

Willow Academy

Newsletter September 2015

School gate parking:

If you drive your children to school, it's too easy to try and park as near to the gate as possible. However if everyone does the same then it can cause major problems. So let's all work together to keep our children safe by keeping our speed down and not turning, parking or dropping off children at the school barrier . Doncaster council is seeking to make all roads around schools a 20mp zone. Please look out for children crossing and think about residents who often find they cannot access their own driveways during the busiest times.

Attendance

Last week, the whole school attendance was 97.3%. Well done to Year 2 for achieving 99% attendance for the second week in a row. This year, the government have decided that a child is persistently absent from school if their attendance is lower than 90%. This has changed from last year when it was 85%. Therefore, we will be closely tracking any child's attendance if it is lower than 93%. We will also be contacting parents if we have any concerns over your attendance. If you need any more information about this, please contact Mrs Slack.

Text Messages

Please remember to tell us if you change your mobile number so that we can update our system. We need up-to-date contact numbers in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Thanks for your support with this.

Making an Appointment

If you have any concerns whatsoever, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher first. This appointment can be made by telephoning or visiting the office. If you feel that they cannot help, please make an appointment to see Mrs Gunn, our Deputy Head or Mrs Buckley. Mrs Morley is continuing her role as the Parent Liaison Officer and can also be contacted through the office.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

A great turn out for the Friends of Willow Coffee Morning saw a total of £372.31 raised for this very worthwhile charity. Many thanks to all who attended and contributed to the morning.

Special thanks to Friends of Willow members who organised and ran the event.

Jeans for Genes Day

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Jeans for Genes Day. We raised £ 296.80 for this worthwhile charity. In addition the children learned a lot about how genes affect people.

Mrs Van kOorschot

Northern Racing College

Year 1 visited the Northern Racing College on Thursday 24th September and had a lovely morning exploring a feature of our local area that many did not even know was there. The children behaved very well and enjoyed the experience, especially meeting the horses! The morning also allowed us to explore a new environment , using our senses in support of our science work. Thank you to our staff and Friends of Willow who supported us.

Mrs Carroll and Mr Fisher

Harvest Festival

A big thank you to everybody who brought in food items for the Harvest Festival. All donations have been sent to the charity M25 who will distribute to the items.



Gardening Club

Gardening Club started again this week with its best attendance to date. They had a great time preparing the beds and planting with more to do in the future weeks. The discovery of the potatoes they could harvest was a great experience for many and I hope they enjoy them!

Mrs Carroll



Girls Football

Our Key Stage 2 girls participated in a competition at Balby Carr. Years 3 & 4 girls finished second without losing a game, whilst our Years 5 & 6 girls finished third after performing brilliantly. A special mention must go to Eve Dawson for showing great sportsmanship during one game.

Well done to all the girls, a great start.

M Buckley