

Willow Brook Contact

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Good morning and welcome to a new week.

I sincerely hope that Friday's Bank Holiday enabled your family to share a happy day together. From the photos I've seen and the emails I've received, it certainly looks like Keyworth found its community spirit... I'm sure I could hear the Fairway from my village!

This week

You will have received my Parentmail today which includes learning activities for your child. I'd thoroughly recommend the Talk for Writing booklet that was included in that email... so much so, that we have printed paper copies for you to work with. Please feel free to (safely) pick one up from school. The activity sequence that leads so neatly to a final piece of creative writing is far more reflective of primary school learning than a series of disconnected worksheets and should give a sense of achievement. If you use the booklet over the course of the week, we would love to see the finished results. Don't forget that all that we do is uploaded to the school website and your own class page contains everything that is sent by Parentmail.

The Term ahead

You will, no doubt, have heard the Prime Minister's broadcast last night and, like me, will have questions and comments on the logistics of the phased opening of primary schools. As we were informed, potentially Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will return in some capacity after half term. I ask for your patience over the next couple of days as the leadership team receive further details of the strategy from the Government and the Local Authority and start to consider how this will work. Whether your children are a part of this first phase or not, we will keep you fully informed as and when the practicalities of either coming to school or continuing to learn at home become clear. I fully understand that some of you will need to plan and prepare whilst others may feel anxiety as we move forward. I just want to assure you this morning that we will respond with the wellbeing of your children, your family and Willow Brook's staff as our priority.

I wish you a safe week ahead and send sincere regards to you all,

Louise Ballard