



# WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

## Newsletter

### Diary Dates



#### March

20 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Relief Day
27 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day

#### April

1 <sup>st</sup>	Martin the Puppet Man visit
3 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Spring Term
6 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holiday
20 <sup>th</sup>	First Summer Half Term begins
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 2 Parents SATS meeting at 7pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Open day for prospective parents

### From the Headteacher

13<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Welcome back to school after our unexpected closure. I'm so very pleased that everyone has returned, healthy and safe, and to be able to update you with the news that our affected member of staff is almost completely recovered!

Throughout our time off, I wrote regularly to keep you updated with the plans and changes that we have made to keep our children healthy and our school open until the start of the Easter Break. In addition to the changes I mentioned in those letters, we have also made the decision to change our Parents' evening format. Given that we are attempting to reduce the large gatherings and events that we have planned, it made sense to alter the format of parents' evening from a face to face meeting to a mini-report. Teachers will be producing a mini-report that will cover your child's progress and attainment in English and Maths, as well as a personal comment about your child's general progress. The report will also include next steps for your child to work on. If any parents still have any particular questions, we will arrange a time for a telephone follow-up.

As the Prime Minister has announced that he will not be directing schools to close, we will hopefully have the time to re-schedule our World book Day activities, as well as organising a new time for Art Week. I will send out an updated calendar once we have managed to find a time for all the exciting activities that we missed out on.

We are also hoping to support Young Epilepsy on 26<sup>th</sup> March through wearing a purple item with school uniform (such as purple socks, hairbands, belt or t-shirt) in return for a donation to this worthwhile charity.

As Spring approaches and the sun makes more of an appearance, children are beginning to take off their coats and jumpers- which are then finding their way into our rapidly filling lost property box. Please can you check that your child's name is clearly marked in all their clothing, and if you have misplaced anything, please check in the lost property box, as we will be emptying the box at the end of the term.

Have a lovely weekend!

*Michelle Masters*



### From the PTA

#### Waitrose Community Matters

As you may have heard, Willow Bank Infant School PTA has been chosen as one of the charities in the green token collection in the Woodley store. If you happen to be passing in the next few weeks, please pop a couple of tokens in our slot. We will be in there up until the end of March.

#### PTA spring events

In light of recent events, it is with regret that we have had to cancel the Spring Disco and the Mother's Day secret shop. We are very much hoping to reschedule the disco, but are not currently in a position to decide when that will be. Thank you to everyone who donated something for the book day sale and the Mother's Day secret shop. All donations will be used at future events.

What with all of the disruptions last week, we have decided to extend the Word in a Word challenge until next Friday. Happy word hunting