

Willow Brook News

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Dear All,

With 18 school days left until the end of the academic year, Willow Brook days will soon be filled with those traditional primary school events that mark the summer term!

Next week's diary is a full one. Whilst we have an inset day on Monday, our fabulous Year 6 children are off to experience life at secondary school. Our 30 new Reception children will be making their second visit whilst Year 6 are out. They were brimming with confidence and a sense of adventure in their first afternoon... let's hope it's the same when they wave goodbye to their parents on Tuesday!

Also on that day, children will be meeting their new teachers for the first time as they swap classes and get a taste of September. I appreciate that there have been staff changes and a great deal of consultation and thought has gone into placing staff for the 2019/2020 academic year. As you know, Miss Hayes is staying with us on a year's contract and will be getting back to her more familiar Year 6 territory. Reception have already met Mrs Jones, our EYFS specialist, who is back with us full time until Mrs Sampson returns from maternity leave. Earlier this term the governors unanimously appointed Edwina Harris following an interview day where she proved that she would be an enthusiastic member of the Willow Brook community! She will be teaching Year 5 in September. Our final new member of the team – Mr Boyd – will be taking the reins in Year 1. His lesson and performance at his recent interview completely enthused both staff and children and I know that he comes with glowing references from his current school. Mr Jones will be moving into Year 2, making our key stage 1 department quite different next year! Miss Johnston will be moving to Year 4 and Miss Brearey is looking forward to teaching in Year 3.

Our new teachers will be with us for the class swap morning and Miss Harris is able to join us on Open Afternoon next Thursday. She is looking forward to meeting you. Whilst Mr Boyd has commitments at his current school on this day, he will be here on Tuesday morning. Please come and meet him first thing if you are able.

With Mr Jones in the role of deputy head, I am looking forward to watching our new staff team grow and work together to build the Willow Brook community. Whilst change can often be a daunting prospect and we will miss the staff who are moving to pastures new, there is so also the potential and excitement of welcoming new talent and personalities who will add to the rich primary school experience we aim to provide.

Whilst we are in the subject of a wonderful Willow Brook experience, the whole school have just recovered from the excitement of this morning's X Factor quarter-finals! Teachers and TAs were moved to tears (of both laughter and emotion) with the 11 acts who performed. So much talent and confidence! Our final will be in the afternoon of Friday 12th July (a little pre-warning if your child is destined for the final and you might wish to come and see them...). Right now, the whole school is in a parliamentary session! The hall has become the House of Commons and there is fierce debate at the dispatch box. Again, the learning and poise of your children is quite staggering. As the Queen, at 3pm I have to go and give Royal Assent to three new bills. Apparently, the Queen cannot object... so it's highly likely that South Wolds will be replaced with a Lidl or a Primark next week and that the school will have a dog called Barrington or Broccoli!

With kind regards,

Louise Ballard

Summer Term Dates	
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