



Willow Fields Primary School

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Head Teachers Message—

Hello everyone!

I'd like to start this newsletter by saying how excited I am to be the new head teacher at Willow Fields Primary School. I am proud and excited to be working in Sunderland, especially as it is my home town and in particular as I am so lucky to be working with the fantastic staff and children in Willow Fields. I would like to say thank you to those parents I have met and who have made me feel so welcome. I look forward to working with each and every one of you in the future.

I'd like to start by telling you of some of the exciting developments at Willow Fields. We were delighted to appoint our new caretaker Vinnie. He is an amazing asset to the school and he has worked tirelessly over the summer to paint and decorate the building and to make sure that the grounds are spotless. As a result, the corridors, toilets, entrance and classrooms have been updated and now match the colours of the new school logo. The children have noticed a real difference in their environment and we are working together to make sure it continues to look its best. Vinnie is also starting a new football team and training takes place every lunchtime and after school on a Friday. I am really looking forward to cheering on our team as they play a range of teams from schools across the city!



SMILE YOU ARE ON CAMERA—Vinnie has also been busy working with workmen who came to install CCTV cameras around the school site. This means that every nook and cranny of the site is covered. Clear images are recorded 24 hours a day and are available to the police. We hope that this helps to prevent vandalism of the school site and surrounding area. Every time we need to complete repairs to the building, it means that we have less time and money to dedicate to ensuring our children have a fun and exciting school experience.



INSPIRE BELIEVE CHALLENGE ACHIEVE



GOLDEN AWARDS—From next week those children who are awarded a golden award will bring home an invitation to assembly on Thursday so that their families can attend assembly on Friday and observe their special moments! We would love to see you all here in school to celebrate the children's achievements. I am making sure that I go around classes every day to see what your children are learning. They are enjoying their new curriculum and the work in their books is excellent. I am very proud of what they are achieving and how hard they are working. The highlight of the week for all staff is celebrating the children's hard work and I hope that you will be able to join us!



SAFE COLLECTON OF CHILDREN— I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding in relation to the new collection arrangements for the children at the end of the day. Due to government safeguarding guidance, we need to ensure that the children are collected safely by the appropriate adult at the end of the day. The new arrangements help the teachers to make sure that the end of the day is orderly as they can clearly see each parent in turn and children are safe. Your support with this is greatly appreciated. If another adult needs to collect your child / children can you please telephone the office so a message can be shared with the appropriate teacher so that they are aware of the arrangements before collection.



As part of our safeguarding work, and at the request of parents, we are employing a tree surgeon to cut back some of the trees on the path and also around the school site . This will increase visibility and to help the congestion on the paths outside of school. I hope that this helps.

There is a new behavior policy in school which will be available on the website soon. This is consistent across all year groups and classes. All members of staff follow the policy and this means that all behavior is treated fairly. As soon as this is on the website I will let you know. As we move through the year more and more information and updates will be available on the website so keep checking it to see all of the exciting things happening at Willow Fields!



HOMEWORK Staff will be setting 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



EXCITING NEWS—



I know that there has been speculation about what is happening at Willow Fields and I am so pleased that I can finally announce our exciting news! The local education authority has consulted with myself and governors about proposals for a new school building for Willow Fields Primary School. This would be a brand new building with the best environment for the children to learn. The proposed new build is due to an expected increase in pupil numbers in the local area in coming years and is good news for both our children and yourselves as parents. We will keep you informed of developments once more information is known but I think you will agree that is very exciting and an excellent opportunity for our children!



KEY DATES—

On the back of the newsletter there are some key dates for your diary! We have tried to give you as much notice as possible for events happening in school, however, please note that they are subject to change if any unforeseen circumstances arise. There are some dates which for we would need parental support to help us organise. If anyone has any free time to organise any fundraising events for school we would very much appreciate it. Please inform the office if you have time to spare and we will be in touch.

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for wel-



ATTENDANCE

Nursery	83.8%
Reception	97.1%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	89.5%
Year 5	98.7%
Year 6	93.9%

FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES

Each week we incorporate a fundamental British value into our worship in school. The value we will be looking at this week will be:

Team work and respecting each other

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
20.10.2017	INSET day—school closed to children . Half term holiday
30.10.2017	Return to school Halloween Disco
1.11.2017	Parents evenings
2.11.2017	Parents evenings
6.11.2017	KS1 SAT meeting for parents
9.11.2017	KS2 SAT meeting for parents
15.12.2017	Christmas Fair 2pm start
19.12.2017	Nursery parents Christmas performance Polar Express Film Night
21.12.2017	Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance KS2 pantomime
22.12.2017	Carol service Break up
8.1.2018	Return to school
9.2.2018	Break Up
19.2.2018	Return to school
28.2.2018	Parents evening
1.3.2018	Parents evening
29.3.2018	Easter egg competition Break up
16.4.2018	Return to school
14-17.4.2018	KS2 SAT week
25.5.2018	Break up
4.6.2018	Return to school
5.7.2018	Reports to parents
12.7.2018	Report drop in session
20.7.2017	Break up