

William Law CE Primary



School Newsletter – May 2022

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Since the last newsletter, lots of exciting opportunities have happened in school. EYFS have visited Dinosaur Land and had Come Dine with Me. Year 1 had Bikeability for the first time at William Law. It is amazing to hear how many children are able to now ride their bikes unaided. Year 4 performed their production of Hood Winked. We have held our first Music Evening since COVID. Various sporting events have been held for multiple year groups at Arthur Mellows Village College as part of our Sports Partnership. Finally, Year 2 and 6 have visited the Cathedral. What an exciting couple of months.



Thank you to all of you who engaged in the parent feedback forums, these have really helped to move school forwards. I am pleased to report that as a result of this positive home/school forum, we have successfully implemented some changes.

From September, we will be rolling out an online communication tool, which will allow you to see the achievements of your child on a more regular basis. This will be something similar to Tapestry. Please look out for further communication regarding this towards the beginning of the Autumn Term.

It is also great to report that we have addressed portion sizes of school dinners and introduced a more traditional meal menu. I continue to monitor this on a weekly basis.

As we move into the final term of school, the calendar starts to get busier. Please ensure that you have the dates of forthcoming events. To support you with this, please find the rest of the school calendar for this year at the bottom of this newsletter. We are now moving towards more face-to-face events and we are hopeful that Sports Day and School Association BBQ will happen with parents in attendance. Great things to look forward to!

Mr D Epton-Smith
Headteacher

Staff Update

Miss Bilal, Teaching Assistant has left William Law due to personal circumstances. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for everything she has done for the children and their families.

I am pleased to advise that we have appointed Mrs Singh as Lead Midday Supervisor and Mrs Bowering as Midday Supervisor, both of whom will be starting with us shortly.

Miss Byrne has recently been appointed as KS1 Team Leader. Miss Glenn has been appointed to Year 6 Leader and Miss Cundy leader of Year 5 until the end of the Summer Term in the absence of Miss Evans. Please escalate any concerns initially with the class teacher, then the team leader, then Mrs Paterson or Miss Lenton and finally with Mr Epton-Smith. This is in line with our Complaints Policy. Please ensure that you escalate concerns using the office email office@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk.

Personal Development

In school we provide a variety of activities to contribute towards the personal development of our children. This includes:-

- Bikeability - Year 1, 3 and 6
- Come Dine with Me – Year 1, 3 and 5
- Forest School – Year 3
- Class Assemblies
- Productions in Years 2 and 4
- EYFS Nativity
- Life Education - Drugs and Alcohol Focus – Year 5 and 6
- Expert Education Aspiration Workshops – Year 5 and 6
- Residentials – Year 4 and 6
- Trips and Visits
- Swimming
- Daily Worship
- Learning Powers
- Physical, Social, Health and Relationship Education (PSHRE)
- RE
- Prayer and Reflection Area
- Music Evenings
- Church School Values



These all give children the opportunity to develop a sense of self, develop personal qualities and provides key life skills.

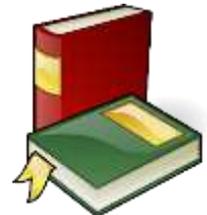
Sun hats and Sun cream



Please ensure that as the weather gets hotter, your child comes to school with a sun hat that they can wear when they are outside in the sun. Sun cream should be applied at the beginning of the day before you bring them to school. Children in Reception will have sun cream provided for them and staff will be available to ensure that they put this on correctly. Please ensure you have given the school permission to do so for Reception children.

Open Afternoons

To allow you to see all of your child/ren's books, we shall have two open afternoons this half term. These will start at 2.45pm – 3.30pm and be held on Monday, 23rd May 2022 and Wednesday, 25th May 2022. Please go to your child's classroom door. Gates will be opened early on these days. Next year, we shall be moving to a hybrid model for parents evening, with a mixture of virtual and face-to-face appointments.



50 things to do with your child before they are five

<https://cambspboro.50thingstodo.org/app/os>

Break and Lunch Times

If your child/ren bring things into school and take them out at break or lunch times i.e. trading cards etc, they do so at their own risk. This is not something that we are able to monitor. As a school, we do allow children to bring these in, but if issues arise, then we will have to consider banning them from school.



School Dinners

A reminder that ordering for school dinners is now done in advance and via ParentPay. A three week meal menu is uploaded and parents/carers need to make the menu choice from the selection available online. All orders will need to be submitted for your chosen days, ensuring you submit for the whole week by **12.00pm the Thursday before the preceding week**. We ask that all choices are selected by this day and time to ensure we cater for the correct number of children.



Leave of Absence Requests

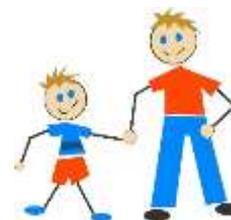
All requests for leave during term time should be submitted, giving four weeks notice as per our Attendance Policy, on the [Leave of Absence form](#) (available on the school website or from the school office). It should clearly show those who have parental responsibility for the child/ren and give a full explanation of the reasons for the absence request with evidence where possible. If no explanation or evidence is provided, the absence will automatically be unauthorised. The Headteacher will look at each request on it's own merit to make his decision.

As per the Attendance Policy (available to view on the school website - [Attendance Policy](#)) the Headteacher is unable to authorise any holiday within term time unless it is deemed an exceptional circumstance. If leave is taken you may be fined by the Local Authority. Please note that any Penalty Notice issued is done so by the Local Authority and not by the school.

As William Law are part of the PDET MAT, we also have to follow their guidelines on term-time absences which clearly states that "if an event can be reasonable scheduled outside of term-time then it would not be normal to authorise absence for such an event – holidays are therefore not considered 'exceptional circumstances'.

Permission to Collect your child

On admission, a parent completes paperwork that includes up to 4 contacts for their child (people we can call in case of emergency for example). These contacts have permission to collect the child and a parent is required to call and say 'Joe Blogs is collecting today'. The office staff will then check the contacts list and send a message down to the class.



If a child is being collected by anyone who is not an official contact, we require it in writing. For example, if a pupil is going home with another pupil, then school must obtain permission in writing i.e. Child A is going home with Child B for dinner. Child A's parents must confirm this in writing before school will allow Child B's parents to pick them up.

Lost Property

Lost property is located outside the school office between 8.00am and 4.00pm daily. Please ensure you visit the lost property if your child is missing items.



To prevent property becoming lost, please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name in order that they can be returned to them. Any items not collected by the end of term will be disposed of.

Arrival at school

The school gates open at 8.35am and children should be settled and in class by 8.50am. Children should not be brought to the school office unless they arrive after 8.50am. Children should enter school via the main gates and make their way to their classroom.



Fostering in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

We'd just like to share some information with you about fostering with your Local Authority – and what you can do to help us find safe, stable and loving homes for vulnerable children and young people.



The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fostering Service receives around 50 referrals every month, and we are doing everything we can to provide nurturing environments for our children and young person who need our help. We particularly need people who have experience of working with children, such as teachers, teaching assistants and other professionals from the education sector.

As your Local Authority, we are uniquely placed to support our Foster Carers in the following ways:

1. We are a not-for profit organisation and invest in our children, young people and Foster Carers
2. We enable young people to stay close to their family, friends and schools
3. Our carers are the first to hear about the children and young people who need a home and a loving family
4. If a decision needs to be made about the child, we can make it quickly as the Local Authority is the decision maker
5. We offer our carers excellent bespoke training and support
6. We are competitive in pay against IFAs with additional tax savings

If you can provide a safe, loving environment in which a child or young person who cannot live with their birth family can flourish, please get in touch:

- Call 0800 052 0078
- Text FOSTERING to 60777
- Email fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or fosteringandadoption@peterborough.gov.uk
- Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering or www.peterborough.gov.uk/fostering
- Follow @CCCFostering or @PCCFostering on Facebook



Coffee and Catch Up / Parent participation

As we move out of Covid restrictions more comfortably, we are looking at bringing parents back in to school to work alongside us to ensure we are all working towards the best outcomes for the children. We are working with a local charity, Family Voice, to ensure you have all the answers you may need. Family Voice are parents whom understand the demands of being a parent of a child with additional needs better than others and have a wealth of experience to share with you along the way. Please use the booking link below if you would like to attend any of the sessions.

<p>William Law - Parent Participation Workshop: What is parent participation, what does it mean to the individual parent?</p>	19/5/22	9:30 - 12:30	WL Parent Participation Workshop Booking	
<p>William Law Coffee Afternoon Are you a parent carer of a child at William Law Primary School? Family Voice Peterborough is teaming up with William Law Primary School to help you meet others and understand what support is available to you, take part in training and more.</p>	19/5/22	13:30 - 14:30	WL Coffee Afternoon Booking	WL Coffee Afternoon ZOOM Link
<p>William Law – Behaviours That Challenge Workshop: Signposting & Support</p>	8/6/22	9:30-12:30	WLS Behaviours that challenge 8/6/22 - booking link	
<p>William Law Coffee Morning Signposting & Support</p>	6/7/22		WLS Coffee mornings-Booking link	

National SEND Review:

The long awaited publication of the National SEND review has now been released. It outlines the main areas that were found to be a national issue and that the government are looking to resolve along with how they anticipate these changes to come about.

Consultations for your views on the report have been extended to the 22 July 2022. Should you wish to have your say on the review, the information can be found at the link below along with 2 versions of the findings.

Gov.uk link to full information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/send-review-right-support-right-place-right-time>

Full Report:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1063620/SEND_review_right_support_right_place_right_time_accessible.pdf

Easy Read Version:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1073623/SEND_Review_consultation_Easy_Read.pdf

Half term offer:

Little Miracles has hired out Play2Day at Guyhirn on the 31st May for the day for their members to attend free of charge. If you are not a member you can sign up for free. Please see the link below for more information. <https://airtable.com/shrJ14K4IRUC3HYmK>

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
13 th May 2022	Class Assembly – 14R Forest School – Class 11
16 th May 2022	Year 6 Caythorpe Residential
17 th May 2022	Visit to Peterborough Cathedral – Year 3
20 th May 2022	9.00am – Class Assembly – 11R Census Day Forest School – Class 11 Year 6 return from residential
23 rd May 2022	British Values Week EYFS Cathedral Visit 2.45pm – 3.30pm – Open Evening
24 th May 2022	3.30pm – 6.30pm – Parents Evening
25 th May 2022	Year 5 Maths Enrichment – Wickstead Park Visit 2.45pm – 3.30pm – Open Evening
26 th May 2022	9.00am – Class Assembly – 13SG Forest School – Class 11 4.30pm – 7.30pm – Parents Evening Queen's Jubilee Celebration Day
27 th May 2022	Training Day – No children in school
30 th May to 3 rd June 2022	HALF TERM
6 th June 2022	Year 4 Grafham Residential Year 1 and 2 Phonics Screening Check Week Deadline for receipt of applications for The Hive Out of School Club academic year 2022/2023 (current attendees only)
7 th June 2022	Year 1 – Grow your own Potatoes trip
8 th June 2022	Year 4 return from Residential
10 th June 2022	Class 12 – Forest School
16 th June 2022	2.00pm – 3.00pm – EYFS Induction (Group A)
17 th June 2022	9.00am – Class Assembly – 8W Forest School – Class 12
20 th June 2022	Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
21 st June 2022	Year 1 – Ferry Meadows Trip

22nd June 2022	Year 1 – Ferry Meadows Trip
23rd June 2022	2.00pm – 3.00pm – EYFS Induction (Group B) 6.00pm – Music Evening
24th June 2022	9.00am – Class Assembly – 20F Forest School – Class 12
30th June 2022	2.00pm – 3.00pm – EYFS Induction (Group A)
1st July 2022	9.00am – Class Assembly – 6R Forest School – Class 12
6th July 2022	2.00pm - Year 2 Concert to Parents
7th July 2022	2.00pm – 3.00pm – EYFS Induction (Group B) 6.30pm – Year 2 Concert to Parents
8th July 2022	9.00am – Class Assembly – Dragonflies Forest School – Class 12
11th July 2022	Deadline for receipt of new Reception cohort for The Hive Out of School Club application forms for academic year 2022/2023
13th July 2022	Sports Day for EYFS – Year 2 – Parents are invited to attend
14th July 2022	Sports Day for Years 3 – 6 – Parents are invited to attend
15th July 2022	6.00pm – 8.00pm - School Association BBQ Forest School – Class 12
18th July 2022	Alternative Sports Day
19th July 2022	Alternative Sports Day Year 6 Leavers Disco
20th July 2022	7.00pm – Year 6 Celebration Evening
21st July 2022	2.00pm – Year 6 Leavers Service Last day of Term
5th September 2022	First day of the new Academic year

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