



# Willow Fields Primary School

Thursday 19th October 2017

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Hello everyone!

As we come towards the half term we have much to celebrate at Willow Fields! The children are all settled with their new teachers and their work in books is excellent—we can't wait to share it with you after half term at our open nights! I hope that you can all attend and I look forward to meeting you all properly!



Our new football team have competed in matches at other schools and they have represented the school and themselves really well. I am so proud of their team spirit and also their exceptional attitudes on the pitch. They are an absolute credit to the school, their parents / carers and themselves. I look forward to attending their matches in the future and maybe even returning with some silverware as training is going well each lunchtime and their skills are developing well.



I also have the lovely job of announcing that there will be a new addition to the Willow Fields family. Miss Wilson (year 1 class teacher) and her partner are expecting a beautiful baby in March! Miss Wilson will be a huge miss at Willow Fields while she is on maternity leave but we can't wait to meet baby when he / she arrives and we wish Miss Wilson and her partner Tommy lots of love and luck for their new journey as parents! I will inform you of staffing arrangements for the Year 1 class after Christmas and I assure you that there will be a careful handover of the class before Miss Wilson leaves to start her maternity leave.



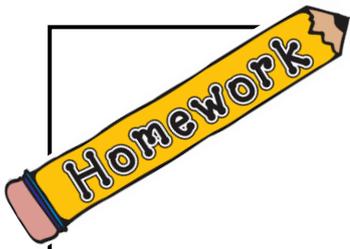
We were also delighted to share with you our recent Ofsted inspection report. Staff were highly praised for how well they know, look after and support the children in our care and we were delighted with the outcome. From here we are determined to make sure that all of our children make progress and become the best learners that they can be and also develop the skills that they will need while they are at Willow Fields and beyond.



Mrs Beavis is also starting a school book club. The children will have brought home a leaflet where they can buy books which are at heavily discounted prices. By running this club we hope to raise the profile of reading with the children as well as gaining some additional funds for the school. We hope that you are able to support us with this as all money raised will go towards re-stocking our library..... they also make good Christmas gifts too!



INSPIRE BELIEVE CHALLENGE ACHIEVE



HOMWORK Staff are now setting weekly homework for the children to complete. They all have homework books and it is expected that the children complete their homework each week with your support at home. If children do not complete their homework, it will be completed in school during a lunchtime homework club. Please support the children to complete their homework on time and return it to school. Reward tokens will be given to the classes who return the most homework, making sure that it is presented well and is completed fully. The homework set will be based on the work in class and will allow you to share the children's learning with them. It will also include spellings for them to learn each week and progress with their spellings will be tracked each week. It is hoped that soon the children will also be provided with reading books to support their reading development. We will send information about this soon and ask that you support us in listening to the children reading every night at home as part of their homework routine.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Nursery	83.3%
Reception	96.8%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	92.0%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	95.0%

**ATTENDANCE** It is very important that the children attend school for as many sessions as they can. If your child is unable to attend for any reason, please make sure that you telephone the office before 8.50am to inform us of the reason for the absence and when you think your child will return. By sharing this information, you really support school!

And finally..... The children have been making Christmas card designs with their teachers. We hope that you are able to purchase the designs as Christmas cards to send to friends and family as not only would it make the children proud but it would provide some funds for school to enable us to complete some fun activities with the children to reward them for their hard work. We are really looking forward to the run up to Christmas in Willow Fields as there are lots of exciting events planned for the children including the Christmas fayre, Nursery and Reception and KS1 performances / songs, a KS2 pantomime performance from the children (and maybe some staff.....) and a Polar Express film night. I hope that you will support us in these events as we try to raise funds for school. All money raised will go towards resources for the children.

I hope you have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th October for our Halloween disco!

Mrs Robertson

Remember that school is closed on Friday 20th October for a teacher training day. Children will return to school on Monday 30th October.