats and that all children are wearing their jumpers and cardigans in school.

Uniform

Please remember that all children should be in full school uniform, and this includes

footwear. Shoes or trainers must be plain black and sensible to wear to school.

There will be a uniform audit next week and families will be contacted if their child is wearing the incorrect dress code.

If you are struggling to get uniform for your child, please come and speak to a member of the leadership team.

I hope you all manage to have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Best wishes

Chris Larke-Phillips

Head teacher

Parent Governor Elections

Parent Governor elections will take place shortly.

Please keep any eye out for further communication from our Governors.

Collective Worship

Our theme for Collective Worship this term is

Wisdom.

If you have a particular wise saying you love and would like to share with the rest of the school community, then please email it to the office and we will add it to the next newsletter.

Here are some wise words from Mother Teresa

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Robin Class (YR)

It has been such a good start to the new term, the children have returned with excitement and are growing in confidence as learners.

This week Robin Class visited Royal Fort Gardens to look for signs of seasonal changes.

We collected leaves and used them to create pictures inspired by the story Leaf Man.



We have also been thinking about Diwali and how we are surrounded by good friends that

help us. The children enjoyed painting henna patterns, using rice to create Rangoli patterns and they have made their own diva lamps.

Starling Class (Y1)

It is good to be back at school ready to learn and have fun with our friends!

We are starting a new Enquiry this week in Starling Class, "Who helps us?"

We were journalists for a day, when we had the pleasure of having Barbara (SMSA and Cleaner) as a visitor and answered all our questions.

Also, this week we had a lot to celebrate with a Diwali full of light, dances, songs and stories, but also we had a special mathematical challenge

to celebrate Bonfire night and a song.

It has been a very fun week!

Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place next week:

Tue, 9 Nov – 3.30-6pm

Wed, 10 Nov – 3.30-6pm

Due to the current number of Covid cases in Bristol, the meetings will take place over the phone. Your child's class teacher will call you.

You should have received a text message or email with instructions how to book. If you have got any problems or questions, please contact the school office.

What's on

Here are some dates and reminders...

Parents evening

Tue, 9 Nov – 3.30-6pm

Wed, 10 Nov – 3.30-6pm

Events for future Reception Parents

Thu 18 Nov, 1.30pm

Thu, 2 Dec, 9.30am

Clubs

Zumba (Y1-Y6): starting on Monday, 8 November, 3:20-4:20pm

Football (Y4-Y6): moving to Tuesday, please look out for an update on Monday

Sport (all years): continuing Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3:15pm-5pm

Preview

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

INSET Day: Tue, 4 Jan

The first day back for the children will be Wed, 5 Jan

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

Goldfinch Class (Y2 / Y3)

What a wonderful start to term 2!

Goldfinch have come back well rested and showing that they are ready to learn. We have spent this week learning about Diwali and filming our shadow puppet play of Rama and Sita.



Last term we learnt how to make our puppets and spent time learning our parts and bought it all together to perform in our own theatre. The film is wonderful and a fantastic celebration of all our learning from our enquiry. The children have worked hard and enjoyed the process.

Well done Goldfinches!

Kingfisher Class (Y4 / Y5)

Kingfisher have had a great first week back. We have finished our 'space' topic with a brilliant trip to We The Curious.

The class made me proud showing off their knowledge in our 'Earth, Sun and Moon' workshop and then we had an amazing time exploring the solar system in a 3D Planetarium show.

We had time to explore the rest of the venue before heading back to school.

Everyone seemed to have a great time - I hope they tell you all about it!

Before the half term Kingfisher class were being poets, writing poems about the Willow Tree in the school grounds.

Again, the children were great at using their knowledge of alliteration and personification to write some beautiful poems - we hope to share some of these with you at a future event!

Owl Class (Y6)

It has been an absolute delight to welcome year 6 back to school this week.

This group of learners are ever ready to jump headlong into new learning experiences, and our new term's work is no exception.

We have enjoyed performing and writing playscripts, wrapping up our work on long division with some really good word problems in Maths, as well as singing some new songs in class.

This term, we will be developing presentation skills both in shared group work and individually, and if today's performances were anything to go by, we are in for a treat!

Year 6 Residential Trip

Our Year 6 Residential trip will go to Culmington Manor from Mon, 4 April to Fri, 8 April 2022

Further information will follow shortly.

Reception 2022

Two further information sessions coming up



Is your child starting Reception in September 2022?

Join us for a tour of our brand new school!

Thursday 14th October at 9.30 am Thursday 4th November at 1.30 pm
Thursday 21st October at 9.30 am Thursday 18th November at 1.30 pm
Wednesday 3rd November at 5.30 pm Thursday 2nd December at 9.30 am

To book your place, email office@willowpark.org.uk or call 0117 9030434

willowpark.org.uk

Cost of School Dinners

Please note that Chartwells have increased the price of a paid school dinner to

£2.30

Willow Park Grand Opening Postponed

The Willow Park Grand Opening has been postponed due to increased Covid figures in Bristol.

We are now aiming for a date in spring.