



Newsletter

Whole school attendance
December 2016
92.07%

Class with best attendance
Year 3 Juniper
96.23%

Calendar

1.2.17 Children & Learning Governors meeting 1.15

8.2.17 Family Learning Phonics-Reception parents 1.45

14.2.17 Star Lab in School

14.2.17 Valentines Day Lunch

16.2.17 FOWWS Disco

17.2.17 School closes for half term

27.2.17 School re-opens

Reminders:

- PE kits in school every week— black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps.
- Black school shoes required.
- Read at home every night.

A message from our Head Teacher



Welcome back to school and I hope that you all enjoyed a good Christmas and were able to spend time with family and friends. All the staff here at Willow Wood joins me in wishing you a happy, healthy and peaceful new year. We would also like to say thank you so much for all

the cards, gifts and good wishes, which we received during the festive season.

LEARNING, LEARNING, LEARNING!

Our whole school theme is, '*Heroes for Global Change*' and there is an exciting learning journey ahead for each child. If parents and carers can support their child and take an interest in their learning it will really help them to do their best. Please also help them with their learning challenges at home such as reading every day, learning times tables and spellings!

The spring term is all about LEARNING, LEARNING, LEARNING! Children have settled down into their classes and now is the time for good effort and hard work so that they can make good progress!

FAST (Families And schools Together)

FAST had a flying start this week, with many families coming along to enjoy some special play, adult only time and a lovingly prepared hot meal served to them by their children.

We have a few places still available if any year 1 families would like to join in the fun! See your child's year 1 teacher for more information and to sign your family up!



Attendance

Being in school **everyday** and **on time** is essential to every child to ensure they reach their full potential.

On Friday 20th January 50 pupils were absent. For 13 of those pupils school received no explanation. We understand a lot of pupils are poorly however school needs to know the reason children are absent and we are monitoring attendance closely.

Please do not book any holidays in school time, these will be unauthorised absences and will affect your child's attendance %. The government now classes an attendance rate of less than 90% as persistent absence so we need to work together to improve the attendance of some of our children.



Family Feedback...

Thanks to everybody who took the time to comment on the feedback forms at the Christmas performances. We always listen and share your thoughts with the children, staff and governors.

Comments about the performance included.

Brilliant, children were super confident, very proud, excellent, lovely singing, absolutely fantastic as always, very entertaining, superb and you could hear clearly what the children were saying, lovely to see the children all enjoying themselves, one very proud mummy, the snowflakes rocked!

Has your child enjoyed their learning this term?

Enjoys all learning, my child loves school, enjoys learning, yes has enjoyed everything!

Has your child talked about a particular activity or learning experience?

Phonics, School Council, singing, London topic, Samuel Pepys, Great Fire of London, science, spellings, times tables, how much their writing has improved, loves literacy – enjoys the stories, maths, poems, choir, swimming, reading, excited about the play, Chester Roman trip – best trip ever!

Compliments corner...

It's always nice to give and receive compliments and at Willow Wood we often receive them, so this is our chance to share them with you!

"Myself and Sharon would like to thank you all for your continuous support this term. In particular, for assisting us in the successful completion of the flu programme. We know it's not easy having us come in and disturb the school's day to day routine, but your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated, we could not do it without you. The children have been an absolute pleasure to work with and their behaviour has been exemplary! They are a credit to your school."

The School Nurse



Learning Today for
Tomorrow