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Willow Fields Primary School

Wednesday 17th October

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Dear parents and carers,

This has been a very busy term for the children as they have settled back into school after the long summer holiday and are getting to know their new teachers. It has been a pleasure to spend time in the classes with them watching them learn and watching the newest children in school settle into nursery.



The governors and I always listen to the children and the suggestions that they make. Last year we had our first ever Head Boy and Head Girl elections. The nominees wrote their manifestos and the class elected those they thought would represent the school well. We are repeating this process this year and hope to be able to bring the names of our Head Boy and Head Girl for 2018-2019 very soon.



We were also pleased to be able to hand out our very own Willow Fields book bags to every child in school. This suggestion came from Tilly who was in Year 4 at the time - as she knew that we wanted to look after our new reading books as they were so expensive and the plastic bags weren't strong enough. Thanks to Tilly—governors found the money to order book bags for everyone and it is amazing seeing the children lining up each day carrying their book bags. One of our governors, Mr Brammer, enjoyed coming to assembly to hand the bags out and to speak to the children. Good suggestion Tilly!

Mrs Beavis also received some good news too! Last year she organised a collection of unused electrical goods and batteries and these were handed to Groundworks.org.uk to be recycled. The children and families of Willow Fields collected the most items to be recycled and because of this, Mrs Beavis was given £100 to spend on an eco project of our choice. If anyone has any ideas for a project—please let us know!



I am really pleased with the work that the children are producing in their lessons. For the children to make even more progress, staff need the children to complete their homework and daily reading tasks. So many of the children forget their reading books and they are needed in school every day so that staff can listen to them reading aloud. 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.

POLITE REMINDERS.....



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—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.



Remember—Willow Fields has a 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!



Dates for Your Diary

INSET DAY 29th October 2018

31st October 3.30-4.30pm Halloween Disco

30th October & 1st November Parents Evenings

2nd November—Individual Photographs

3rd-5th December—Year 6 Derwent Hill Residential visit

12th December Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Winter Wonderland visit

18th December—Tiny Tweeties in Reception and Nursery

21st December—Break up for Christmas

7th January—Return to school