



WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter

Diary Dates



From the Headteacher

10th September 2021



September

27th-
29th Parents'
Evenings

30th Great Fire Of
London
Workshop- Yr 2

October

4th Friendship Day

11th Black History
Week begins

21st Harvest
Assembly

22nd INSET Day

25th -
29th October Half
Term Holiday

We've reached the end of our first full week with the children, and it has been lovely to see our entire EYFS year group together in school for the first time. We also had our first singing assembly in just under three years, and it was absolutely brilliant to hear the children's voices singing our school song. Hopefully you will be able to hear it also when we have our Harvest Assembly at the end of the Autumn term.

We have managed to move the Year 1 and 2 children into their new classes on **Parentmail**, but are still waiting on technical support to move the new EYFS children into the Parentmail system. We are aiming to have this sorted by today, but please do bear with us if it isn't quite right- we are having some technical issues which will hopefully be resolved quickly!

As you can see from the **diary dates on the left hand side of the page**, we will be having our first **Parents' Evenings** at the end of the month. These parent meetings are a quick five minute conversation about how your child has settled into school and their wellbeing. Teachers will not be able to discuss academic issues at this time. Bookings for the evening will open next week on Parentmail. The meetings will be held online using Zoom. We will share instructions for joining the Zoom meetings closer to the time.

I am very excited to tell you about a **new Gem** that we are adding to our school Gems this year. As you will already know, we have Gems and Gem 'Powers' related to our **School Values**. Currently, children know that they can earn Diamonds for showing Independence, Emeralds for being Brave Learners, Rubies for being Kind and Sapphires for showing Perseverance. Last year we added Responsibility to our values, and linked this with our Diamonds for Independence, however, in order to focus on building children's understanding of Responsibility, we will be using a new, purple Gem. **The Amethyst Gem** will make its appearance from next week and we would appreciate your support, as always, in encouraging your children to uphold our School Values.

The **Year group weekly bulletins will be on the school website** in each class section (find them at <https://www.willowbankinfant.com/web>). Please do let us know if you are struggling to access the bulletins, as we will be relying on the website access in the case of a year group or school wide closure.

Have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Masters



Covid 19 Update



Current Government Guidance expects children to isolate only if they have symptoms of Covid and are awaiting the results of a PCR test, or if they have had a positive PCR test result.

However, if a member of your household has tested positive for Covid, we respectfully request that the other household members have a PCR test (as per Government Guidance), and suggest that your child isolates until receiving their result. Also, we are very happy to give families Lateral Flow Tests to use at home with your children during the household member's isolation period if you do decide to send your child into school. This is to allow us to react as quickly as possible to prevent the spread of Covid in the case of a positive result and to allow us to protect the children, staff and their family members who are at increased risk from Covid or who are immunocompromised.

Our school family has been wonderful at working together to help keep our community safe, and we would be very grateful if you could continue to be careful and kind.



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Congratulations!



Gem Powers:

Emerald for Being a Brave Learner

Sapphire for Persevering

Ruby for Kindness

Diamond for Independence

Amethyst for Responsibility

Happy Birthday!

