



Willen Primary School Bulletin 24.2.23

Friday 24th February 2023

Headteacher's Message



Welcome back! We hope that you had a wonderful half term.

As always, the team and I are here to help you and can be contacted via telephone on 01908 690098 or email (office@willenprimary.org).

Best wishes

Miss Matthews

office@willenprimary.org is the best route for all enquiries- feel free to email us anytime!

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Diary Dates (Spring 2)



28/2/23- Year 4 Trip

1/3/23- NEU Teacher Strike- see separate communication

1/3/23- St David's Day (House members are invited to wear yellow)

2/3/23- World Book Day (Character Dress Up day! See separate communication)

3/3/23- OPAL collection day

15/3/23- NEU Teacher Strike- comms to follow

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17/3/23- St Patrick's Day (House members invited to wear green)

29/3/23- Royal Institute Science Show for Families

31/3/23- Easter Egg Hunt

31/3/23- Year 4 Parent Assembly, 9am (Y4 families welcome)

31/3/23- End of Term

Monday 17th April- SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET TRAINING

18/4/23- Back to School, Summer 1

NEU Teacher Strike Action

URGENT

You may be aware from media coverage that one of the largest teaching unions, the NEU, have called for strike action because of a national dispute over teacher's pay and school funding cuts.

You will have received a letter about our plans for WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH. Our school will be partially closed on this day.

I would like to advise families to begin to consider alternative childcare arrangements for:

Wednesday 15th March

Thursday 16th March.

AMAZING SPECIAL OFFER FROM THE WSA!

WSA Early Bird Discounted Rate
Milton Keynes Theatre's
Cinderella
Usual ticket price - £31.50
WSA rate- £19!
Includes £4 donation to WSA
To secure this amazing rate
book online before March 29th
2023



Wed 3rd Jan 2024 - 7pm
Sat 6th Jan 2024- 2.30pm

Our wonderful WSA have managed to secure a limited number of tickets for Milton Keynes Theatre Pantomime 2023- their production of Cinderella! (see dates and costs in image above).

If you would like to book your tickets, please do so before the **23/3/23** as after this, this offer will disappear (a little like Cinderella at midnight!).

World Book Day 2023- Thursday 2nd March 2023



Come dressed as your favourite Book Character on Thursday 2nd March to celebrate this national event!

We genuinely urge families to NOT purchase a costume for this event, but instead to get creative with what they have at home. Awards for the best DIY costumes will be given in each Year group to encourage the children to save the planet (and your purses!) by using second hand/recycled resources for their costumes.

Of course, this event is entirely optional and children do not have to dress as a book character if they do not wish to.

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to those of you that supported this event. Your orders have been placed and as soon as they are in, we will contact you to arrange collection.

British Science Week 2023



1 - Willen's budding scientists will be embracing all things 'scientific' during British science week, 10-19 March. Mr Feaver, our science leader and the teachers will be holding special science related activities all week, with a focus on the science of food.

The Royal Institute, London will be hosting sessions the following week (for all children) and will be treating some of us to a live science show in the evening. We are sorry to say that this event is now SOLD OUT (in a record 12 hours!) but all children will get some time with the science expert regardless.

Easter Egg Hunt!



The WSA will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday 17th April.

Tickets to the event cost £1.50. This price includes a special Easter Egg trail and a special chocolate treat at the end!

If you would like to sign your child up, please visit school money shop to book a space. Please note that children who are intolerant to milk/chocolate will be able to book a special 'dietary requirement' ticket as an alternative. The prize will be edible but milk-free.

And in other news....

- We are currently seeking to recruit a Midday Supervisor and LSA. Details can be found on our school website (under vacancies)
- Do you have any suitcases on wheels that have seen better days? Our children have really loved playing with these as part of our Opal play offer...so please send them our way if you have any as we would love to have more! Thank you
- Would you like to volunteer to hear some of our children read? We are looking for volunteers willing to undergo a DBS check to read with our children on a weekly basis. If you are interested, please contact tchappell@willenprimary.org to discuss.
- Earrings- can we please remind families that we do not permit children to wear earrings for PE and we do not accept taping them as an alternative due to safety risk. If you are considering getting your child's ears pierced, we would strongly advise you wait for the summer holidays for the clear 6 week holiday. On the same subject, we are noticing some rather 'dangly' earrings on some of the children. Only studs and sleepers are permitted as part of our uniform policy. Thank you for your understanding
- As a school, we have noticed that uniform standards are slipping amongst certain pockets of children, particularly in KS2. School uniforms help to create a community and ensure equity amongst pupils. We will therefore be cracking down on items that do not meet our uniform policy over the coming weeks. Our uniform policy can be found [HERE](#): https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SVd9WByp4pOpCVkcnxTkEqD_SobOtjvH/edit . If you

are struggling in any way meeting our uniform expectations, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss. Thank you.

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