Willowpark Primary Academy Newsletter

July 2018

Dear Parents and children,

What a busy term this summer has been so fr and we are not stopping there… we have lots more planned over the last remaining weeks of this academic year. We hope you will join for much of it!

Attendance in Summer 1

Reception – 92.7

Year 1 – 94.2

Year 2 – 91.9

Year 3 – 91.8

Year 4 – 93.9

Year 5 – 94.4

Year 6 – 94.7

Well done to Year 6 who will be rewarded with an extra breaktime!

Punctuality at the Academy

Ms. N Reid (above), our attendance officer, is having a huge push on improving punctuality at the Academy as we have lots children who attend school late..sometimes on a daily basis! Often, parents and families do not understand the problems and implications this can have on their child's education. Missing just 15 minutes a day equates to missing a whole lessons worth of learning in a week. Over a half term, this adds up to being absent for over a day of school and over a year can mean that a child can miss out on over a week's worth of learning that is difficult to catch up. Being on-time to school is essential to enable children to feel ready and settled to learn. Children who are late often miss vital teaching first thing in the morning and have to work extra hard to catch up with their peers. Please endeavour to have your child in by 8:50am or use our free breakfast club from 8:15-8:30am each day. **REMEMBER: Persistent lateness carries the risk of a Fixed Penalty Notice from the Local Authority.**

If you have any questions/queries or need support with your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Reid on 0161 7705590.

Staff Car Park

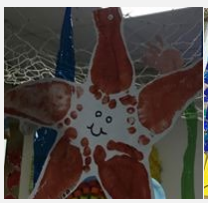
We have had a number of problems with parents and carers using the staff carpark to bring or collect their children from school recently. Please can we remind parents that the car park is for staff and visitors only. Even if the gates are open, please do not use the car-park. You could end up getting locked in until all children have left the site. We have lots of children walking through the carpark and along pathways here to attend pre-school and nursery and people driving in and out of the carpark are putting their safety at risk. Similarly, if the gates in the car park are closed, we would ask parents to refrain from opening them – they have been closed for a reason and will be opened again once all children are present and safe in their classrooms.

Sports Days

We have recently enjoyed 2 fantastic sports days the academy, making the most of the wonderful weather we've been having. Our Ks1 and Ks2 children have enjoyed a round robin of events, where children worked together to earn coins for their crews – we are looking forward to our celebration assembly this week to see who our winners are! In Early Years, children enjoyed a rnage of activities and races that included a hurdles race and hoop balancing races – both events we well supported by our parents which is wonderful to see!

Creative Arts Week

Our 'under the sea' themed creative arts week was a wonderful success with lots of exciting, creative activities throughout the academy. We had lots of craft activities going on, dancing, music and even some mosaic work. We were very impressed with the efforts of all the children.



Welcome to the Academy

We would like to extend a warm welcome Mrs. Nicola Jablonski at Willowpark, after she took up her permanent post as Academy Assistant head. We are looking forward to her as we move towards a new academic year!

Diary Dates

July

- 3rd - Reception class visit to Sea Life Centre
- 4th – Nursery visit to Sea Life Centre
- 4th/5th – Transition days at the Academy
- 5th – Year 2 class assembly at 9:10am
- 12th – Year 6 visit to Lightwater Valley
- 12th – Reception class assembly at 9:10am
- 13th – Reports go out to parents
- 19th – Prize giving assembly- by invite only – 9:10am
- 19th – Y6 leavers' disco – 6:00pm
- 20th – Year 6 leavers' assembly – 2:00pm
- 20th – finish for Summer Holidays at 3:15pm

September

- 4th – school reopens after Summer Holidays at 8:50am

On behalf of all the staff at Willowpark Primary Academy, we wish all of our families a fantastic Summer Holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September