

Newsletter 6 – 17.11.2023

'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



It has been a tricky week at Willow Park as there has been lots of absence from staff and children due to sickness. I hope all those that are still unwell get better soon and we look forward to seeing you all next week. Even with absences we have still managed to launch our new choir who will sing at the Cathedral this term! This is always a special time and they cannot wait to perform!

Diwali

On behalf of Willow Park, we would like to wish all those who celebrated 'The festival of Light' over the last few days a Happy Diwali! We hope you had a wonderful time celebrating with family and friends.

Thank you also to Mrs Welsh and the group of children that presented us with a special Diwali assembly, teaching us about what Diwali is, the history and how it was celebrated. The children who presented spoke with such confidence and pride! Well done to all.

Weather

As you will have noticed the weather has turned wet and windy. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat so that they are

able to enjoy time outside. Many thanks.

SMSA post

We have a temporary SMSA post available at Willow Park. If you are interested, please speak to Mr Paz or Mrs Bunce in the office who can direct you on how to apply for the post.

Holidays

Please remember NO holidays will be authorised during term time and all holidays will now be fined. This is £60 per parent, per child. Please speak to Mr Phillips with concerns around this.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Phillips

Attendance this week.....

Our School Target is 96%
Attendance this week: 89.2%

Class	Attendance
Sparrow	92.3%
Robin	91.7%
Kingfisher	91.1%
Starling	89.9%
Goldfinch	87%
Owl	83.3%

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor!

Do you think you can help make a positive contribution to Willow Park?

Do you have some spare time to support us achieve our high aspirations for children?

If so, please speak to a member of the office. A letter will also be coming home with your child

Parents evening

If you haven't already done so, please speak to your class teacher about making an appointment for parents evening next week. Slots are still available.

House points so far this term....

Red team	Yellow team
98	101
Green team	Blue team
108	111

Who has *been the light* this week?

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

Marco, Lamaisah, Emmanuel, Hamad, Telema, Annie, Fatima, Nour, Harmeet, Elijah, Jak and Henil

Reading

At Willow Park we value reading and believe that if children are able to read it will be able to unlock many other areas of their learning. Please ensure your children are reading at home at least 3 times a week and record this in their reading record. Many thanks.

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 this 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
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- **20 – 22nd November 2023** – Parents evenings in the hall – please speak to your class teacher
 - **5th December 2023** – Key stage 2 to Old Vic – More information to follow
 - **5th December 2023** – Christmas in a box – Sparrow Class
 - **Week beginning 11th December 2023** – EYFS and key stage 1 nativity – more information to follow
 - **15th December** – Whole school 'Carols around the Christmas tree'
 - **15th December 2023** – Last day of term 2