



Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Farewell

We are saying a huge thank you and a sad good bye to Mrs Lisa Nicholls and Mrs Karen Littlewood who will be leaving us at the end of next week. We wish them well in their new jobs.

COVID-19 – Face Coverings will continue at the Willows School

Although the rules are changing on Monday 19th July, we are asking parents to continue to wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting children from school. Cases of Covid-19 are increasing in Milton Keynes and nationally and some schools in Milton Keynes are closing early next week because of the numbers of staff and pupils in isolation. We want everyone to have a safe Covid-free summer holidays. Please remember that everyone over 18 can have a Covid vaccination and there are Grab a Jab Walk in Vaccination appointments available if you haven't booked yours.

<u>Please remember if your child or anyone in your household has symptoms of COVID-19</u> you will need to book a PCR test as soon as symptoms appear.

If someone in your household develops Covid-19 symptoms, however mild, please do not send children to school or nursery. Family members have to stay at home until the person with symptoms has a confirmed negative Covid PCR test.

You can book a FREE PCR test by calling 119 or visiting <u>https://www.gov.uk/get-</u> <u>coronavirus-test</u>

The Big School Uniform Sale 22nd-24th July

Willen Hospice is planning an event to help families buy affordable 'pre-loved' and new school uniforms and to raise funds for the Hospice. It is being held at Willen Hospice Clearance Outlet in CMK (the former Staples shop opposite Network Rail) from 22 – 24 July. All second hand donated uniform will be from £1 per item and brand new uniform items will be available at 80% OFF the retailers' price.



Event dates and times:

Thursday 22 July: 10am – 8pm Friday 23 July: 10am - 8pm Saturday 24 July: 10am - 4pm The address is: 1 Grafton Gate East Milton Keynes MK9 1AH

Dinner Menu Orders

We are finalising our school dinner orders for the first week back in September. If you haven't returned your child's form yet please do so by Wednesday 21st July. If you do

not return the form, your child will need to bring a packed lunch in the first week back in September.

Year 2 Leavers Party – Wednesday 21st July 4pm – 6pm

On Wednesday 21st July, our Year 2 children are having a Leavers Party. Please collect your child at 3.00pm as usual so they can go home to get changed into their party clothes and return to school for 4pm.

The fun ends at 6pm. Please pick up your child promptly from the main School entrance.

Parks Trust Summer Events

The Summer School Holidays are almost here and The Parks Trust have got an exciting programme planned for families so you can keep your children entertained whilst enjoying MK's fantastic green space. From Bug Hunting to Pond Dipping, they have a range of free and low-cost activities available to book.

You can view all the activities available on their website - <u>www.theparkstrust.com/get-involved/outdoor-learning/holiday-activities</u>

Diary Dates

Monday 19 th July	8am – 8.45am	Year 1 & 2 Mayors Celebration Performance – Places have been pre booked.
Wednesday 21st July	4pm – 6pm	Year 2 children's Leaving Party
Thursday 22 nd July	3.00pm	End of Term

Summer Holidays – School re-opens Monday 6th September

Attendance.

W/C 5th July 2021				
Year	Class Name	% Attendance		
Rec.	Badgers	99.0%		
Rec.	Hedgehogs	99.2% 1 st		
KS1	Squirrels	97.7%		
KS1	Rabbits	95.7%		
KS1	Owls	93.4%		
Total attendance		96.8%		

Well done **Hedgehogs** with an attendance of **99.2%** for the week beginning **5th July**.

The whole school attendance for the week of 5th July was **96.8%**.

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, **H**ere. **E**very day. **R**eady to learn. **O**n time.



