

Newsletter 2 – 15.9.2023

'Be the Light!'

You are the light of the world – like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden – Matthew 5:14



Willow Park
C of E Primary School



Another great week is over where on Wednesday we celebrated 100% of the children being in school! The more your child is in school, the bigger the impact when they are older! Thank you all so much for your support!

Value of the term

The value we are looking at this term is **RESPECT**. We have started to explore this in worship and I have already seen many great examples of this around school. Lots of our children are able to show respect to adults through being polite and following instructions – I have also seen children respecting each other when it comes to sharing and play, especially with the younger children. Please do continue these discussions at home.

Office

Please note that our office is open from 8:30am in the morning.

If you would like to speak to a class teacher please do book an appointment at the end of the day. This is to ensure they are not delayed in teaching at the start of the day.

Punctuality

Remember school starts at 8:45am prompt and that the main gate closes at 9am. After this, your child will be registered late and will need to come directly to the office to register their lunch.

I hope you all have a nice, long weekend and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday!

Mr Phillips
Headteacher

Attendance this week.....

Very disappointing attendance this week – lets work together to make it higher.

Our School Target is 96%

Class	Attendance
Robin	100%
Goldfinch	99%
Kingfisher	97.2%
Starling	93.6%
Sparrow	91.9%
Owl	91.5%

Attendance

I am so happy with the attendance of children this week. **The whole schools attendance was 95.3% - so close to our target!** Let's keep this going and have another great week! Remember... every second counts!

In the drive to improve attendance this year, if your child had attendance below 90% last academic year you will be asked to come to a meeting so we can work together to improve attendance – please ensure you attend.

INSET day

Willow Park will be closed for all children on FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023 - this is due to a staff CPD day.

Children will return as normal on Monday 18th September at 8:45am

House points so far...

Red team 32	Yellow team 29
Green team 30	Blue team 30

Who has *been the light* this week?

Congratulations to the following children who have shown excellence in their learning and behaviour this week!

Cassandra, Destiny, Ayla, Ariella, Sultan, Yara, Prajeeth, Rinad, Elizabeth and Ericka

PE Kits

All children will be taking part in PE twice a week and your class teacher will inform you on when that is.

It is essential that your child wears PE to school on these days. Please speak to a member of SLT if this is going to be a problem.

Kingfisher and Owl Class will be swimming until Christmas – it is a curriculum requirement that children learn to swim and must attend

Dates for the diary

Here are some dates for your diary... we will continue to add to these dates as the year goes on.

Here are the term dates for the next academic year:

2023 to 2024

- **Term 1:** Friday 1 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023
- **Term 2:** Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 15 December 2023
- **Term 3:** Tuesday 2 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
- **Term 4:** Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024
- **Term 5:** Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
- **Term 6:** Monday 3 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024
- Year 6 Camp will be week beginning **Monday 18th September**. Please speak to the office if you have any questions about this trip.
- **21st September** – Reading workshop for families in years 2 – 6. This is led by Mrs Vicky Leaker – more information to follow
- **5th October 2023** – Phonicsa workshop for families in Reception and Year 1 – led by Mrs Leaker and Miss Miller – more information to follow
- **13th October 2023** - First Reception 2024 open day