

# Willow Academy

## Newsletter February 2016

### TUDOR DAY

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Year 4 enjoyed a trip back in time to 1536 as part of a Tudor Activity Day in school run by Master Phillip and History Off the Page. The children enjoyed many activities such as ink making, embroidery, making scent bags and soap balls, leather work and candle making. The hall was transformed into a manor house great hall for a banquet in the afternoon with entertainment from the children as singers, dancers and actors. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and experiencing what life was like in Tudor times. Many thanks also to the parents who gave up their day to help us.



### PARENT PAY

Parent pay is up and running and we would like to thank all parents who have started to pay for their school meals online. After the Easter holidays, trips and extended school activities will also be available to pay via the parent pay website.

We would encourage any KS2 parents who have not yet signed up to parent pay to do so. The process is simple and siblings can be added when necessary. KS1 parents will receive a log in letter shortly.

### Child Safety

Could we please ask that parents/carers do not use the entrance of the school as a turning point for their vehicles or for dropping pupils off in the morning.

We are lucky that we have a large car park next to the school and we would urge parents to use this to reduce any chance of an incident or accident occurring.

### Attendance

#### Week ending 26.2.16

FS2C	98.8
FS2H	94.4
1C	92.6
1F	99.3
2O	96.3
2V	99.0
3G	96.3
3S	98.0
4R	96.4
4S	96.8
5N	99.3
5P	97.2
6C	93.7
6R	98.7

## **SHARE**

On Thursday we enjoyed our second SHARE meeting and all the children were keen to show the others in their group the lovely work they had produced at home with their families. This work is now displayed in the corridor and getting a lot of lovely comments from the other children. We are looking forward to the other projects now.

Mrs Carroll

## **Foundation Stage visit to the Vets**

This week the children from FS2 have been on a walk of the local area. They visited the local vets to look and learn about the role of a vet. This will help them to develop their role play in the classroom and in their Small World Vets.



## **Netball**

On Tuesday afternoon a team of 10 Year 6's went to Hall Cross Lower to take part in a Year 5/6 netball competition. The team played really well, working together despite very cold conditions. The children finished 2<sup>nd</sup> just missing out by one goal.

Well done

For further information on Sports and general information about future sporting activities visit Sainsbury's school games website at **[yourschoolgames.com](http://yourschoolgames.com)**

## **Parental link : Educate against hate**

An "*educate against hate*" website has been launched by England's *Education* Secretary Nicky Morgan, as part of a renewed drive *against* extremism. The website holds information for schools and parents

**We all want children to live in a safe and loving environment so that they can grow up to become happy, confident adults. As parents you will already know that your children can be vulnerable to risks both inside and outside the home, and will have taken steps to protect them so they can grow, learn and develop to their fullest potential.**

**Protecting your children from radicalisation and extremism is similar to protecting them from the other harms you may be more familiar with, such as drugs, gangs and sexual exploitation. The link is as follows: <http://www.educateagainsthate.com/parents/>**