



The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Where has this this half-term gone? It has flown by; it must be all the hard work our children have been doing! It was lovely to be able to share your children's achievements with you at our parent consultations this week.

Mr Knight's Top Tips

Online Gaming advice part 1:

Online gaming is very exciting because it enables you to play in real time with people across the world through a computer, games console, tablet or smartphone connected to the internet. Games offer a world of adventure to immerse yourself in, but it's important to understand how children can stay safe and what games are appropriate for their age. Check out the link below for some excellent advice:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/online-gaming/>

Year 4 Trip

Year 4 enjoyed a fabulous day out at Park View 4U yesterday, exploring habitats and outdoor learning. Mrs Morgan, Mr Knight and Miss Roberts were all incredibly proud of the children for their behaviour, their participation and their amazing knowledge. Well done Year 4 for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school.

World Book Day (advanced warning)

All children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

We would like to invite parents and family members of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 into school for our World Book Day morning session (9:00-9:30am) to join in with reading activities and games. We have planned a fun packed day for the children.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 will be focussing on stories written by the fabulous author Julia Donaldson. Children will listen to many stories from this author alongside taking part in fantastic and fun activities. We are excited to share this special day with you and your child celebrating reading.

Key Stage 2 classes will be focussing on stories written by David Walliams in the week leading up to World Book Day. Each class will choose their own David Walliams book, using this as a theme for the week.

On World Book Day (Thursday 7th March) parents and family members are invited to join us for a showcase and interactive activity session from 3:00pm to 3:30pm. Here family





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members will be able to join the children in the school hall to look at some of the class work we have produced and get involved in crafts, quizzes and activities.

PTFA

Our PTFA will be hosting a Race Night at 7:00pm on Friday 15th March at Wesham Community Centre. If you're not sure what a Race Night is, let me explain:

Imagine you are out for a day at the races; the thrill of the bet, the excitement of the win, the enjoyment of the company... That's what the PTFA hope to recreate in Wesham Community Centre for one evening only! We have footage of horse races each featuring 8 horses and before each race is shown, you will be given the opportunity to put money on as many horses as you like at our very own 'Tote'. The race is run and subsequently money paid out to those who bet successfully. It's a ticket only event and the first 64 people to buy tickets also name a horse. These horses will be the named horses for the 8 races we will 'run' and there will be a (small) prize for the winning owner in each race with the winner of each race going 'head to head' in a champions' race at the end of the evening. The Community Centre has a bar and the ticket price (£6:00) includes a hotpot supper - what more could you ask for? Please note that this is an adult only event.

PTFA Own Clothes Day (advanced warning)

Own Clothes Day will take place on **Friday 22nd March**. In return for coming to school with a wild and wonderful hair style we are asking the children from each class to bring in an Easter Egg or chocolate gift that can be used for our **Easter Bingo on Friday 5th April**. The Bingo will take place in the school hall and everyone is invited to join us at 6:00pm for this fantastic annual event.

Parish News

This week our children began their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on **Thursday 21st March** at St Joseph's. Please keep the children in your prayers.

Stations of the Cross

After half-term, the children will begin preparing for Easter as they meet with Father Andrew at Church to follow the Stations of the Cross. Please encourage your child to talk to you about the various stations and the journey Jesus went through during His last days.

Thank you for all your support as always and I hope you all have a lovely half-term break.
Yours sincerely
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www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewillowsschoolptfa*

Fri 15th Feb
School Closes

Mon 25th Feb
School re-opens

Tues 26th Feb
KS2 Swimming Gala
6:30pm PTFA Meeting

Mon 4th Mar
5:00pm S&F Meeting

Tues 5th Mar
9:00am Year 1 Prayer & Liturgy

Wed 6th Mar
10:30am Ash Wednesday Service in
School

Thurs 7th Mar
World Book Day &
Special Lunch

Mon 18th Mar
5:00pm Full Governors

Thurs 21st Mar
7:00pm First Reconciliation Service

Fri 22nd Mar
PTFA Own Clothes Day

Sun 24th Mar
Butterfly Service @ Brian House

25th - 28th Mar
Year 5 Bikeability Week

Tues 26th Mar
12:30pm Year 6 Orienteering

Thurs 28th Mar
9:00am Reception Prayer & Liturgy

Fri 5th Apr
6:00pm PTFA Easter Bingo

Mon 8th Apr
2:30pm Year 3/4 Easter Performance
6:30pm Year 3/4 Easter Performance

Tues 9th Apr
6:30pm Year 3/4 Easter Performance

Wed 10th Apr
School Closes

Tues 23rd Apr
School Opens

