

Willow Brook News

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Welcome back! I do hope that you had a splendid break and that the sunshine of the Easter weekend made you feel like summer was really on its way.



Before I go any further, let me introduce you to the newest member of the Willow Brook family. This is Finn (more formally Fionnán), who was born in the early hours of Easter Monday. He weighed 6lb 15oz and has a very proud Mummy! I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Weston

Now that her maternity leave has officially begun, we have welcomed Miss Hayes to Year 1. She has enjoyed meeting her new class and they already seemed happy and busy this morning in her company.

The term ahead is always full of important days and dates and I have listed key events that are now in the diary. Please have a browse and add them to your

calendar. This is, of course, Year 6's final primary term and they have a very full agenda. As well as SATs tests in a few weeks, they have a DARE graduation, visits to new schools, their last primary disco, a final assembly to prepare and some parties to help them celebrate the joy of it all! I hope they make the most of every minute.

You will have received a letter earlier this week from our Friends of Willow Brook giving you details of how to get involved with the Spring Fair. Claire Fleming is working so hard to steer a group of enthusiastic parents and they would be glad of any help you could offer, however small. The Friends group have recently contributed to the outdoor gym equipment, making sure that our outdoor provision continues to motivate positive and active play. Our classrooms are now all equipped with interactive display screens thanks again to your fundraising efforts, and a contribution towards the 'Quad Pod' has meant that a bright, warm teaching space is available for music lessons and intervention work. If you would be interested in getting more involved with the Friends team by nominating yourself (or other willing volunteers!) for a committee role, there will be an Annual General Meeting on the evening of June 12th. If you need any information in the meantime, please feel free to get in touch.

As well as the extra-curricular events and diary dates, I hope that you have received a Learning Letter from your child's teacher telling you all about this term's curriculum and classroom news. After the success of our STEM topic last half term, we continue on a science theme and make the most of the great outdoors as we watch nature come to life with topics that spark an interest in the our amazing planet. We have one more whole school topic ready for after half term that may take on more of a political slant... Talking of government matters, I would like to confirm that the school will not be closed for local elections in May. We do, however, have two inset training days over the summer term – the first is on Monday June 3rd and the second on July 1st. (This second date coincides with Year 6's visits to South Wolds... much to their disappointment!)

And so, let the busyness commence!

With very kind regards,

Louise Ballard

Summer Term Dates for you Diary

April 30 th	Year 3/4 residential information evening 6pm
May 7 th	FGP governors meeting 6pm
May 9 th	Dance Festival – Year 2 Dance Club to perform
May 10 th	Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate or a bottle
May 13 th	KS2 SATs week
May 14 th	Full Governing Board meeting 6pm
May 16 th – 17 th	Year 3/4 residential
May 18 th	Spring Fair
May 20 th	Rushcliffe Pupil Parliament trip to London
May 22 nd	Year 5 trip to Space Centre
May 24 th	DARE graduation – 9.30am
June 3 rd	Inset day
June 6 th	Class group photos
Week beginning June 10 th	Phonics screening check – Year 1
June 12 th	Friends of Willow Brook AGM 7.30pm
June 21 st	School disco
June 26 th	SDP governors meeting 6pm
July 1 st	Inset day
July 1 st and 2 nd	Year 6 – South Wolds visit days
July 3 rd	End of Year Reports out to parents
July 4 th	Open afternoon 2.30 – 5pm
July 9 th	Sports Day 1.30pm (whole school)
July 10 th	Music Concert 6.30pm
July 11 th	(Reserve sports afternoon in the event of Tuesday rain)
July 12 th	Willow Brook Friends Summer Social 6.15pm
Saturday July 13 th	Year 6 leavers' party – by invitation only!
July 17 th	Warburtons bread making with Year 2
July 24 th	Last day of term – leavers' assembly at 9.45am
Tuesday 3 rd September	Autumn Term begins