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# Willow Fields Primary School

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Hello everyone—

As we come to the end of a very busy Spring Term I just wanted to update you with news from Willow Fields. Firstly I have some exciting baby news to share in that Miss Wilson gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on Thursday 15th March. Amara Leigh was 7lb 9 and is coming to school to meet the staff and children on Thursday! We wish Miss Wilson and her partner our very best as they start their adventure as new parents.

Miss Hillery has also successfully been operated on and she is now on her way to recovery. We hope that it is swift and she is back to work quickly. Unfortunately, Miss Bexley in nursery is also going off to have an operation and again we wish her all the best for a swift recovery and we hope to see her back in school before the end of the summer term. Miss Philips and Miss Hunter will be joined in nursery by Mrs Wharton who is familiar to the children and Miss Goodrick who will teach in the nursery for the summer term. Miss Goodrick will be coming to school to get to know the children in the coming days before they go off for the Easter break.

I wanted to say a HUGE THANK YOU from all of the staff for the great attendance at the recent parents evenings. It was brilliant to see everyone there and we were so proud to share the children's books with you. It was lovely to speak to so many of you and to hear how proud you were of your children and the messages shared by the teachers. We are so happy with the books and the progress that the children are making. School is calm and settled and there is some excellent learning taking place. As a staff, we were also delighted with the results of the questionnaire I asked you all to complete on the way out. 100% of you stated that your children were making good progress and that behaviour is good in school. This is something that we have worked very hard on and we were delighted that you have recognised this. It was also pleasing that 99.1% of you agreed that behaviour and bullying are dealt with well. Again this is something that we have worked hard on with the children and we are starting to see that they are being kinder to each other and are increasingly supportive of one another in school. We have signed up to the Local Authority anti-bullying charter mark and this will further strengthen understanding of what bullying means and will give children strategies to deal with acts of unkindness.

The children have been very busy out and about in the local area. They have been taking part in a recycling programme which saw them collecting litter in the local environment. In one hour they collected 9 bags of rubbish! They are hoping that their good work will send a message to others in the neighbourhood to put their rubbish in the bins and not on the land around school! Well done years 3 and 4!

It has also been lovely watching the children take their new reading books to and from school each day. Staff have already noticed a huge difference in the reading of the children now that they are practicing their reading at home with a grown up. They are so happy to have their new books and over time we hope that it will make a huge difference to their outcomes. The staff are listening to the children in their lessons and I am going to be doing some reading spot checks around school as it gives me great pleasure to listen to the children reading aloud and developing in confidence with this really important skill. I hope that they keep it up and become life-long readers! The newly refurbished library will also be up and running soon and children will be able to choose their own library books to bring home each week... watch this space!

Don't forget that we now have a school Facebook page! This will be filled with regular updates about life in school and important dates and events. Remember that the name of the page is Willow Fields Primary however we will only accept you as a friend when we receive your signed agreement re the terms and conditions. You must also remember that you need to send us a friend request too! We have lots of forms but not many requests—without one we can't add you! Please let us know if there is anything you would like adding to the page.

Remember—Easter Egg Hamper raffle tickets are on sale in school £1 a strip! The hampers are amazing and well worth a ticket! The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe Easter holiday and we will return to school on Monday 16th April.

Mrs Robertson