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# Willow Fields Primary School

Monday 4th February 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of the first spring half term we have much to celebrate in school! As part of the work Mr Darby is doing to achieve the Sunderland Schools Charter Mark, we were thrilled to welcome a Great Britain Paralympian into school. The children had an amazing day with him and learned a lot about health and fitness as well as the need to be resilient when working towards reaching our goals. This was a very valuable lesson that our hockey and netball teams have applied when they have been out and about competing against other schools. We are very proud of them as they represent our school so well and they always give 100% in all games and matches. This, alongside Judo sessions, dance, skipping festival preparation and rugby all contribute towards us aiming for the gold charter mark. We have some excellent sports leaders from Years 5 and 6 who support the children in their sporting activities in school and each class takes part in the Daily Mile! We hope that all we are doing help us to achieve the award and we hope that we have good news to share with you soon.



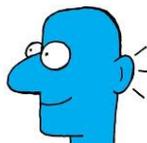
As well as sporting achievements we are also celebrating being awarded the Bronze level Woodland Trust Award. Miss Mullen has worked hard to achieve the award and we are very focused on making sure that we look after the environment. The children in KS1 now have a lovely forest school area thanks to Vinnie and Miss Mullen delivered an fab assembly to remind children of the need to look after the world around us! Next we are aiming for the silver award!



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We are always focused on making sure that the children are the best readers that they can be and we are delighted that so many of our grown-ups volunteered to come into school to listen to the children reading each week! Thank you for volunteering and we look forward to welcoming you into school! We are sure that the children will love working with you all!

We have tried very hard at Willow Fields to make sure that there are many ways that parents and carers can communicate with us. We have Facebook, Twitter, telephone, text, the office etc. Staff are in the yards at the beginning and at the end of the day to speak to parents and to pass on any messages—both celebratory and concerns. We try our best to be open to parents and carers and enjoy having open communication and dialogue with you all. However, recently these conversations haven't always been conducted in the most appropriate manner leaving both parents, children and staff upset. Staff have the right to come to school and not to be intimidated and shouted at—especially in front of other parents and the children who can then feel anxious and scared. Therefore, can



I ask that if there is a concern, that it is addressed with school in private and using the appropriate channels—not in the yards where children can feel threatened and scared. We are always happy to help and it is our aim to always work with you and we take all compliments and concerns seriously. We would really appreciate your understanding in this matter.

**Don't forget... Parents evenings Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th February.**

**Willow Fields has Talent—Friday 15th February!**

**Half term holiday starts Friday 15th February**

**Children return to school Monday 25th February**

**Mrs Robertson**

# Sunderland Anti-Bullying Charter Mark

In line with other primary schools in Sunderland, and to help to continue the work and awareness of bullying across school, Willow Fields Primary School are working towards applying for the Anti-Bullying Charter Mark. We are currently one of a few schools in Sunderland who do not have this award and we want to make sure that we are doing all that we can to ensure that **all** children feel safe and happy coming to our school.

Mr Dawson will be leading this project and he will become the Anti-Bullying Leader. He will work closely with the School Council to create an even bigger awareness of bullying as well as ensuring that children fully understand the term bullying and where to go to report any incidents of bullying. Mr Dawson and the School Council have already worked together to create a child-friendly anti-bullying leaflet and these will be going home very soon. Please take time to read these with your children as they provide a lot of information they may need, should they find themselves in need of support.

Once the school has all the necessary elements in place, some of which have already been implemented, the Local Authority, along with children from another school, will visit and assess us. This is a really exciting piece of work for our school and there will be opportunities for parents to get involved throughout this journey.

