Willowpark Primary Academy Newsletter

September 2019

Our Willowpark Academy Values;
RESPECTFUL | RESPONSIBLE | RESILIENT | SAFE

Our Curriculum drivers;
ENTERPRISE | SPORT | MUSIC | OUTDOOR LEARNING

Dear Parents and children,

Welcome back to the academy for the Autumn term. Building on our success from the Ofsted inspection in June of this year, we will continue our drive to increase standards for children and further develop our curriculum offer. In the year ahead we will be focusing on the following priorities;

- Improve whole school attendance & punctuality and reduce % of persistent absenteeism.
- Develop our reading culture within the school and foster a genuine love of reading for our children.
- Develop and provide more opportunities for children to extend their creative writing and writing flair whilst ensuring that basic skills such as grammar, spelling and handwriting are well taught and applied in all year groups.
- Further develop our curriculum offer for children, providing opportunities for children to learn at a greater depth in subjects such as history, geography, science and art.

This year we will continue to work with Oldham Athletic Community Trust, providing children with high quality PE and Sports provision and we are delighted to welcome Dream Big Sports as a partner with us offering Dance and Cheer provision across KS2. We will also continue to develop our Forest schools programme with KS1.

What an exciting year we have ahead of us! We can't wait to get started. *Mrs L. Hayes – Head of School*

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance and good punctuality continues be a focus for the year ahead and **we expect all our children to achieve at least good attendance (95%)**

Our Attendance Officer in school, Ms. Reid, is around to support if you have questions about your child's attendance. Please don't hesitate to contact her on 0161 359 5699

There will be lots of rewards and prizes up for grabs for good attendance this year including the chance to win a BRAND NEW BICYCLE! →

Children with 100% attendance will be entered into a prize draw to have the chance to win a BIKE!!

#attendancematters

Uniform/PE Kit Reminder

Please can we politely remind parents that full school uniform, including black shoes or pumps is the expectation for ***ALL*** *pupils, at ALL times.* Coloured trainers are not appropriate school footwear. We, as a school, expect high standards of learning, presentation and performance from all our staff and children and this includes uniform. It is not ok to send children into school without the correct uniform and parents/children will be spoken to about reasons for this. Parents are reminded to speak with their child's class teacher if they are struggling with this for some reason. Can we also remind parents that all children need to have a PE kit in school for their sports lessons – this consists of plain black t-shirt and shorts and black pumps or trainers – see image below.

#SPORT #beready #pekit #RESPONSIBLE

Reading Rocks!

We are pleased to introduce our **'Willowpark Reading Ambassadors.'** *These children will form part of the reading council run by Mrs. Duffy and will have a very important job in school of helping to promote reading to all pupils and adults in our school. We are really excited to see what ideas they have come up with of how to share their love of reading with the whole school!*

#readingrocks #welovereading #readingculture

Diary Dates

September	
27th	Open day in school for Reception Intake 2020
October	
3rd	Sleep day, Poetry festival and munch brunch
9th	Harvest Festival in school
16th	Parents Evening 3:30 - 6:00pm
17th	Parents Evening 3:30 – 5:00pm
23rd	Halloween Disco
25th	FINISH FOR HALF TERM
November	
4th	BACK TO SCHOOL
8th	Non – Uniform Day – Bottle tombola
11th	Anti- Bullying Week
15th	Children in Need – Pyjama day
22nd	Non - Uniform Day – Chocolate Tombola
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Staffing changes

From September 2019, Mrs. Black began a secondment working for South Pennine Academies for 2 days per week and has therefore reduced the time she will spend at Willowpark. Enquiries should be directed to Mrs. Hayes in future.

We are very sad to inform you that over the summer holidays we lost 2 members of staff who decided to leave the Academy to persue other ventures so unfortunatley we say good bye to Mr. Wardle and Mrs. Gresty. Everyone at Willowpark Academy wishes you both good luck in your future prospects.