

Willow Tree Primary School



Little Oaks Class



AUTUMN TERM ONE 2017

Welcome!

Welcome to the Autumn term! We hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays. We are especially pleased to welcome all the new children and their families. The older children are setting a great example to the new starters; making new friends, being helpful, caring and kind and helping them settle into our daily routine.

Little Oak times

The timing of the Little Oaks day is slightly different to the rest of school. Please remember that the session times are:



Morning: We open at 8.45am and the session finishes at 11.45am

Afternoon: Doors open at 12.15pm and the end of the Little Oaks day is 3.15pm.

Please can you ensure that your child arrives at school on time and that you are prompt at the end of the session. Don't forget you can drop children off at Nursery before you take older siblings in to school. To ensure that all children are safe we close the main door to Nursery just before 9am for the morning session and just after 12:25 for the afternoon session. **If the door is closed when you arrive please bring your child in to Nursery through the main reception in school. Thank you.**

Mrs Knipe

Mrs Knipe is the administrative assistant to Little Oaks. She works in the main school office every morning. Mrs Knipe deals with all areas of nursery administration, including session times and lunch club queries. You can contact her directly using the email address nursery@willowtree.n-yorks.sch.uk, the school number 01423 883551 or by calling into the school office.

Parent consultation meetings

You are welcome to talk to a member of staff at any time, particularly in the first few weeks as your child settles. There will also be an opportunity for a more formal meeting on the evenings of Thursday November 2nd and Monday November 6th, more information will follow closer to the time.



Learning Together Session

Throughout the year we will be inviting parents, grandparents and carers to come and join in with their child and the activities on offer in Little Oaks. A chance to find out what

they do! Please share this invitation particularly with grandparents who may have more flexibility to stay and play. The first of these sessions will be after the first half term in November 2017 and will focus on listening to sounds in the environment. Watch out for further details soon!

Resources

If you have any spare small boxes, tubes, yoghurt pots, sweet wrappers, ribbons, buttons... please could you pop them in to us to help to supplement our 'cut and stick' area, we love to use lots of materials to make models and pictures! Thank you.

James Kingston

Clothing and name labels

Thank you to all the parents who have made a great job of labelling their child's uniform. Please remember to label shoes and wellies, the children are out in all weathers and often change their footwear.



Anna Wallace

A named bag with spare clothing including socks would be appreciated to ensure your child is always dry and comfortable. Please can you make sure these clothes are in a separate draw string bag (not inside your child's book bag) so that it is quickly accessible if we need to change your child. This bag can be kept on your child's coat peg.

Suitable outdoor coats for the weather are essential as we play outside whatever the weather.

Can we also please ask that you name your child's lunch box on the outside!



Library

Your child will be coming home with a library book very soon. We will put up a list for you to find out when this will be nearer to the time, so keep your eyes peeled! We would like you to then make sure your child brings their library book in their book bag on that day each week. It needs to be in a bag so that it doesn't get lost! Thank you.

Please leave your children's library book in their bag and put the bag in the book box when you arrive at school and we will organise changing them.



Curriculum

The children have been giving us some ideas for what they would like to learn about already. During this first half term we will be investigating our own lives, what we like... or don't like! Where we live and our families. This will help us get to know each other really well!

A great way to help your children learn more about themselves and your family is by sharing pictures and telling stories. In school we will be encouraging the children to tell us about what they like doing with their family and starting to look at similarities and differences about other people, their families and their traditions, customs and routines.

We are really looking forward to everybody getting to know each other.

Parent-school partnership

We regard parent partnership as a key aspect in children's learning. Over the next few weeks and throughout the year the teachers will be taking photos and making observations of your child playing and learning at school.

We love to share your children's learning and achievements from home and if there is a piece of information that you want us to know please feel free to pop it in via a photo, note or email to Littleoaks@willowtree.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Dates for the diary

Friday 20th October- School closes for half term

Monday 30th October- INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 31st October- School reopens

Thursday 2nd November- Parents consultation evening

Monday 6th November- Parents consultation evening

And finally....

We are looking forward to the coming term and ensuring your child settles well, having a stimulating and enjoyable time with us. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to let us know. Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Smith, Miss Manning and the Little Oaks team