

William Law CE Primary School



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School Newsletter – 14th December 2018

Staff Update

Mrs Davis is leaving us at the end of December. We wish her well for the future. Mrs Paterson will be joining us on 2nd January 2019 as Inclusion Manager, we welcome her to the team.

Miss Mann, Class Teacher is leaving us at the end of December after 20 years of service at William Law. This is to develop her career. We wish her well in her new role at Paston Ridings Primary School. As previously advised, Mr Rideout is leaving to go back to Cornwall. Mrs Bennett and Miss Burch join us as Class Teachers from 2nd January 2019, we welcome them both to the team.

Lego League

For eleven years, school has entered a team for Lego League. They have to design a lego robot to undertake challenges. We appreciate that Perkins Engineers come and support, help and encourage the children. This year we won the best robot design award.

The children also have a subject. This year was problems in space. The children designed a banana robot that could sing and do exercises that could be done in space. The whole school was involved in recording the singing. The Lego League group went to Advance Performance for advice. They produced posters about team work. We congratulate them on winning overall first prize. Having won the regional competition they are now off to Bristol where all the regional winners compete, of which most will be secondary schools. We are very proud of their success. A huge thank you for Mrs Mayhead and Mrs Rushbrook for inspiring the children, running the club and being at the competition all day on a Saturday during December.



Safeguarding

It has been brought to our attention that an older person (in their 20's) is giving money and gifts to a child (of about 10) in Werrington. The Police are aware of this. This person was then asking the child to steal for them. We have talked to all Year 5 and Year 6 children about grooming. We have shown them the YouTube child sexual exploitation resource "Alright Charlie". Please watch it and talk to your child about these concerns.

Please keep your children safe online

A recommended website is H2bsafer. It helps with

- Privacy settings
- Restrictions on YouTube, ipad, iphone etc
- Age restrictions
- Safe search filters etc
- How to report anything you are not happy with



A person who never made a mistake, never tried anything new.

Albert Einstein

Open Door

We do have an open door approach at William Law and try to see parents/carers whenever possible. The Teacher is on the door morning and evening if it is a quick message. For a meeting please ask or email the Teacher. Please note that we are not on our emails constantly as we are teaching however we do our best to get back to any enquiries or concerns within 48 hours. If you are not satisfied with the outcome after seeing the Teacher you could then see the Team Leader. If you wish to see a member of the Senior Leadership team, that can be arranged however it is not always possible to see parents instantly. Please don't always expect to see the Headteacher initially with a query or concern.



Appointments During School Time



Wherever possible, please try and get your child's doctor and dentist appointments (non-emergency) out of school time or during the school holidays.

Bikes/Scooters



If your child brings a bike or scooter to school, can you please ensure that they lock them up as we have received several reports of thefts from other local schools.

Communication

How do William Law keep parents informed about their child's curriculum, work and process?

- New to Year Group meetings
- An annual written report
- Three parents evenings a year
- Through Twitter posts (Tapestry for Reception)
- Three Stay and Learn sessions offered (Stay and Play for Reception)
- Class assembly
- Curriculum maps on the website and sent home
- Homework tasks linked to their topic
- Holiday events and inviting parents into school e.g. Year 4 Expo afternoon, productions, excellence assemblies etc
- Meetings as and when required

Parent/Carer Volunteers

We wish to do all we can to maximise the learning opportunities for all children. Individuals and groups of children benefit tremendously from having access to an adult encouraging and supporting their learning activities. They really enjoy talking and learning with adult support. There is no doubt that children at William Law have access to many activities on a more regular basis thanks to all the parents who wish to become an active participator in the children's learning process. It is wonderful to be able to work with children and their enthusiasm is catching!

We are looking for volunteers who are confidential and share the ethos of the school to ensure that every class is given the same opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering in school please contact Mrs Peacock by email via office@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.



Football Club – Thank you!

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise the fantastic support that is given to our football club every week by Mr Gibbons.

Mr Gibbons is a qualified goalkeeper coach who has volunteered his coaching skills to our football club for a number of years now. His help has been invaluable, and the children thrive under his guidance. Thank you Mr Gibbons for all that you continue to do for William Law.



Questionnaires

Thank you for filling in the Parent/Carer Questionnaires. We had 172 returns. The results are on the website under Parents Pages. There will be an action plan drawn up with Governors. We do value your feedback.



Weather

The weather has dropped in temperature over the past few days. Please ensure that all children have a tracksuit in school for outside PE/Sport. If it is dry the children do outside PE/Sport and if they only have shorts they can get very cold.



Advanced Warning

Year 6 parents, if you owe any money to the school, even if it is a historic debt, it **all** has to be paid off before you will be able to purchase tickets to the Year 6 celebration evening in July 2019.

Parking



We have had several reports from local residents about parent/carers parking their vehicles in their streets when dropping off or collecting their children to/from school. The car parks in some of these areas are privately owned and the upkeep is the responsibility of the residents. Due to consistent use by parent/carers of this school these areas are deteriorating faster than they would ordinarily. Please can we ask you to be considerate and courteous when parking your vehicle around school.

There is a large community car park off Skaters Way and parking is available down Twelvetree Avenue so can we please ask that you try and refrain from using the residential streets to park in.

Prayer Group



Our Prayer Group welcomes Parent/Carers to join us to pray for the school, it's pupils and staff. Pre-school children are welcome.

Dates for Spring Term are:-

2nd January 2019
16th January 2019
30th January 2019
13th February 2019
27th February 2019
13th March 2019
27th March 2019

Meet at 8.55am at the school reception. Prayer time starts at 9.00am and finished around 9.30am.

School Events

Every child is different. Some get chosen to attend Maths challenges, some get chosen to attend sporting events and some get chosen to attend special events held at local attractions. Careful consideration is given to who gets chosen for what as part of the children's learning experience within the school day. If you wish to speak to someone about these events, please follow school's procedure of speaking to the class teacher or whoever organised the event rather than emailing the school or voicing your opinions on social media without giving the school the opportunity to respond to your concerns. Thank you.



Coffee Mornings



The Inclusion Teams Coffee Mornings take place between 9.00am and 11.00am

Wed 9th January - Autism & anxiety (Clare Ferguson - Advisory Teacher)
Wed 27th Feb - Struggling with words/vocab? (Helen Joslin, S&L Therapist)
Wed 24th April - Reading & spelling for children who struggle (Alex West)
Wed 26th June - Toileting/Bed-Wetting (Cressy Moule, School Nurse)

For further information, please contact the school office.

Well Being Champions

Our search for William Law Caring Cadets has been launched to KS2. It has been amazing to receive such a large number of applications. It shows how caring our children are.

Two children from each class will be carefully chosen by the Well Being Team in the new year.

William Law Caring Cadets
We care
We listen
We help you choose ways to feel better
We stay with you while you need a friend
We can be trusted



Growing Together



We're all juggling lots of things in life and sometimes things go well and sometimes they don't. Come along and share your experiences and get support in those difficult times.

The course takes 11 weeks to complete and will start on 11th January 2019 at 8.50am – 11.00am. The 11 weeks are very relaxed and there will be lots of laughter and support. All you need to bring is your experiences, good and bad, and any ideas that have worked for you.

This is a Government recognised course and there is a certificate for its completion.

Sessions will include: Behaviour; anger; fussy eaters; routines; rewards; play; consequences and lots more...

8.50am – 11.00am

Dates: 11 th January 2019	1 st February 2019	1 st March 2019	29 th March 2019
18 th January 2019	8 th February 2019	8 th March 2019	5 th April 2019
25 th January 2019	15 th February 2019	15 th March 2019	

Snow and Bad Weather

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of pupils and staff.

The decision to close the school will take account of the safety of all our pupils and staff, some of whom travel a great distance to school each day. We will always endeavour to open the school in the event of bad weather, as long as it is safe to do so.



If the school is open in snow or bad weather the decision as to whether or not to send a pupil to school, however, must be at the discretion of the parent, taking into account factors such as local road conditions and the availability of child care.

The school appreciates that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal; parents should endeavour to contact the school to let them know they are on their way if likely to be delayed. The school recognises there will be isolated instances where families are cut off, even where the clear majority of children can get into school. In such instances parents should inform the school of the circumstances of this exceptional situation, as the school has a duty to clarify the circumstances of each case, so as to be able to formally authorise the absence to the Local Authority.

Parents acting on the assumption that the school would be closed without gaining confirmation, or failing to inform the school of the circumstances that prevents the child coming into school risks their child being registered as an unauthorised absence.

In the event of bad weather, parents should check to see if the school is open before travelling to the site. There are a number of ways to confirm whether the school is open or closed.

- Check the School website and Twitter
- Listen for list of school closures on the local radio – Heart 102.70 FM
- Check the list of school closures on the Peterborough City Council Website:
www.peterborough.gov.uk

Please check the email address attached to your Parentpay account, as we may be able to update parents through Parentpay.

If the school is closed, we will try and make a decision as early as possible, and will intend to re-open as soon as we can.

If the school does open, but extreme weather develops during the day, we will aim to remain open until the end of the normal school day. However this is not always possible when roads are becoming treacherous. In which case parents will be contacted via Parentpay, Twitter and the School Website and asked to collect their children as soon as possible. Normal lessons may be curtailed and the remaining pupils assembled in groups under the supervision of authorised members of staff to await collection.

Staff will always make every reasonable effort to undertake the journey to school. It is appreciated that the journey may take longer than normal and therefore some staff may not be able to arrive before the normal start of the school day.

Well done to all the children in the Reception Nativity. The performance was delightful and we were so proud of them all. Thank you to all the staff. Thank you to the parents/carers for your support.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy and safe Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing the children back on Wednesday, 2nd January 2019.

**Mrs T Cunningham
Headteacher**

