



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### **Dear Parents/Carers**

It's been lovely to see the school full of children over the last three weeks and attendance in school has been fabulous. Keep it up. The topics we have covered in the Spring term were Healthy Eating and Listening. Listening is an essential skill for children to be able to learn and develop new skills.

In the summer term, KS1 children will be learning about Flash, Bang Wallop Science and finding out about Scientists, plants and materials as well as their Phonics, literacy and numeracy skills. Foundation children will be learning about plants and what they need to grow.

### **Our Super Hero**

Last week, one of our pupils showed how brave they were and saved their Mummy's life by getting help from a neighbour to call an ambulance. We are so proud of our Superhero. Well done!



# Covid Test Results over the Easter Holidays

Don't forget that if you or a member of your household develops Covid symptoms in the first week of the Easter holidays (up to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April), you must take a Covid test and inform the school about a positive Covid test result. You can send an email with the test results to Joanna.orbell@thewillowseyc.org.uk.

Parents of children in school can continue to check for asymptomatic Covid (ie when you are not displaying the known symptoms of a regular cough, raised temperature and loss of taste or smell). Families and households can access <u>home test kits for</u> <u>adults</u> by clicking the link to the Government website. The Government have asked that parents of children in schools should use the Lateral Flow Tests to:

- test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to) including over the Easter holidays
- report results <u>online</u> as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
- test before returning to school or college for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases.

### **Easter Bonnets**

Well done to all the children who sent in photos of their Easter bonnet creations. They looked fantastic. We have put photos of them on a display in the School Reception and the winners will receive an Easter egg prize.





# Easter Holiday Activity Packs for Children

Campbell Park Parish Council have produced some free Activity Packs for children to help keep them entertained during the Easter holiday.

The packs contain a range of paper-based activities including colouring sheets, wordsearches, mazes, spot the differences along with some pencils, pens/crayons and some craft items to

make an Easter bunny decoration.

The packs will be available for collection from a pick-up point in each area of the Parish from this Friday. Please see the email sent to parents on Wednesday for more information.

## **Book Amnesty**

Over the past 12 months of lockdowns, we have loaned lots of books to children to help support them with their reading. Some of these books were never returned. Please use the Easter holidays to search at home for any books belonging to the Willows School. Check the inside cover for a Willows School stamp. We really need them back. After the Easter holidays, we shall have to charge parents £5 per book for non-returned books. Thank you for your help with this.

# **Tuck Shop**

Tuck (30p/week) will start after the Easter holidays on Tuesdays. Balances from the Autumn term have been carried forward.

# Willen Hospice Fund-raising Event

Willen Hospice is inviting families to take part in their Teddy Bear Hunt over Easter Half term and help them find twenty sneaky teddy bears hiding around Willen Lake.

The fundraising event costs just  $\pounds 5$  for the whole family, and can be completed any time between 29 March –



11 April. Sign up includes a Teddy Bear pack containing a children's colouring in sheet, sponsorship form, recipe for teddy bear biscuits, and of course, a list of clues!

There are also fantastic prize bundles up for grabs. Entry includes one free ticket for the prize draw, but extra tickets can be purchased when booking. The six prize bundles are for ages 0 – 7+, and include craft kits, games and toys.

Willen Hospice needs to raise £4.7M every year, which has become increasingly challenging due to the pandemic. Events like the Teddy Bear Hunt are a great way to support the local Hospice and have fun at the same time. Visit www.willen-hospice.org.uk/teddybearhunt to sign up.

## **Diary Dates**

| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March | 3.00pm | Term ends for the Easter holidays   |
|-------------------------------|--------|---|
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April | 8.45am | Start of the Summer term  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May   |        | Advance notice of the Willows World Book Day –<br>children can dress up as their favourite book character |

### Attendance.

| W/C 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 |            |                             |  |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Year                            | Class Name | % Attendance                |  |
| Rec.                            | Badgers    | 100% <b>1</b> <sup>st</sup> |  |
| Rec.                            | Hedgehogs  | 97.7%                       |  |
| KS1                             | Squirrels  | 98.5%                       |  |
| KS1                             | Rabbits    | 94.5%                       |  |
| KS1                             | Owls       | 96.8%                       |  |
| Total at                        | lendance   | 97.2%                       |  |

We are really pleased with pupil attendance this week. Keep it up for the Summer term. Your child can be a HERO everyday. Well done **Badgers** with an attendance of 100% for the week beginning **15<sup>th</sup> March** 

The whole school attendance for that week was 97.2%.

Good attendance at school is important for your child's development & progress. Please ensure your child attends every day and not take holidays in term time.

We want every child to be a H.E.R.O every day, Here. Every day. Ready to learn. On time.

