

The Willow Warbler – Tuesday 9 January 2018

Dear Families

Welcome to the new 2018 year and Spring term ahead. I hope you enjoyed a lovely break with your children. As we start the new year, there are lots of exciting things happening and we look forward to your involvement.



School News updates

- Thank you to Sainsbury for supporting our festive lunch with a **free supply of crackers**.
- **Plastic Bottle tops are needed!** All colours please for updating our Broadwaters bottle top display in KS2 (please give to the office).
- **Mounted police** came to ask children to **potentially name a police horse** (with a name beginning with V). We shall hear shortly if one of our names was chosen.
- A **parent governor vacancy** has arisen. Details to be sent soon.

Please ensure you keep us updated with **CHANGES** to your **MOBILE NUMBER** or **ADDRESS**. We text most updates now.



New Year, New School Dog

The Willow are preparing to have a school dog based in Uma's office/my office. A separate detailed letter will be sent this week as the journey to find the right dog to join us begins!



KEY DATES

Monday 5th February—1.30-7pm
PARENT/CARER afternoon

****HALF TERM—Mon 12-Fri 16 FEBRUARY
school closed****



REMINDER: KS2 School meals are now £2.20 per day (£11 per week)



Please turn over

Dawn Ferdinand—Proud Headteacher of The OUTSTANDING Willow Primary School and Children's Centre

After school clubs and childcare—BESS (Broadwaters Extended School Childcare)

The Termly letter outlining club choices (until 4.30pm) will be sent out Wednesday 10 January to all families.

Please note that **booking opens Monday 15 January 2018 both online and in person.**

Until clubs start, childcare operates up to 4.30pm at £4 an hour and 6pm at £9 an hour (to include food).

Parent/Carer Meetings

DYSLEXIA Working Party

We have a growing number of children affected by dyslexia in our school/children's centre and would like to establish a whole school approach.. *We are starting with a Dyslexia Working Party inviting parents/carers and other experienced members of our community to share, discuss and review some of the available resources and contribute to the development of our inclusive strategy for dyslexic learners.* The meetings will take place in our main meeting room in the school.

The planned dates are: **Friday 26 January, Friday 23 March, Friday 25 May for meetings**

If you are interested please send an email to parents@thewillow.haringey.sch.uk.

The Willow Branch—Friday 2 February 2018 at 8am (free childcare)

We are excited to announce the start of The Willow Branch, a group of parents and carers who want to support the school. It will be *set up, organised and run by parents and carers.* The first meeting will be held on Friday 2 February 2018 from 8am to 8.40am—please do come along. There will be free childcare for Willow children in breakfast club (you must book a space via Umarani). **Please look out for the flyer coming soon with details.**

MOJO group— Parents/Carers in Reception/Year 1

Wednesday 24 January 2018 at 8.55am is the next date set for this supportive parent/carers group led by Edyta and Umarani (Uma). Please get in contact with Umarani to book on.

Please email parents@thewillow.haringey.sch.uk, drop in or call up.

School holiday dates ahead

Half term holiday—Monday 12 February until Friday 16 February 2018

Spring term finishes Thursday 29 March 2018 at 1.30pm (no childcare)

Summer term starts Tuesday 17 April 2018 at 8.45am

Uniform reminder

A reminder that ALL uniform is BLACK on the bottom—trousers, skirts, pinafores. Tights can be black or white. SHOES are black only. TOP are WHITE only—polo shirt, shirt, blouse. This includes PE kit as well.



Parents/Carers reminder

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child does well in education is to get them to READ at home EVERY SINGLE DAY!

The library is open before school and at lunchtime for children to use.