

February 2017



# Newsletter



## Calendar

2.3.17 Y5 Music

6.3.17 **INSET DAY**

7.3.17 Animal Workshop Y5

8.3.17-10.3.17 Y3 Beeston Residential

21.3.17 Y2 & Y5 Drumming Workshops

28.3.17 Y2 Knowsley Safari Park

27.3.17-29.3.17 Parent Consultation Evenings

30.3.17 Reception Class Chester Zoo

Whole school attendance  
January 2017  
89.38%

Class with best attendance  
Year  
Juniper 96.63%

## A message from our Head Teacher



Welcome back - I hope you had a happy half term! We started this half term by celebrating, 'Fairtrade Fortnight'. We all enjoyed the wow beginning by enjoying 'Fairtrade Food'; chocolate and banana pancakes were very popular as were the cakes the staff had prepared at home. We have planned a range of opportunities for children to deepen their understanding of 'Fairtrade' within our theme of, 'Heroes for Global Change'. Ask your child to tell you what they have learnt and check the class pages on the website <http://www.willowwoodprimaryschool.co.uk> We have organised parent evenings for this term so that you can catch up on how your child is progressing – Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th March – please note the date so you can attend and support your child.

### Reminders:

- **Attendance & Punctuality really does matter.**
- **PE kits in school every week—black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps.**
- **Black school shoes required.**
- **Read at home every night.**

## Friends Of Willow Wood



We were very pleased to welcome Friends of Willow Wood to our assembly recently. Mr Ron Stoneley, Chairman, Mrs Patricia Simpson and Mrs Margaret Hanna represented the Friends and presented a cheque for £3000 to the school. This

was very gratefully received and sincere thanks were given for their hard work in raising this amount and supporting the school. The children were asked for suggestions about how they would like to spend this money, having previously bought books, Christmas crafts and sports equipment. Children enjoyed the recent discos arranged by the FOWWS.



## Star Lab Planetarium visit

The night sky is a source of fascination and curiosity for children. This month we have been extremely fortunate to welcome MMU's Star Lab mobile planetarium to Willow Wood.

All classes (Nursery to Year 6) enjoyed tailored presentations linked to relevant key elements of the National Curriculum developing their understanding of the Earth's position in the Universe. The visit was well received by pupils and staff; pupils experienced the scientific phenomena for themselves and then used that experience to raise their own further questions, and feed their curiosity.

## Real Moon Rock in Year 1

Last week at Willow Wood we were lucky enough to have moon rocks and meteorites land in our school! We learned about and examined the meteorites that were billions of years old and had fallen through space to crash land on Earth. We looked at real pieces of moon rock and samples of lunar soil through microscopes and found out about what the moon is like. We have loved learning about space this half term.



## Fairtrade

Fairtrade fortnight begins on the 27th February 2017, the message this year is:

### 'Put Fairtrade in your break!'

The idea is to create as many breaks as possible to help spread the message of the farmers who help put the food on our tables, the tea and coffee in our mugs. All the farmers toil, sweat and slog and don't get enough breaks or earn enough to support their families.

So, what can you do? Try swapping something to Fairtrade and having a fair trade break with friends and family to spread their message!

In school we are launching the week with a Fairtrade Feed for the whole school where we will be enjoying pancakes, bananas and chocolate spread (all Fairtrade of course)!

Our local supermarkets will also be donating some Fairtrade goodies and we will be selling raffle tickets to win a Fairtrade hamper! Any donations will also be gratefully received!



Learning Today for  
Tomorrow