



Willow Tree Primary School

Newsletter

3rd March 2017

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2017

Monday 6th March - Nursery New Starters Parents Meeting
6.30pm

Wednesday 15th March - Residential trip information meeting 6pm

Monday 20th March - Nursery visit to Harlow Carr Gardens

Friday 24th March - Red Nose Day

Tuesday 28th March - Y3/4 Open Morning

Tuesday 4th April - Y3/4 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Wednesday 5th April - Reception visit to Harlow Carr Gardens

Friday 7th April - Break up for Easter Holidays **2.05pm**

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April - School re-opens

Monday 1st May - School closed for May Day

Monday 8th May - SATs Week

Thursday 18th May - Y3/4 Open Morning

Friday 26th May - School breaks up

Tuesday 6th June - School re-opens

Monday 26th June - Y3/4 Open Morning

Wednesday 19th July - Sports Day

Friday 21st July - Break Up for Summer Holidays **2.05pm**

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017



Please save your vouchers and bring them into school.

The Post Box is located in the main reception in Jepson Building.

Parking

We have received complaints regarding inconsiderate parking at school drop off and pick up times.



The manager of **Fairfax Community Centre** has contacted school to say that parents are using the car park at the beginning and end of the school day, preventing Centre staff and visitors from parking. Please find alternative places to park and do not use this car park.



**NO PARKING
KEEP DRIVEWAY
CLEAR
THANK YOU**

We have also had complaints from local residents who have reported that parents/carers are blocking driveway access when dropping off and collecting children. Please be respectful of our neighbours when parking and ensure that you do not block driveways.

Thank you, your co-operation is appreciated.

NEWS, INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

Red Nose Day - March 24th

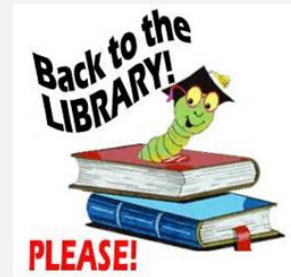


Red noses are on sale in school from the week beginning March 13th. Children should bring £1 in a named envelope. School council will sell the red noses around classrooms during the week.

Reception Parents & Carers



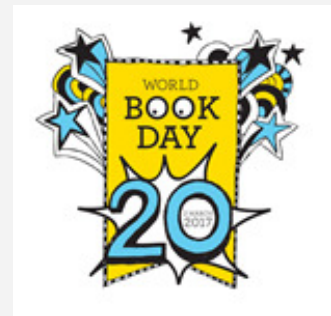
A reminder that books borrowed from Harrogate Library during Reception's visit in February must be returned to Harrogate Library by next Tuesday (7th March).



World Book Day

It was fantastic to see the children (and staff!) dressed as book characters on World Book Day yesterday.

Look out for photos in next week's Newsletter!



After School Invaders Club for Y3 & 4

We are offering a new after school club for Y3 & 4 starting next Wednesday, the **Invaders Club**. Sporting Influence provide sporting activities and holiday camps for many schools across the Harrogate Area.

The **Invaders Club** will provide exciting games such as Crossover, Capture the Flag and Stomp the Yard, which have proved to be very popular with children.

Look out for the letter coming home with your child tonight!

Poetry Week

The week was launched by teachers reciting some of their favourite poems, welcomed by hoots of laughter from the children! Each class received a golden envelope, containing a poem that they had to learn, and then perform, from memory, in front of an audience.



Over the week, the children were involved in lots of exciting experiences all linked to poetry.

Reception took a trip to the Harrogate Library, to both join the library and listen to poems.



In school, children in Years 1 – 6 took part in various workshops to learn new skills on both performance and recital of poetry. These were led by Actacademy, Harrogate Theatre and our very own published poet, Sue Hardy-Dawson.

On Thursday morning, the children performed their recital in front of an audience and an expert judging panel. The children were judged on clarity, projection and expression of their voices and use of props. The judges conferred and selected 4 performances that stood out. They were **Acer, Larch, Maple and Chestnut**. Well Done!



Poetry Week

Love Competition

Thank you for all your amazing entries in our 'Love' competition. Although the competition was fierce, these are the winners.

Upper Key Stage 2 winner- Molly Richardson

Lower Key Stage 2 winner- Connor-Rhys Herrington

Key stage 1 winner – Kieran Parcell

Foundation Stage winner – Sophie Wright

Please look out for a photo of the winners and their winning entries in the Harrogate Advertiser.

The children thoroughly enjoyed Poetry Week and we have loved seeing them apply their new knowledge and skills in the classroom.

Each class has received a poetry book for their hard work and to develop their love of poetry.



SPORTING NEWS

Y5/6 Quicksticks

Congratulations to our Y5/6 Quicksticks squad who competed at Harrogate High School this week.

They came top of their group, **winning all their games!**

They are now through to the finals to be held next week at Harrogate High.



Harrogate Junior Park Run



Niamh, Eilidh, Heather, Zoe, Freya, Reuben, Ben and Jamie

It was great to see lots of fellow Willow Tree pupils taking part in the Harrogate Junior Parkrun on Sunday in the Valley Gardens.

It's every Sunday at 9am and is for children aged 4-14 and it's free!

There were some 1st timers, and some new PB's (personal bests).

Would love to see more Willow Tree pupils there (apologies if we did miss any of you). Take a look at their website for more information and to register:

<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/harrogate-juniors/>

Zoe, Freya and Jamie from Beech





PTFA NEWS



There are more non-uniform days still to be won for your child/ren so head to the App to enter.

How to enter:

If you haven't already done so you must download our new PTFA App (not to be confused with the new School Ping App) - just search for 'Willow Tree PTFA' in your app store, download the app and go to the 'PTFA Shop' to enter. Good luck! Thank you.



Sponsored Bounce

Today the children (and staff!) enjoyed the Sponsored Bounce! Details of how much was raised and photos will be in next week's Newsletter.



Date of Next Meeting

Please come along to the next PTFA meeting on **Friday 10th March** at 7.30pm at the home of Lizzie Hughes. Please message her or the PTFA for the address. All welcome!

Woodlands Community Garden



2017 Dates for your diary!

Saturday 18th March 6pm - Stargazing Night - Telescopes, fun craft activities inside, short film; all welcome

Saturday 13th May 6pm- Wildlife Night- Come and get to know more about the local night creatures - hopefully, moths, bats and owls will visit!



Fairfax Community Centre

Strictly Ballroom - *Friday 12.00-1.00pm* £4.00 per person. Classes are informal, friendly and fun with a lively atmosphere it's a great way to meet new friends whilst learning a new skill. For both couples and individuals.

Fit Mummy Happy Baby - *Wednesday 1.30-2.30pm* £4 per session. Fun, physical activity for mum and baby using exercises that can be transferred to the home setting. Feel fitter, feel healthier and meet new friends. GP consent to exercise applies.

Walking Netball - *Monday 5.45-6.45pm* £2.00 per session - a slowed down version of the game of netball, designed for anyone looking to exercise in a relaxed, supportive and friendly environment. A game of Walking Netball is for all ages and abilities and every session contains a gentle warm up.

Pilates and Stretch - Starts 8th March - *Wednesday 11.30-12.30pm* £4.00 per session. A friendly and welcoming session set to relaxing music. Suitable for all ages (16+) and abilities.

For more details please contact the Community Centre:
883614 or Fairfax@harrogate.gov.uk