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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 17th February 2023, WEEK 4

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Willow Wood

The first term of Willow Wood is almost complete and what a successful start it has been. For children in Years 2 and 4 the experience has been a joy; comments such as 'this is the best thing ever' and 'I love Willow Wood' make all the hard work in gaining planning permission so worthwhile. Parents, thank you for supporting this project; we look forward to all other year groups having their turn soon.

Parentview

Here I go again! A gentle reminder that we are seeking your views on Ofsted's Parentview. With 92 entries we are still pushing for nearer 300 to be respectable. I was advised by a parent that giving your view is confusing as there are so many St Mary's; hopefully these instructions make it easier, thank you. Please help us to get number of respondents up.

Please click on the link below:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Instructions

Click on the box that says "Give your views now". Once you've done this, you will need to register or login. When asked for the school's name, type in our URN (unique reference number) 102914 and click search. Then click on our school's name and "St Mary's Church of England Primary School" will come up. You can then start the questionnaire.

Thank you.

OTHER NEWS

School-Run Clubs

Owing to the recent strikes, there have been a number of disruptions to school-run clubs this term. As such, please see below for the dates of the catch-up sessions being held for those that have missed them:

Wednesday 29th March

Y1 Spanish with Mrs Acosta-Rubio – infant site after school

Y2&3 Choir with Mrs Bonnett – middle site after school

Y2&3 Math Games with Mr Burgess – middle site after school

Netball Squad with Mr Cadman – junior site after school

Y4-6 Junior Choir with Mrs Freer – junior site after school

Thursday 30th March

Y2&3 MultiSports with Mr V – middle site before school

Y5&6 Hockey with Mr Burgess – junior site before school

Details of clubs running on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March were in the recent letter about strike action (sent on Wednesday 8th March) and all other school-run clubs will be finishing this week.

Message from Miss Caspersz, Computing Lead

Tik Tok

TikTok is one of the most talked-about social media platforms around. There is so much information about the app that Parent Zone have created a guide about functionality, reporting and privacy settings. Please follow the link to read the parental guide.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>

WhatsApp: What do parents need to be aware of?

The minimum age of use for WhatsApp is 16 years old. Young people may find themselves in group chats and could feel overwhelmed by the notifications, the content posted and pressure from others. Anybody in a group chat, even if they're not one of your phone contacts, will be able to see messages that you post, and you will be able to see theirs. You can't always control if you're added to a group chat; but remind children that they can always control their own participation within it – they can leave whenever they want to. What is funny to one person, may cause upset to another. If your child is being bullied, sees bullying within a group, or inappropriate content is being shared, then this is not acceptable and needs to be reported. Taking screenshots can be a useful way of saving the evidence.

WhatsApp allows the ability to link your web browser to your child's WhatsApp account – giving you full visibility of every message and correspondent. Simply visit <https://web.whatsapp.com> on your web browser and follow the simple instructions provided.

Weekly attendance: w/c 13th March 2023

Well done to Year 1 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' - the highest attendance this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	4	95.18%
Year 1	4	98.06%
Year 2	4	94.75%
Year 3	2	96.69%
Year 4	5	97.97%
Year 5	0	95.73%
Year 6	0	96.35%
Whole School	19	96.47%

FINALLY

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for giving us life and lovely families. Thank you for our friends and our education that we are so lucky to have. Please keep us all healthy and safe and help those who may be struggling. Amen.
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Yours sincerely



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