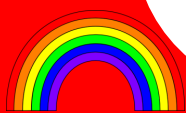


February 2018



# Newsletter



## Calendar

1.3.18	World Book Day
6.3.18	FAST session 6 for Y1 families
7/8/9 March 18	Year 3 Beeston
13.3.18	FAST session 7
19.3.18	Year 2 Trip to Llandudno
20.3.18	FAST session 8 for Y1 families
22.3.18	Year 2 Class Assembly
23.3.18	Year 3 Class Assembly
23.3.18	FOWWS Easter Bingo
26/27/28 March 18	Parent consultations
29.3.18	School closes for Easter 2pm

## New Build Special Edition!

Whole school attendance  
January 2018  
93.6%

Class with best attendance  
Year 4  
96.7%

## A message from our Head Teacher



This is a very exciting half term for us at Willow Wood as we welcome our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils to the Rainbow Building. The children are enjoying exploring their new bright, airy and spacious indoor and outdoor learning areas. I would like to thank all the staff who have worked incredibly hard to ensure the new classrooms are ready for learning, including our School Business Manager, Site Manager, Caretaker, Cleaners, Teachers and Teaching Assistants – what a great team! Thank you to all parents and carers for your patience during the building work – I hope you agree that all the upheaval was worth it.



## Attendance

Good attendance is really important to your child's education so that they can achieve their best. As you are aware school works hard to improve attendance rates. Any child who is absent for more than 10% is classed as persistently absent. Unfortunately, in the autumn term, 41% of our children fell into this category.

School will be monitoring attendance of pupils closely and will call parents and carers to an attendance meeting if your child is at risk of becoming persistently absent so that we can agree an attendance plan.

Parents can help by:

1. Phoning school on your child's first day of absence and only allow days off for genuine illness.
2. Ensuring your child attends on time every day.
3. Wherever possible, arranging medical appointments outside school hours. Make sure your child attends just before and after medical appointments if they have to be in school time.
4. Knowing your child's attendance figure and talking to them about it.
5. Taking holidays in holiday times.
6. Praising your child's good attendance.



## Children...

### Nursery...

Archie "Wow"  
 Abigail "This is amazing!"  
 Isabelle "This is the best  
 classroom!"  
 Tovi "Wow"  
 Joshua "I love it in here I do!"



### Staff...

"It's been a fantastic experience working  
 in the new build and a huge upgrade for  
 our class. The facility gives our children  
 a wonderfully modern environment to  
 develop in." KH

" Seeing the children all settled, all  
 engaged and all learning in such an  
 amazing space has made me a really  
 happy TA!" SR

"We got so many observations done this  
 morning! The children love all the new  
 resources!" JH

"The children are so focused, engaged  
 and busy, it is just brilliant to see! We  
 are so lucky to have this amazing space  
 to learn in. I can't quite express how  
 happy I am, it's a teacher's dream!" CS

## Parents...

'It's so light and bright!'

'It's great! All my children are all so close  
 together!'

'It's like a pot of gold at the end of the  
 rainbow at Willow Wood - a real gem!'

### Online Safety Tip of the Month!

Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone  
 else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude.

### Year 1...

"The rainbows are really  
 colourful" RO  
 "I like the walls cos they are all  
 different colours" HR  
 "I like the rainbow coat pegs"  
 BJB



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