

Start times, Breaktimes and Lunchtimes

Willows will begin school at 8.50am. They should enter school via the classroom door. Can we ask that parents please do not congregate around the classroom door or the double doors that lead to the Junior corridor as Mrs Nolan's class will need to enter. Please ensure that social distancing guidelines are adhered to.

Breaktimes will be taken within the Upper Key Stage 2 'bubble'

The children will eat their lunches in the classroom from 12.00pm to 12.30pm and will then have an allocated half hour playtime on the yard within the Upper Key Stage Bubble.

The children should be collected at 3.10pm from the classroom door.

If you wish to allow your child to walk home alone please email the school office with your written consent.

'Novel Around A Theme'

We try to base as much of our English Work as possible around a half termly novel. Our novel this half term is 'Boy' by Roald Dahl. It would be most helpful if the children could have their own copy of the book for the half term in order to access it at home and at school. All local libraries will happily order in books for members at no charge but at the moment it is probably worth giving them a call in advance.

We are really looking forward to teaching Willows this year and working in partnership with you all.

Please remember to visit our class website for news and photos.

www.stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

Welcome to Willows Class



Information for Parents
2020–2021

A warm welcome to Willows class!

Welcome back to you all. We are so glad to see you all again after this strange time. As you will expect there are many changes we have had to make to ensure we are following updated guidance. Lots of things may be subject to change but we will keep you updated throughout the term. Please find enclosed information that will guide you and your child through the academic year. Wishing your child an enjoyable year in Willows Class.

Teaching staff

Willows Class is taught by Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd. Mrs Cooper teaches Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Todd teaches on Thursdays and Fridays. The class is supported by Mr Rush and Miss Poston.

Personal belongings

Your child is responsible for looking after their own belongings. Please make it easier for them by naming all items of clothing, including coats, hats and scarves. The cloakroom will not be used this term to comply with Covid guidance. Coats should be kept with the child in class on the back of their chair. Please do not bring in school bags. Pencil cases will be provided by school this year with equipment needed for classwork. Please do not bring in pencil cases or toys from home. Your child will need a spill proof water bottle that will be refilled by staff throughout the day. If your child is bringing a packed lunch from home it needs to be in a plastic (not fabric) lunch box that can be cleaned every night at home. Lunchboxes will need to be stored under the child's desk in class.

PE kit and Forest School

Our P.E day is Friday. This will be outdoor P.E. On Fridays your child will need to **come to school in their P.E kit**. This should be navy blue jogging bottoms, white t shirt, plain navy blue hooded top / sweat-shirt and suitable outdoor trainers.

Forest School will be every other Thursday. This will begin on **Thursday 17th September**. On their Forest School day the children should bring their Forest School kit (joggers, sweatshirt, waterproof jacket and trousers and Wellington boots) in a named carrier bag and place them in the garage on the junior yard before coming into school. These will then be sent home that night.

Medical information

Please ensure that if your child needs any medication within school such as inhalers, that they are in date and the relevant medical form has been completed at the office. All medication should be clearly named and handed to the school office as soon as possible. Please note, it is the parents responsibility to ensure medication is in date.

Reading

There is an expectation that children in Years 5 and 6 should be reading for a minimum of 20 minutes each night.

Free Readers should have a book at home which stays at home and a book at school which stays at school. Our school library is closed at the moment but our class library will be available. Reading diaries should be returned to school on Fridays so that we can check that the children have completed their home reading. These will be stored over the weekend and checked and returned every Monday.

For children on the Reading Scheme books will be sent out on a Monday and should be returned on a Friday.

Guided Reading will take place daily in class.

Newsletters

In order to protect our planet, weekly school and class newsletters will be posted on our school website unless a paper copy is requested. Please let the office know if you are unable to access the internet and require a paper copy.

Homework

For this term homework will all be undertaken online. This will be a combination of TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed and Purple Mash. Passwords will remain the same as last year. Please ask if you need a new one setting. Spelling Shed will be set on a Monday and spellings tested the following Monday. Purple Mash and TT rockstars will be set on a Thursday and will need to be completed for the following Thursday.