



Willow Tree Primary School

'Small school, big heart...nurturing potential, inspiring confidence'

Welcome back!

All of the staff at Willow Tree Primary School would like to warmly welcome all of our pupils and families back to school. We are thrilled to have all of our children back in school after such a long time and we really have had a wonderful first week.

All classes have shown the highest regard for our new school rules and there has been so many examples of positive attitudes to learning around school. We are so proud of our children and we are excited to see the growth and development that this year has to offer!

Friday 11th September 2020

Maintaining a safe school environment

The children have been great at quickly adapting to new school rules in order to ensure that school is as safe as possible. Here are some of the measures we have adopted to ensure we can still deliver a broad and balanced curriculum:

- ◆ Asking children to clean their hands more often than usual.
- ◆ Encouraging good respiratory hygiene- 'catch it, bin it, kill it.'
- ◆ Minimising contacts and maintaining social distancing where possible.
- ◆ Enhanced cleaning.

Attendance

- ◆ It is now vital that all children attend school each day in order to minimise the impact of the pandemic on children's education and wellbeing. We ask that parents and carers support us with this by getting their children to school on time each day. If any support or advice is required with regards to attendance, please contact Mrs Wilkinson who will be happy to arrange a time to discuss your concerns.
- ◆ If your child is generally unwell, usual routines apply; calling school to report the absence and ensuring your child returns to school as soon as possible.
- ◆ If you or your child becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms; a fever, new persistent continuous cough, loss of smell or taste – then you must report to us, keep your child off school and arrange for a test through NHS Test and Trace. You must then inform school of the outcome of this test at the earliest opportunity who will advise you on what action to take next.

Attendance

Reception	1st
Year 1	1st
Year 2	2nd
Year 3	1st
Year 4	3rd
Year 5	2nd
Year 6	4th

Well done to Reception, year 1 & year 3 for winning the weekly Attendance! Keep up the good work!

Congratulations!

This weeks certificates were awarded to...

Class	Personal Learning Goal Award - Respect	Citizenship Award
Reception	Amber	
Year 1	Molly	Lucy
Year 2	Kieron	Heidi
Year 3	Ruby	Lola
Year 4	Bobbi	Faith
Year 5	Poppy	Lily
Year 6	Evie	Jack



Message from the Principal...

I am so proud of how our pupils have returned to school this week. They have been truly missed over the past few months and we are so pleased to welcome them back.

When visiting classrooms, I have been greeted with beautiful manners and the utmost respect. The children are a credit to our school and I know that the hard work and positive attitudes will continue throughout the year.

As a school, we do not underestimate how difficult the recent months have been for us all and we all will have been touched in some way by the coronavirus pandemic. We recognise the need to focus on the children's emotional wellbeing at this time, as well as their return to learning. If you or your child need support with anything, please ask, and the Willow Tree team and I will do our best to support you.

-Mrs Riley

Meet the teacher

Over the next 2 weeks, there will be an opportunity for you to come into school and meet your child's class teacher. You will be able to book an after school appointment by ringing Miss Fairclough in the school office. Appointments will run between 4pm and 4.30pm Monday - Thursday. All visits will be socially distanced and adults will be required to wear a mask.

Alternatively, we will be happy to arrange telephone appointments where required.

September Reminders

- ◆ Please provide your child with a clearly labelled water bottle. This will need to be taken home and refilled each day.
- ◆ Children can bring a small, healthy snack into school for break time if they wish to.
- ◆ Your child's book bag needs to be brought to school each day. During the first 3 weeks, assessments will be taking place so reading books will not be sent home. We aim to send reading books home during week 4, however this will be subject to COVID-19 restrictions.
- ◆ PE kits need to be brought to school each Monday morning and taken home on a Friday to be washed.
- ◆ Children have started the year looking super smart in their uniforms. Just a reminder that all pupils must wear black school shoes. Trainers are not allowed.
- ◆ The school photographer is in school on Tuesday 22nd September.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- ◆ During the first half term, there will be no after-school clubs available. We will keep this under review according to the latest guidance and update parents and carers as necessary.
- ◆ Breakfast club will operate as normal (daily from 8.15am), however there will be limited capacity. It is essential that you call school before 4pm on a Thursday to book in for the following week. The cost is 50p per day.

School Council

Each year, we select a pupil from Years 1-6 to become part of our School Council through class ballots. Being a school councillor is a very responsible position. The School Council work on priorities for the year and spend lots of time listening to other pupils about how we can improve our school. Please join us in congratulating the following children in their achievement of being school council members for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Year 1	Logan	Year 2	Amy
Year 3	Ella	Year 4	Kyle
Year 5	Jaden	Year 6	Ebony

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