

AUTUMN TERM 1 BULLETIN

19th October 2018



Headteacher's Message

A big thank you from me to all those that supported our Harvest collection for the MK Food Bank.

The message in my assembly today was that people who share are STARS. So, thank you!

Miss Matthews



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Dates for your diary:

20/10– Cross Country Event, MK Bowl

24/10—Halloween Disco

25/10 LAST DAY of term 1

26/10/18 School CLOSED

05/11/18 Back to school (Term 2, Autumn 2)

5/11/18—Year 5 trip

7/11/18 Book Fair! (details to follow)

7/11/18 Phonics Workshop for families of Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils

9/11/18 Flu Immunisations

12/11/18– Parent's Evening, 3.30pm-5.00pm

14/11/18– Parent's Evening, 5.00pm-6.30pm

Knickers and Pants!

Can anyone help us? We are running incredibly low on pairs of spare knickers and pants for children. Ages 4-8 are desperately needed. If you are having a clear out and have some 'used but life left in them' knickers or boys pants, please can we have them? Thank you!

School Car Park

Please be reminded NOT to use this car park until after 5pm. Thank you!

Don't forget!

We are collecting old newspapers and plastic fizzy drink bottles (litre sized) for art projects. Thank you!

Is your child playing the 'Granny Game'?

Please be advised that there is another unsuitable online game/app doing the rounds at the moment. It's called the Granny Game. It is a horror game that involves violence beyond the age range of our children. Please keep an eye and ear out for your child! Thank you.



Before you buy your Christmas cards and gifts please read on

As per tradition, we are running an art project this term where each pupil will be creating a special piece of Christmas art. The resulting artwork will then be available for parents to purchase as quality personalised greetings cards, mugs, thankyou postcards, gift tags, stickers and wrap, posters, canvases etc.

For more details, why not take a look at the My Art Project website www.myartproject.co.uk

How proud your little ones will be when giving matching cards and gift wrapping to close family and friends. Personalised mugs are especially great gifts as they are a lasting keepsake, as well as being useful for that morning cuppa!

Ordering your products couldn't be more simple as there is an easy online shop where you can view your child's art using a unique reference code, check name spelling, and opt for free delivery to school with the main batch. Details will follow soon!

Attendance Matters!

Attendance is looking good with an overall attendance rate of 97% at the end of this first term. Well done everyone!

The most successful class with their attendance this half term is PENGUINS AND ZEBRAS! Both neck-and-neck with 98%!

The half term in numbers:

- 3 'Fines' for term time holidays processed
- 97 late arrivals to school
- 8 hours of learning missed due to lateness
- 73 late collections (6 hours of staff time wasted)
- 228 unauthorised absences
- 114 DAYS of missed due to unauthorised absences
- 13 attendance concern letters sent

Meet the Governors! - Margaret Hart



I have been Chair of Governors at Willen for over a year now. Whilst you may not always be aware of governors, I can assure you that we are always here in the background making decisions and monitoring progress for the benefit of you and your children. We cover all areas of school life and undertake regular meetings and school visits to ensure compliance with the law and positive outcomes for all pupils.

We were delighted to see the school achieve a grading of 'good' following our last inspection. We were also very pleased with our appointment of the new Head Teacher, who has now settled in and is making a positive impact in all areas. I continue to take regular walks around the school during the school day, and am always impressed by the calm working atmosphere, the polite friendliness of the children and the dedication of the staff.

Please feel free to stop me for a quick chat should our paths cross. I am always interested to hear from you.