



The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! The year is just flying by and the children have enjoyed being able to play on the grass this week. I apologise that this seems a very long newsletter this week but so much has, and is happening over the next few weeks.

Online Safety

Cyberbullying:

This one often raises its head in the media, but it is better to arm your child with strategies before they end up involved in cyberbullying. One of the most important things to help reduce cyberbullying is to talk to your child about what they do by showing interest without seeming like you are quizzing them for information. What games do they play? Do they talk to people online? Has anyone ever said anything that has upset them? What would they do if somebody was mean online?

A healthy device relationship with your child will enable them to let you get involved and guide them to follow the right path.

Check out the link below for some advice and top tips.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/>

Stay safe.

Mr. Knight

Encompass

We are pleased to announce that we have joined every school in Lancashire as part of a new initiative called Operation Encompass. This is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child's school is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been an incident of Domestic Abuse to which the child or young person has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on them in school the following day. We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and this line of communication will help us support our children in the best ways possible, as quickly as possible. You should have received a notification and letter via the app today with further details. If not then please let us know then we can ensure that you get a copy of the letter.





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PTFA Easter Bingo

Thank you so much to our wonderful PTFA who hosted another fantastic Easter Bingo. I know that all the children had an excellent evening and everyone left with at least one egg! Thank you everyone for your support - the event raised around £400.00 which will be used within school.

Mr. Whall goes for a run...

During the next few weeks, Mr. Whall - Isaac's Dad and one of our Governors, will be coming into school to lead an assembly for the children. During May, he will be completing one of the toughest road running challenges in the UK - 10 full marathons in 10 days around the Lake District! That's 262 miles, on foot, up and down the big hills of Cumbria.

To support Mr. Whall (with what he describes as a mad challenge), we will be running our own marathon with him. Mr. Sharrock will be sharing more details with you soon as well as sponsorship forms to support the Brathay Trust. Please keep an eye out for this information.

Kirkham Music Centre

On Monday 29th April Lancashire Music Service are re-launching Kirkham Music Centre. They are holding a free Open Day on Monday at their new venue Kirkham and Wesham Primary School starting at 4:00pm and would like to invite any children in school who play instruments or sing along to find out more. Each week they will be holding the following classes:

4:00-4:30pm Brass Blasters. This is for all children who are currently involved in whole class wider opportunities (in our school Year 4) to develop their brass skills even further.

4:30pm-5:00pm Beginner Band for any brass or woodwind players from beginners upwards.

5:00-5:30 Choir. This is suitable for all ages and all abilities.

The cost will be £15 for the whole of the Summer Term regardless of how many of the groups your child attends. So they could attend all three groups every week and it would still only be £15. The Music Service are also offering additional lessons for brass, guitar, strings and woodwind.

This is an amazing opportunity for the children to develop musical skills and I hope that as many of our children as possible can support this new venture. If you require any further information please contact Julie Rayton on 07824434282 or julierayton@lancashire.gov.uk.





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Whole School Mass

Please note, the Whole School Mass next week has been cancelled.

Year 3/4 Easter Performance

I can't let this Newsletter pass without telling everyone how amazing our Year 3 and Year 4 children were in our Easter Performance of Hosanna. Every single performance was outstanding and the confidence with which the children sang and spoke was a testament to their families and our wonderful staff.

Thank you to Mrs. Spacey, Miss Mallinson, Mrs. Moore, Miss Roberts, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Morgan and Miss Burdett for their hard work and dedication!

Lenten Mission

Thank you to everyone who donated for our Lenten Mission. The children had a wonderful time making and selling different craft items. £185.22 has been donated to CAFOD.

The Willows Eggs...

As our new hens are settling into their new home we will soon be selling their eggs to our families. There will be a little stall by their house with an 'Honesty Box' for a donation should you wish to buy any of the eggs. Please return the egg boxes to school once finished with.

Welcome

Over the next week we will be welcoming two new additions to our Willows family. You may have noticed that a rabbit hutch has appeared in the Reception Outdoor Learning Area and we are very excited to be getting two rabbits. Reception are very much looking forward to meeting them and naming them.

September 2019

In a few weeks' time Miss Cross will be getting married to her fiancé Mr. Atkinson - I know you will join me in wishing them both every success and happiness as they start their married lives together. With that in mind, Miss Cross will be starting a new chapter in her life as she moves to Milton Keynes in September. Miss Cross has been a wonderful member of our Willows family and her dedication, constant positivity and care for every member of our school community will be greatly missed us all.

Governors are pleased to announce that Mrs. Michelle Roddy will be joining us from September as Year 1 teacher with responsibility for coordinating our SEND provision. Mrs. Roddy is an outstanding teacher with over 20 years experience and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her into our school family.





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I am sure you will all have the opportunity to meet Mrs Roddy over the coming term as she will be visiting our school to meet the children and speak to Miss Cross about SEND.

Happy Retirement

Today we welcomed Mrs. Matthews (or as everyone knows her, Audrey) into school. Audrey hasn't been well for some time and she has decided that now is the time that she would like to retire. She is celebrating her 80th birthday on Sunday.

Audrey has worked at The Willows for over 17 years and has been an integral part of the journey we have travelled to become the wonderful school we are now. Audrey has worked in almost all of our classes, supervised lunchtimes, supported After School Club and been an absolute tidying star in Reception.

Thank you for everything Audrey, you are wonderful - truly a gift from God!

Reminder

Please don't forget school will be closed on Monday 6th May for May Day.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. S. A. Barnett
Headteacher

*Please don't forget to register with 'Easyfundraising'.
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewillowsschoolpta*





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Mon 29th Apr
Year 5 Trip

Fri 24th May
School Closes

Thurs 2nd May
Year 1 Trip
Year 4 Forest School

Wed 5th June
School Opens

Mon 6th May
SCHOOL CLOSED - May Day

Thurs 6th June
Year 4 Forest School
6:30pm Induction Evening

Tues 7th May
6:30pm PTFA Meeting

Sat 8th June
Kirkham Club Day

Sun 12th May
11:00am First Holy Communion Service

Tues 11th June
Year 5 Trip to St. Bede's

Mon 13th - Thurs 16th May
Year 6 SATs Week

Wed 12th June
Class Photographs

Thurs 16th May
Year 4 Forest School

Thurs 13th June
Year 1 Forest School
9:00am Year 4 Prayer & Liturgy

Sun 19th May
3:00pm May Procession

Mon 17th June
Transition Day

Fri 17th May
Year 6 Trip

Tues 18th June
9:15am Year 3 Prayer & Liturgy

Mon 20th May
5:00pm BHS Meeting
6:15pm SEC Meeting

Thurs 20th June
Year 1 Forest School
9:00am Year 2 Prayer & Liturgy

Tues 21st May (subject to weather)
9:30am KS1 Sports Day
1:30pm KS2 Sports Day

Fri 21st June
Year 6 Transition Day @ St. Bede's

Thurs 23rd May
9:00am Year 5 Prayer & Liturgy
Year 4 Forest School

Mon 24th - Fri 28th June
One World Week





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Mon 24th June

Transition Day

Wed 26th June

7:00pm St. Bede's New Intake Night

Thurs 27th June

Year 1 Forest School

Mon 1st July

Transition Day

Thurs 4th July

Year 1 Forest School
9:00am Year 1 Prayer & Liturgy

Fri 5th July

3:30pm PTFA Summer Fayre

Mon 8th July

5:00pm Full Governors

Tues 9th July

2:00pm Year 5/6 Production
6:30pm Year 5/6 Production

Wed 9th July

6:30pm Year 5/6 Production

Thurs 10th July

Year 1 Forest School

Tues 16th July

5:00pm Year 6 Leavers' Celebration

Wed 17th July

6:00pm PTFA Disco

Thurs 18th July

Year 1 Forest School

Fri 19th July

9:15am Leavers' Mass
1:30pm Leavers' Assembly
2:30pm School Closes

Tues 3rd Sept

8:50am School Opens

