

Willow Academy

Newsletter September 2016

Welcome Back

It has been so delightful to see all the children after the summer break. They all look very smart and I'm so pleased they have made a super start to the new academic year.

Mrs Buckley

Year 1's Local area Walk

On Thursday 15th September the children in Year 1 went for a walk around part of Bessacarr to develop their awareness of what is in our local area. The children were all very eager to talk about what they could see as we walked and had a lot of ideas to support our discussions back in the class.

Thank you very much to the parents who supported us, it was very much appreciated.

Mrs Carroll and Mrs Ostle

Fruit in school

Just a reminder that all children in FS2 and KS1 are offered a piece of fruit each day from the NHS Free Fruit Scheme. If there is any left a second piece is offered in the afternoon.

Children in KS2 can buy into our fruit scheme for us to provide a piece of fruit each day. Please ask at the office for more information.

All children can bring in their own fresh or dried (no coatings) fruit but can we please ask that forks are not sent in as it is not safe to have these on the playground.

Thank you Mrs Carroll

Parking

We have once again had complaints about the parking outside school when picking up and dropping off children. Please ensure that you park sensibly and legally, therefore minimising the risk to our pupils. We are very fortunate in that we have a lot of parking available near the school, so could you please use this space and not the pavements! outside the school.

Thank you

Attendance

Week ending 16.9.16

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| FS2C | 88.9% |
| FS2S | 96.7% |
| 1C | 99.6% |
| 1O | 93.1% |
| 2F | 96% |
| 2V | 100% |
| 3L | 99.3% |
| 3M | 99.3% |
| 4N | 97.1% |
| 4S | 93.3% |
| 5D | 95.9% |
| 5P | 96.6% |
| 6G | 92.5% |
| 6R | 97.9% |

School Council

In our first fortnight at school our pupils have voted for their class councilors who make up our School Council. It is made up of 24 pupils, 2 per class from Year 1 to Year 6, and our Year 6 pupils are then given the lead roles through discussion with the rest of the group.

Thank you to everyone who has taken on the class council roles and remember if you did not get through this year you can try again next time. It is great that so many of you want to get involved and do keep sharing ideas and opinions in class council time.

We look forward to sharing what our School Council achieves this year!

Mrs Carroll



Dinner Money

Could we please remind parents that dinner money is due in advance; the cost is £2 per day, £10 per week. May we suggest that payment is made via Parentpay, however, if you wish to pay by cash/cheque please send the money into school in a named envelope. Many thanks.

Top Team

Here at Willow we have our 'Top Team' who support other pupils at dinnertime. These are pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 who work together to help in the hall and outside, developing play. This week we have set up our new Top Team for 2016/17 and everyone is doing a great job.

Thank you and keep it up!

Parent Pay

Parent Pay is now our key method of communication; we no longer have a contract with Parent Mail, therefore, if we need to contact you urgently ie. a school closure this would be done by text. We therefore need everyone to make sure that their mobile phone number and email address is registered with Parent Pay.