



Willow Tree Primary School

Newsletter

15th September 2017

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 18th September - Y5/6 Residential Information meeting 6pm in Drummond Hall

Friday 22nd September - PTFA Bingo Night

Monday 16th October - Y5/6 Viking Workshops

Tuesday 17th October - Y5/6 Open Morning 8.30am

Friday 20th October - School breaks up for half term

Monday 30th October - INSET day

Tuesday 31st October - School re-opens

Friday 22nd December - School closes at **2.05pm**

All term dates for 2017/18 are available on the school website.

Attendance

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

The Target for the school is 97% attendance for the week. In the week commencing 11th September we only achieved **96%**. Let's try for 97% next week.

Well done to Sycamore, Apple, Poplar, Maple. Spruce, Lime, Hornbeam and Holly who achieved 97% or above.

Congratulations to **Walnut** class who achieved **100%!!**

NEWS, INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Achievement Awards were given on the 15th September to the following children:

Ash		Apple	Chloe
Chestnut		Poplar	Tyler
Beech		Cedar	Freddie
Cherry	Florence	Larch	MacKenzie
Holly	Lucy	Rowan	George
Hornbeam	Wilfie	Sycamore	Jack
Spruce	Lacey	Elm	Riddick
Lime	Florence	Acer	Flossie
Maple	Gwen	Silver Birch	Sophie
Hawthorn	Sophia	Walnut	Connor

WRITER OF THE WEEK

The following children have been awarded 'Writer of the Week' and will be wearing a blue sweatshirt until next Wednesday.

Ash		Apple	Oliver
Chestnut		Poplar	Ashton
Beech		Cedar	Fred
Cherry		Larch	Esme
Holly		Rowan	Toni
Hornbeam		Sycamore	Eilidh
Spruce		Elm	Tatyana
Lime		Acer	Isabella
Maple	Noah	Silver Birch	Gary
Hawthorn	Cameron	Walnut	Hazel



Well done everybody!

NEWS, INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

PE Bags

Thank you to all parents who have put their child's PE Kit into a drawstring bag - it is certainly helping with the limited space.



Please can I remind all parents of children in **Beech, Chestnut** and **Ash** classes that this is a compulsory part of school uniform and has been since your child started school in September. Children should not be using back packs for their PE Kits.

For all other children, please remember when you change your child's PE bag it needs to be a drawstring bag.

Thank you
Mrs Davey

*Adult Learning and Skills Service
Family Learning in Harrogate*



Starting School

A five week course for all parents and carers of children in **Little Oaks and Reception** to find out more about how to support their children as they start school. Children will join in the session for the last half hour to play and learn together with their grown up.

**Tuesday Mornings 9.00am-11.00am
19th, 26th September, and 3rd, 10th, 17th October**

To book a place, please sign up at the school office or email ruth.buchan@northyorks.gov.uk

Writer of the Week and Champion of the Week



If your child is Writer or Champion of the Week please remember to send the blue or yellow sweatshirt back into school the following week (Wednesday for blue jumpers and Friday for yellow jumpers).

You do not need to wash the sweatshirt before returning it to school as all sweatshirts are collected and washed each week.



@WillowPrimary



Willow Tree is on Twitter! There are tweets about work on the pool, Willow Tree sporting achievements and PTFA events. If you don't have Twitter you can see all the



Twitter posts on the school website.

After School and Breakfast Clubs

Clubs will start in the week commencing 25th September. There are several new clubs being offered this term - look out for the clubs booklet coming home with your child tonight with all the details. All the information is also available on the school website.

As places are allocated on a first come first served basis please return registration forms ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Cleaning Supervisor Vacancy

Are you a cleaner with a pride in their work? Someone who would like some added responsibility? Someone who wants a role with great benefits?

There is an opportunity for you to join the team at Willow Tree as a Cleaning Supervisor where your dedication to the role will enhance the children's learning environment.

Working for NYCC as a Cleaning Supervisor, you will be required to assist in the supervision of the cleaning assistants working at the school through monitoring their areas, dealing with any issues promptly and feeding back to management as required, as well as accommodating requests from school staff.

In addition to this you will be responsible for your own cleaning duties in your designated area which include vacuuming, sanitary cleaning and dusting. Full training will be provided and the hours of work are predominantly **3.30pm – 7.30pm** with some flexibility in start and finish time and totalling to **20 hours per week**. No weekend work! For this you will be paid £7.97 rising to £8.09 per hour.

This post is **Term Time** (Including Training days) & 2 weeks in the school holidays.

What can we offer you?

You could find working for North Yorkshire County Council more rewarding than you first thought.

- Competitive rate of pay
- Excellent Local Government Pension Scheme
- 23 days holiday per year plus Bank Holidays
- Access to a range of benefits and discounts including green car scheme, child-care vouchers and home technology scheme

This post requires an Enhanced DBS, the cost of which will be met by the Employer.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

To apply for this role, please visit www.nyccjobs.co.uk and submit an online application.

*****NOTE***DO NOT SEND CV'S THEY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED*****

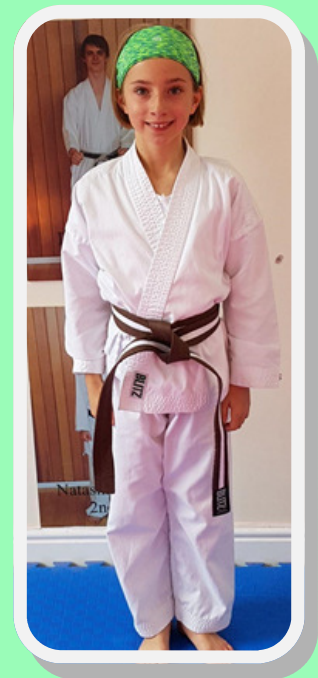
Please do not deviate from indicated application method.

SPORTING NEWS

Karate

On Sunday the 10th September Eilidh in Sycamore travelled to Leeds to take her Karate grading from 3rd kyu (brown belt) to 2nd kyu (brown and one white stripe belt!) She got a full pass and was very happy about it!

Well done Eilidh!



Football Trials

There will be football trials next week for both girls and boys. Please bring kit, boots and shin pads into school on the following days if you are interested in taking part:

Year 3/4 - Monday lunch

Year 5/6 - Tuesday lunch



Dance

Lois in Apple has gained a 'Merit' in her Primary Grade Tap Exam at Chatsworth Dance Centre.

Here she is with her tap dance exam certificate and trophy.

Well done Lois!





PTFA NEWS



Dates for Your Diary

Bingo	Friday 22 nd September - Eyes Down 6.30pm
PTFA meeting	Wednesday 27 th September 7.30 at school
Monster Bash	Thursday 19 th Oct
Christmas Fair	Friday 8 th Dec
Film Night	Friday 19 th Jan
Sponsored Bounce	Friday 23 rd Feb
Bedtime Stories	Thursday 1 st March
Easter Disco	Friday 23 rd March
Bingo	Friday 27 th April
WTGT	Thursday 14 th June
Summer Fair	Friday 29 th June

Friday 22nd September



Come along for a fun evening of Bingo with pizza, tuck shop and a bar and Mr Ryder as your bingo caller!

Doors open 6pm, eyes down at 6.30pm. If you can help on the night please contact the PTFA.

This promises to be a great family night out, we hope to see you there.

Don't forget to register for the PTFA App!

Woodlands Community Garden



Community Garden News

The garden behind Woodlands Church is for everyone to use and enjoy! It is a beautiful space and has just been awarded '**Outstanding**' in the **Yorkshire in Bloom** competition. It is maintained entirely by volunteers so please come and help weed, water and tidy Wednesdays 9-10am in term time or at our monthly Gardening Sunday sessions (the last Sunday of the month 2-4pm).

Do come along to....

Sunday 24th September - 2-4pm Gardening Sunday : gardening jobs, refreshments, followed by homemade pizza

Sunday 8th October - 12.15pm Harvest celebration lunch.
You are welcome to join us at 9.30am to have a bacon buttie whilst harvesting the vegetables and preparing lunch.



Harrogate & Knaresborough Prevention Service

What's On for families with children and young people aged 0-19 years

The new programme for September – December 2017 is available to view at:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/childrens-centres>

Take a look today to see what your family could get involved in