



Willowtown Primary School September 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Hello and welcome to another wonderfully exciting year ahead at Willowtown! We are delighted to welcome you back to the start of the 2017-18 academic year—a year in which our progress will continue at pace, we will make use of cutting edge technology to help your children's learning and we welcome a large number of new staff and children to the school. We are very proud of the progress achieved over the last year and will be using this progress as the solid foundation for further effort and successes in the year ahead. I greatly look forward to greeting you all individually over the coming days and weeks.

Monday 11th September: Teacher Training Day and Parent/Carer evening workshop

Please note that school will be **closed to children** on Monday 11th September. You are warmly invited to our **annual parent/carers training workshop** led by internationally renowned speaker Will Ord from **3:45-5:30pm** on this day titled:

Great Learners and Mindfulness – An Evening for Parents and Carers

We will be running a crèche and kids club on this evening free of charge. You are very welcome to bring your children along to be looked after while you attend the workshop. Please let the school office know ASAP if you plan to attend.

We really look forward to seeing you there!

Parent/Carer Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Governing Body of the school for the position of Parent/Carer Governor. If you are interested in the putting yourself forward for the position, please speak to a member of staff in the School Office to leave your details.

Staff Car Park

Please refrain from parking in the staff car park in the mornings and after school. This car park must remain clear for use by staff members leaving and arriving at school as well as for emergency services to access the school site.

School Uniform 2017-18

As set out in our newsletters last year, we are working hard to make sure children's uniform is consistent across the school. We will have a particular focus on the following this year:

- **black school shoes** to be worn at all times coming to and leaving school;
- no jumpers, cardigans and hoodies other than school dark green colours.

Please ensure your children are in the correct uniform for school each day.

Friday Class Assemblies

Please note: we are changing the time of our Friday afternoon class assemblies to 3:00PM.

The assemblies remain very popular and we would like to thank you for coming to see and support your children. **Please arrive before 3:00pm in order to be seated before the assembly begins.**

Here is the timetable for assemblies up until Christmas:

Friday 22nd September **Class Assembly:**
Year 5 Gwyrdd

Friday 29th September **Class Assembly:**
Year 5 Melyn

Friday 6th October **Class Assembly:**
Year 4 Gwyrdd

Friday 13th October **Class Assembly:**
Year 4 Melyn

Friday 20th October **Class Assembly:**
Year 3 Gwyrdd

Friday 27th October **Class Assembly:**
Year 3 Melyn

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Friday 10th November

Class Assembly:
Year 6 Joint
Assembly

Friday 17th November

Class Assembly:
Year 2 Gwyrdd

Friday 24th November

Class Assembly:
Year 2 Melyn

Friday 1st December

Class Assembly:
Year 1 Gwyrdd

Friday 8th December

Class Assembly:
Year 1 Melyn

Friday 15th December

No assembly:
Christmas plays

Friday 22nd December

No assembly:
Last day of term

Assemblies will finish by 3:15pm. Parents/carers will not be able to collect siblings until the end of normal school hours at 3:20/3:30pm.

Charities giving total 2016-17

Here's what you've raised over the last year:

Race for Life	£1066.92
Ty Hafan (Snow Dog)	£1156.40
Roald Dahl Day	£146.81
Red Nose Day	£264.87
Christmas Jumper Day	£246.87
Superschools	£1865.00
Bookfair	£1019.97
Children in Need	£465.12

Total: £6231.96

This is a truly phenomenal amount for very deserving charities! Well done everybody.

INSET/Teacher training dates reminder

Final INSET days this year will be held on:

Monday 6th November 2017

Monday 16th April 2018

Please note that the school will be closed to children on these days.

New screens in classrooms

To supplement our brand new and exciting immersion room (tours and viewings to be organised soon) we are delighted to unveil brand new interactive screens in classrooms to assist your children in their learning this year.