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# Willow Fields Primary School

Monday 14th May

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Hello everyone! Firstly I would just like to say how wonderful it is to see all of the children in their summer uniforms enjoying the sunshine. Their behaviour outside at break-time is amazing and they have a lot to look forward to this term. It is also lovely to see the children coming to school with their new reading books each day and I love listening to them reading to me over lunchtimes and in class as it is clear that they are becoming more confident and fluent readers. I am proud of each and every one of your children- they make us and you proud!

There are a wide range of clubs and activities offered after school and children are enjoying learning about and participating in dance, rugby and football. The year 6 children have a weekly forest school lesson and they are enjoying working outdoors to not only learn survival skills and den building but are also learning to plot and read 6 figure grid references which are coming in handy when reading maps. It is hoped that the children will start to develop the grounds of the school and create a wildlife garden and wildflower meadow. If anyone has spare seeds that they would like to donate we would be very grateful. The children are also having a sunflower competition and we will be tracking the growth of their flowers over the next term and look forward to seeing who the winner is at the end of the term!

This term sees Miss Bexley in the nursery go off to have an operation. During her absence she will be covered by Miss Baxter in the morning and Mrs Wharton in the afternoon. Both of these staff members already know the children and I am sure that they and you, will join me in wishing Miss Bexley a swift recovery. Miss Hillery has also successfully had her operation and she is now recovering at home.

The school Facebook page is proving to be a hit with parents. Each week staff are posting information about their classes to the school page so that you can see what the children are learning in school. We have had lots of friend requests but we can not authorise these until we receive the signed Facebook permission letter so that we know that you have read the conditions attached. Please make sure that this is returned asap so that you can see the amazing learning taking place in Willow Fields! (see the back of this letter for examples of posts so far.) Can I also ask that you return any outstanding home school agreements—spare copies will be sent out or are available from the office.

Recently we have had a number of parents picking children up in the middle of the day or taking children out for appointments. Although we understand that at times this is unavoidable, it is expected that children attend school before and after the appointment. Please make sure that children attend school for as much time as possible as every hour lost affects the children's learning. This is especially important as the children complete their end of year assessments. This month is particularly important for children's assessments, especially for years 2 and 6 as they complete the National SAT tests. The children have been well prepared for their assessments and parents will find out the results of these tests in July alongside the children's end of year reports.

As we head towards the final half term of the school year, please take note of the following important dates:

21st-25th May- Healthy Living week. Children will complete activities and workshops related to healthy living

13th June—Sunderland Dance Festival (more information will be shared nearer to the event)

5th July— End of year reports to parents

11th July—children attend the Tall Ships Festival

12th July—Report drop in 3.30-4pm

12th July—Willow Fields Got Talent Show

17th July—Nursery and Reception Graduation 2pm

Mrs Robertson