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Willow Fields Primary School

Monday 17th September

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Dear parents and carers,

Firstly I want to welcome you back to school after a lovely 6 week break! I would also like to say a lovely welcome to the new children who have joined us this year and I hope that they are enjoying being part of the Willow Fields family. The children have settled back into school routines and are already working hard with their new teachers and we look forward to sharing the work that they are doing with you in the future when you will be invited to some coffee afternoons to share your children's books and have a chat to the staff on an informal basis.

It was lovely to receive some amazing news over the summer in that Miss Baxter is having a baby! I am sure that you will join me in wishing Miss Baxter and her partner the very best wishes for the future and we can't wait to meet baby when they arrive in the new year.



Willow Fields now has their own Facebook page and every staff member has been asked to post pictures of the learning in their class each week. Remember that to be accepted as a friend you **MUST** complete a

Facebook friend request form which outlines the conditions of the page and then request us as a friend. As the requests are received, they will be cross-checked with the form to make sure that they match and the request accepted. **Remember—no form, no accepted friend request!**

Homework and reading— Staff will give each child homework each week in the form of spellings, times tables, reading, English and Maths tasks. The English and Maths tasks will focus on practicing the skills taught in lessons that week and will not be new to your child. Reading is a priority for school and we really need your support to help your child to develop into a confident and fluent reader. Please could you support your child with their homework tasks each week and return them to school on time each Thursday. Any incomplete homework will need to be completed during break times in school.

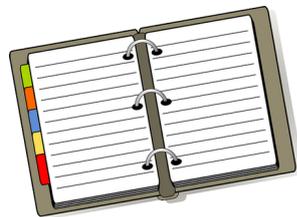


Times Tables Rock Stars—To support the children in learning their Times Tables we have purchase a computer programme to help the children to apply their skills on-line. This programme is also available for you to use at home and the children can compete against each other to get higher and higher scores. Times tables is a major focus as the government is introducing a Multiplication tables test for all year 4 children in the coming years. To launch the programme in school, we are going to have a launch day on **Friday 21st September** where all children can come into school dressed as rock stars! We can't wait to see everyone dressed up Bring on the air guitars!



Safeguarding— As always, staff and governors want to work with you to keep all children in our school safe. Recently, we have struggled to contact parents and get important information and messages to some of you. This makes things difficult for staff as they need to be able to contact parents as soon as is necessary. New guidance for schools called 'Keeping Children Safe In Education' was launched at the beginning of September. Within this guidance it states that all schools in England **MUST** have at least 2 contact numbers for each child so that staff can contact parents or a nominated person at all times. We understand that people change phones or may run out of credit but there needs to be communication between school and yourselves at all times. Please make sure that we have **at least 2 working contact numbers** at all times. Should your number change, please inform school as soon as possible so that we can work with you to keep your children safe.

Governors—Due to changes within the governing body we now have vacancies for parent governors. In the coming weeks we will be having parent governor elections. If you would like to become a parent governor, please pop into school to discuss the role with me and I will explain how the process will work and the commitment a parent governor needs to make. I would love it if you put yourselves forward for the role as this is an exciting time for Willow Fields and I look forward to working with you on our journey.



Dates for Your Diary

21st September—Dress as a Rock Star Day

15th October—Year 1 phonics meeting 3:15pm

17th October—KS1 SAT Parents meeting 3:15Pm

18th October—KS2 SAT Parents meeting 3:15pm

29th October—INSET day

30th October—Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm

1st November—Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm

2nd November—School Photograph Day

Further dates to follow as they are organised. Across this term there will also be a range of drop in dates arranged for you to come into school for a coffee and to share your children's books with them and share their work. These will be announced as soon as possible.

Best wishes to you all and as always, thank you for your support—Mrs Robertson & staff