

Willow Park News 5

29 November 2021



Willow Park
C of E Primary School



Dear parent(s) / carer(s),

It has been a good couple of weeks at Willow Park since our last newsletter. So much has happened including celebrating Children in Need last Friday and Key Stage 1 starting to prepare their Christmas Nativity play.

We are really hoping we can present the play to an audience this year, but current Bristol City Council guidelines are that we do not hold any whole school gatherings. If this changes we shall let you know of any updates.

House Captains

As part of our whole school reward system all children are put in a colored house to earn points for their team. At the end of each term the winning House receives a treat.

In order to promote leadership with the children, I have appointed House captains for each team. The children had to write a letter of application to me to apply for the job! Huge congratulations need to go to Arabella and Chaela (red team), Rabi and Shayon (Green team), Kareem and Mateo (Yellow team) and Khalid and Zara (Blue team) as the successful applicants taking up their new posts from today!

Well done to you all.

Attendance and punctuality

Attendance and punctuality have been poor over the last few weeks which has been

disappointing to see. There has been a lot of illness which has been unavoidable and of course on these occasions your child must stay at home, especially if they have Covid-19 symptoms.

Please be aware that holidays booked during school time will NOT be authorised and you are potentially running the risk of a fine from the local authority.

All those children with attendance of less than 90% will be receiving a letter from me this week so that we can discuss your child's attendance and to support you and your family - it is important that these meetings are attended.

Weather

It is now very cold outside! In fact, it was -1 degree this morning! Please ensure your children come to school with jumpers and coats, and if they have them, scarves and hats! Many thanks.

Covid updates

You will all be aware from the news that some restrictions are now back in place. We shall be reviewing our risk assessment and appropriate measures shall be in place to keep staff and children safe in school. We shall advise you of any changes in due course.

Social media

Please remember to check out our twitter page where children's learning and achievements are regularly celebrated. It would be great to share this with you - I know the children get excited when they are told their achievements will be shared with the world!

I hope you all manage to have a wonderful week,

With very best wishes

Chris Larke-Phillips

Head teacher

Parent Governor Elections

Parent Governor Elections are happening

The closing date is this Wednesday, 1 December, 2pm.

PTA

Would you like to help us set up a PTA (Parent Teacher Association) at Willow Park?

Click here to register your interest:

<https://forms.gle/rGrB3BfHhCahUNUZ7>

Robin Class (YR)

There has been a wintery feel in Robin Class these past couple of weeks as the weather has turned, and autumn gradually comes to an end. We have been learning about seasonal changes, nocturnal animals and thinking more deeply about what happens to trees during winter.

We have also started our Christmas nativity songs for 'The Little Fir Tree'.

Richard, our school's musician, has been visiting each week to teach us the new songs and learn in more detail about rhythm, pitch and timing.

Starling Class (Y1)

These few last weeks, in Starling Class, we have been learning about addition and subtraction, jumping forwards and backwards on the number line, **literally!**



We already knew Starling Class is full of amazing mathematicians, and now we have some help from our new friends "**the adjectives**", our skills as authors are really blooming and making our writing so much interesting! Great job Starling class! And remember: **We can make mistakes, but we will always try... our best!!!**

Golden Eagle Class

Welcome the Willow Park News, Golden Eagles!

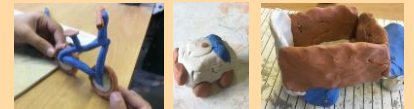
Golden Eagle class have been thinking about journeys.

We have been talking about the different reasons why people go on journeys.

Inspired by a book called The Journey, created art work that showed people running away from conflict and leaving precious things behind.



We also made models of different kinds of transport.



Our year 1 and 2 children are now full time in Starling and Goldfinch classes and children from Goldfinch and Kingfisher have been visiting us and teaching us games so we can get to know other children our own age.

What's on

Here are some dates and reminders...

Events for future Reception Parents

Thu, 2 Dec, 9.30am

Christmas Activities

Fri, 10 Dec: Christmas Enrichment day with Progressive Sports

Date tbc: Little Fir Tree – Nativity Play, Robin, Starling and Goldfinch Class

Mon, 13 Dec: Owl Class will be singing Christmas Carols outside St Michael's Hospital

Tue, 14 Dec: Christmas Dinner

Fri, 17 Dec: Carol Assembly

Fri, 17 Dec: Last School Day before Christmas

Preview

Swimming

Year 4 and Year 6 and Golden Eagle class will be swimming in Terms 3 and 4.

Clubs in Term 3

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

Sport (all years): Continuing. £2 per session from next term.

We will send out new invitations to give more children across the school an opportunity to attend.

Year 6 Residential Trip

Mon, 4 Apr – Fri, 8 Apr 2022
Culmington Manor

Goldfinch Class (Y2 / Y3)

What a wonderful couple of weeks we have had in Goldfinch. We have immersed ourselves in our Talk 4 writing text and are becoming fantastic story tellers. For our enquiry we are asking the question "How do we learn about people from the past?" We have been historians and studied photos from the past and present, looking at similarities and differences between the photos.

Kingfisher Class (Y4 / Y5)

A new term has meant a new enquiry for Kingfisher class and our new question, 'How do you show what you believe in?' has been brilliant for sharing and finding out more about each other. I have really enjoyed our 'show and tell' times where the children have brought their own artefacts and special objects to talk about their beliefs.

We are working towards producing some fabulous pieces of art - I hope we can

show you some photographs in the next newsletter.

The children have also really enjoyed digging into our new text for this term 'The boy at the back of the class'. We have been focusing on diary writing, thinking specifically about time adverbials and past tense.

We will finish this focus this week with a 'Big Write', where the children can show off their learning.

Owl Class (Y6)

This week, we have enjoyed the opportunity to show our mettle in our termly assessment week. Reasoning, Arithmetic, SPaG and Reading; we have all put our heads down and given it 100%.

We have moved on to learning about the engineering achievements of some Victorian engineers, and considered which of their creations were made possible in part by the

Breakfast Club

Free – on school days from 8am

If you would like your child to attend, please contact the school office

Swimming in Terms 3 / 4

Year 6 and Year 4 will be swimming in Terms 3 and 4.

They will be joined by our Golden Eagle Class.

We will be sending out letters to Year 4 parents this week.

We are asking for a contribution of £18 per term to help with the cost of transport.

Reception 2022

One further information session 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

Owl Class (Year 6) trip to Culmington Manor

Owl Class's Residential trip will go to Culmington Manor from Mon, 4 April to Fri, 8 April 2022

Please pay your deposit by Wednesday, 15 December.

We will invite you to a parent information evening with further information about the trip in January.