

Willow Tree Primary School

Ash, Beech and Chestnut

We welcome you to the final half term in Reception! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the last year and hope you and your children have enjoyed your time in Foundation Stage. We are positive that your children will continue to be super stars as they move into Year One!



Curriculum

This half term we are learning all about Traditional Tales and animals. We are also doing a lot of learning using technology and we are encouraging children to not only draw pictures but write on the computers as well. If you have any evidence of your child using technology at home such as; phones, tablets, laptops, c.d. players, radios etc. please feel free to send in pictures or videos using your child's class email address:

ash@willowtree.n-yorks.sch.uk, beech@willowtree.n-yorks.sch.uk, chestnut@willowtree.n-yorks.sch.uk. We would love to share the learning your child has been doing at home with the rest of the class!

In maths, we are consolidating a lot of the learning children have already done this year and working at greater depth on measuring, calculations and problem solving.

We are going to Monk Park Farm on **Wednesday 21st June** to help us with writing our own Traditional Tale story. We will be leaving school at 9.00 and will be back for the end of the school day. Children will be provided with a school pack lunch. Please send a labelled water bottle with them. Please dress the children appropriately for the weather and put sun hat and cream on before school if needed.

Learning together session

We really hope you will be able to join us for our final learning together session this year. It is always a really lovely day as long as the weather allows plans to go ahead! We will be going to the Stray on **Tuesday 18th July**, leaving school at 1pm and will be carrying out physical activities when we get there before walking back to school for the end

of the day. Any siblings or other members of the family are invited to join us. Please look out for further information and the sign up sheet in the next couple of weeks.

Transition

As children will be taking their next step in school life and moving to Year One in the new school year there are a number of days you should be aware of. On Wednesday 12th July children will spend the last hour of the day in their new class, meeting their new class teacher for the first time. You will still collect your child from their current class at the end of the day at the usual time. On Thursday 13th and Friday 14th July your child will go for the full day to their new class. This is a great opportunity for them to get to know how Year One works and familiarise themselves with routines and the adults who will be working in Year One before the new school year begins. On these days their new class teacher will collect them from the playground at 8.50 and you will collect them from their new classrooms at 3.10pm as usual.

Parents Meetings

Parent consultation meetings will take place the week beginning **Monday 3rd July**. They will run over two evenings from 3.30pm- 6pm and parents will have 10 minute slots to meet with their child's class teacher. This year we are running the evenings on Monday 3rd July and **Thursday 6th July**. These meetings are very important as they provide information on their achievements this year in Reception and you will receive a report outlining such on the evening. Please sign up to a time slot at your convenience. If these times are not suitable please speak to your child's class teacher.

Reading Records

It is great to see so many children changing their books now in Reception. All children should be taking home a book that is appropriate for their reading level. We do ask that if you have listened to your child read that you sign to indicate that you have done so. A comment is lovely, but it isn't always necessary and we understand that you don't always have time, but initials or a signature shows us that your child has actually read their book to somebody! Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Warmer weather

As we have come back to school this half term the weather is due to get warmer. Even though in the first week back it was still quite chilly, children were taking their coats off on

the playground, particularly at lunch times and sometimes forgot to go and collect them. Please make sure your child's coat and all other clothing has a name in it, this way it has more chance of being reunited with them if they happen to leave it outside.

Sunshine

After seeing the sun shining this week we would like to remind you that on days when it may be particularly sunny or on the forecast could you please make sure that you put sun cream on your children in the morning before school and provide the children with a named sun cream bottle for them to apply when needed and a sun hat.

In the morning

Can we kindly ask that when children are collected from the playground at **8:45am** by their class teachers that parents and siblings remain outside. This allows children to become more independent and take responsibility for their own belongings.

Sports Day

Children in reception will be doing sports day along with the rest of school on **Wednesday 19th July**. Sports day lasts all day and is great fun for all involved! You are welcome to come and watch your child for all or part of the day. Please remember to bring your child a water bottle which is named clearly as the whole school will be carrying them and we do not want any to get lost if possible! Please also remember to put sun cream on your child especially if the weather is warm and sunny.

Dates for your diary

Parent consultation meeting - Monday 3rd July

Parent consultation meeting -Thursday 6th July

Transition afternoon - Wednesday 12th July

Transition day 1 -Thursday 13th July

Transition day 2 - Friday 14th July

Learning together on the Stray - Tuesday 18th
July

Sports day - Wednesday 19th July

Break up from school - Friday 21st July 2.05pm.

**Thank you for a fantastic year in Reception,
you have all been brilliant and we wish you and
your children every success in the future!**

**Miss Stockwell, Miss Manning, Mrs Bohills and
the FS2 team**