



Willow Tree Primary School

## Newsletter

7th September 2018

### Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 11th October** - Y5/6 Residential Information Meeting 6pm  
Drummond Hall

**Monday 1st - Wednesday 3rd October** Y5 Residential to Bewerley Park

**Monday 1st - Friday 5th October** Y6 Residential to East Barnby

**Monday 15th October** - Reception-Y6 Parents Evening

**Thursday 18th October** - Year 3/4 Open Morning

**Thursday 18th October** - Reception-Y6 Parents Evening

**Tuesday 23rd October** - Year 5/6 Open Morning

**Friday 26th October** - INSET Day - School Closed

**Monday 29th October** - Half Term

**Monday 5th November** - School Re-opens

**Thursday 8th November** - School photographs

**Wednesday 14th November** - Year 6 Careers Fair (am)

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**Monday 26th November** - Flu vaccination programme R-Y5

**Friday 21st December** - School breaks up for Christmas 2.05pm

**Monday 7th January 2019** - School re-opens

### Attendance



The target for the school is 97% attendance for the week and in the week commencing 3rd September we achieved **97%**. Well done!

Well done to **Beech, Rowan** and **Poplar** class who achieved **100%** attendance!

## **Music Lessons**



Parents who would like to sign their children up to music lessons, please collect a form from the office. Please complete and return the form by Monday 10th September to guarantee your child a timetabled place this half term.

This applies to parents whose children were previously learning with the Bell School of Music and would like to continue with Harrogate High but have not yet signed up, as well as those new to music lessons.

Lessons are due to start week commencing 17th September.

## **Years 4, 5 & 6 After School Arrangements**

A letter has been sent home with Year 4, 5 and 6 children regarding after school arrangements.

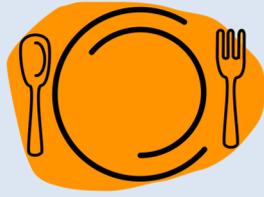
Children in Year 4 can be collected from the classroom or are permitted to meet their parent/carer on the school grounds at a designated meeting point.

Children in Years 5 and 6 are permitted to walk home on their own if they have their parents' permission.

Please complete and return the slip to the office as soon as possible so that this important information can be passed on to class teachers.

Thank you.





## **School Dinners**

The cost of a school dinner is £2.35, payable via ParentPay. Please note this must be paid **IN ADVANCE**.

## **Parking**

We have already had complaints this week from local residents regarding parking.

Some parents and carers are parking their cars on local residents' drives, in residents' designated parking spaces and in designated visitors' parking spaces.

In some cases, parents and carers have been verbally abusive when residents have approached them.

***Please DO NOT park on private property.***

We have the use of the church car park for dropping off and collecting children and parking is available in local side streets.

## **Welcome**

We welcome Mr Strzeszewski (known as Mr S) who is teaching Cedar class, Mr Walsh who is teaching Rowan class and Miss Innes-Taylor who is teaching Walnut class.

We also welcome Mr Armstrong who is our new caretaker.

## **Clubs**

Information on Before and After School Clubs will be available early next week from the school office and on the school website. All clubs start week commencing 17th September.

## **Y6 Careers Day**

Following on from the success of the Careers Fair last year, Y6 will be holding a Careers fair on **Wednesday 14th and 15th November between 9.15am – 12pm.**

We would love any parents/carers who could talk about their jobs to come and inspire our young people for their future.

If you are interested in talking to a small group of Y6 pupils, please let the Office/Y6 teachers know so we can include you in this fantastic event.

## **Flu Vaccinations**

The flu vaccination will be offered to all pupils in Reception through to Year 5 on Monday 26th November.

Further details are on the school website and at the following web page:

**<https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/>**

If you wish your child to have the flu vaccine you must give your consent online as soon as possible:

**[www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent)**

## **Year 6 Parents/Carers**

### **Applying for a Secondary School Place**

If you have a child born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008 who is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2019 you can apply for a secondary school place from 12 September 2018. **You must submit your application by 31 October 2018.**

Further information can be found on the school website and full details of how to apply are available at

**[www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions)**

## **Story Bags**

One of our volunteers Mrs Camacho has been busy knitting for our story bags and has just completed the "Red Riding Hood" bag. We're sure you'll agree it looks amazing. Thank you Mrs Camacho.

She has now started with "Goldilocks" and would welcome donations of wool. If you are able to donate any wool please bring it to the office. Thank you.



## **Preparing to Work in Schools Level 1 Cache Course**

Run by the Adult Learning and Skills Service, this is an excellent opportunity to gain qualifications for employment as a teaching assistant in the primary and secondary school sector.

The course starts 20th September and lasts for 16 weeks.

*To find out more or reserve a place contact:*

*01609 780780 or [south.adultlearning@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:south.adultlearning@northyorks.gov.uk)*



## PTFA NEWS



### PTFA

All parents and carers become members of the PTFA when their child joins Willow Tree. The PTFA is run entirely by parents and carers, who volunteer their time to organise and put on events to benefit the children and the school.

The PTFA desperately needs more parents and carers to get involved to help plan, organise and run the various events that are held throughout the school year.

Not only are these events fun for the children, they also raise much needed funds for the school which benefits the children through, amongst other things, the purchase of equipment and contributions towards trips and workshops.

There are currently vacancies on the Committee due to existing committee members stepping down due to work commitments.

You can contact the PTFA via [willowtrepta@gmail.com](mailto:willowtrepta@gmail.com) or on Facebook.



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