

# Willow Academy

## Newsletter April 2016

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new term. We hope that you had a lovely Easter break.

Next week you will receive a curriculum planning overview for the coming half term and a list of Diary Dates; we have a lot of exciting topics planned during Summer.

### Key Stage 1

Key Stage 1 was brilliantly behaved during a performance of 'Journey to the Bottom of the Garden' this week. Not only did they learn about animal habitats and classification, but they had great fun doing so.

Mrs Van Oorschot

### Year 2 visit St Francis Church

Year 2 went to St Francis Church to learn about the importance of objects in a church. The children enjoyed hearing stories and taking the tour of the church. All Year 2 were very well behaved and had a great afternoon.

### Statutory Assessments

It is not long now until our children undertake their statutory assessments. Please continue to support us in ensuring children attend school and are ready to learn.

### Key Dates:

- Year 1 Phonics Screening – Week beginning Mon 13<sup>th</sup> June.
- Year 2 SATs – During May
- Year 6 SATs – Mon 9<sup>th</sup> to Fri 13<sup>th</sup> May.

### Safeguarding

Could we please remind parents and carers not to talk to pupils at the school fence during break times and lunch times. Parents are not known to the Midday Supervisors and so as a precaution they will blow the whistle and the children will be removed from the playground. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Attendance

#### Week ending 15.4.16

FS2C	89.2%
FS2H	82%
1C	98.7%
1F	93.5%
2O	91.3%
2V	96.3%
3G	93.2%
3S	94.7%
4R	95.2%
4S	91.5%
5N	85.7%
5P	85.2%
6C	98.3%
6R	94.7%

## **The Learning Environment**

The learning environment is looking fantastic as a result of everyone's hard work; from fantastic displays, to exceptional home learning and inspiring work! Thank you to all of the children, staff and parents for your continued hard work and support.

## **Scooters**

We are seeing an increasing number of scooters brought to school by the children, however, they are not securely padlocked and we would ask that this be rectified. Thank you.

## **Parentpay**

Thank you to those of you who have registered with Parentpay. Parentpay will also be used for communications (emails and texts) instead of Parentmail, therefore if you would like communication from the school you will need to register. Please pay for visits and dinner money whenever possible via Parentpay, it is a more secure way of paying and will free up time in the office for us to deal more effectively with any other issues. At the moment if you send payments to the office it is doubling the work load as we have to manually put your payment onto Parentpay.

Thank you to everyone in supporting us with this change, if you would like another letter with your login details please ask the office.

## **Safety of Pupils**

We are once again seeing parents letting their children exit the car on the roadside whilst dropping off for school in the morning. This is extremely dangerous and we would ask that children are made to exit the car onto the pavement at all times.