Dear Parents and Carers,

The saying is ‘time flies fast when you’re having fun’ – this year must have been so much fun – it has passed so quickly!

The end of this year is quite a significant time for our school as we mark the early retirement of Ms Kiely who has been the Head Teacher for 18 years, ever since the school opened. We all thank her for her dedication to the families of Willenhall and her service to the education of hundreds of children who have passed through the school. She has many exciting plans for the future.

We are also saying goodbye to some members of staff; Miss Coulson, Miss Dixon and Miss Sperling – we wish them every success and happiness in their new teaching posts. It is also farewell to a long-serving member of staff – Mrs Corden – she is also making plans to enjoy retirement.

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils on the fantastic SATS results (full details will follow next term) – we are so proud of you! We wish every one of you good luck and happiness as you move in to the next stage of your education.

We have already started planning for next year and look forward to developing a strong relationship with you, our parents, to work towards the best educational experience for your children. If you have any suggestions on improvements from your point of view, please let us know.

Finally, enjoy a safe, happy and sunshine-filled holiday.

Ms Knowles — Head Teacher

Remember—we’re going cashless from September

Please remember that as of September 2019, the School will be cashless. All payments must be made online via the Schoolgateway (app or website). There will be a PayPoint option for people who are unable to make online payments. For more details please come to the school office.

IMPORTANT—ACTION REQUIRED BY ALL PARENTS

During your recent Parents Evening appointment you will have been handed a yellow Emergency Contact form and a blue EDVIS form. Both forms are of high importance and must be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. If you require additional copies of either forms, please come to the school office.

You will NOT be able to purchase uniform during the first week back in September

The first week back is an extremely busy time of the year. To assist with the smooth running of other aspects of the school, you will not be able to purchase uniform from the school office between the 2nd and 6th September. However, you can do so from the Andy Blair Sports and Schoolwear Shop on Barker Butts Lanes, Coventry, CV6 1DY.
Year 6 Trip to France

During the early morning of Tuesday 11th June, thirty Year 6 pupils boarded a coach and began their journey to France. As the ferry approached Calais the pupils' excitement grew.

When the pupils arrived at the chateau they made their own crépes before getting some well deserved rest. The next day, pupils went to the Snail Farm where they learnt about snails and were even able to taste them! In the evening, the pupils were given the honour of laying a wreath at Menin Gate, on behalf of our school.

The following day, the pupils went to the French market to test their language skills, each pupil spoke in French to purchase ingredients for a dessert treat. After that, the pupils went to the Bee Farm where they sampled honey and were taught about bees! After a day of activities, the pupils were able to unwind at the chateau disco—it’s hard to say who had the most fun out of the pupils and the staff!

Before they boarded the ferry to return to the UK, pupils and staff went the Chocolate Factory; every child decorated their own bar of chocolate!

*"The Chateau we stayed at was very enjoyable and it was a memorable experience. This was because of all the activities that were presented to us. We enjoyed the food as we were allowed to create our own meals. We enjoyed visiting the snail farm and bee farm where we learnt about French culture, tried to improve our French and tasted different examples of French food."* - Caitlin, Taylor and Aichatu.

Nursery Stay and Play Session

New children are joining our Nursery class in September, so we decided to invite them and their parents into our Nursery classroom for a special stay and play session. The pupils and parents were able to meet one another and explore both the indoor and outdoor classrooms. This was an opportunity for the new children to become familiar with the classroom setting and their class teachers.

Did you know you can change the language of the school website?

Scroll to the bottom of the homepage, past our Twitter feed and click on ‘Select Language’, from here you can select your preferred language choice. We have circled this in the screenshot below to help you.
Please keep your child’s details up to date

Fortunately, accidents and emergencies don’t happen very often but when they do the School needs to be able to contact parents immediately. If your child falls ill during the school day we need to be able to contact you. We also like to keep parents informed about school visits and events taking place in school. It is essential that we have up to date contact details for parents and children at all times.

If you move house or change your phone or email details, you must notify the school immediately. You can notify the school of changes anytime and anywhere through the SIMs Parent App. We have sent all parents a letter with details and an email invitation to register. If you haven’t registered yet please do this as soon as possible and check that your child’s details are up to date.

The school office will be happy to help if you are having problems accessing the app.

If you are unable to access the app please request a paper data-checking sheet from the school office.

Year 5 Residential Trip

Some of our Year 5 pupils went on a residential trip to the Xplore Centre in Suffolk. It is safe to say that they thoroughly enjoyed their time there!

The pupils took part in activities such as rifle shooting, archery and rock climbing. For most pupils, it was their first attempt at activities such as these but a few pupils proved to have natural talent! Everyone showed true resilience and teamwork by supporting one another.

The staff are so proud of the of pupils’ amazing behaviour and attitude during the three day visit. Below are some the comments that pupils made about their time at the Xplore Centre:

"The trip was lots of fun!" - Dawid

"It was fantastically enjoyable!" - Imogen

"All of the activities were really fun. We got to try things we have never done before." - Phoebe

"It was a great experience for us all." - Naimah

"The staff there were really friendly and welcoming." - Tyler

"It was brilliant, fun and amazing!" - Cameron

"The trip was wonderful and adventurous." - Arianna

"The activities were fun, adventurous, and exciting." - Phoebe

Attendance Statistics

We have seen a huge improvement in the school’s overall attendance this year and would like to thank all the parents and carers for their continued support.

During the school year, 50 of our pupils have attended school every day and have therefore achieved 100% attendance for the whole school year! Throughout the Summer Term, 201 pupils have achieved 100% attendance.

A very big well done to you all!
The Year 2 pupils from Willenhall Community Primary School went on a visit to Burnham-on-Sea on Thursday 27th June. The purpose of trip was for pupils to be able to experience and identify the physical features of the coast. The pupils had been learning about the coast in their Geography lessons.

It was a very early start for both staff and pupils but the anticipation of the events ahead kept everyone going! With toes in the sand, the pupils were able to apply learnt vocabulary to describe the physical features of the environment around them. To demonstrate this, each pupil created an observational drawing of the key features in the scenery around them, such as the jetty and the wind-sock.

The pupils were then able to enjoy some free time playing on the beach. They had a lot fun burying each other in the sand and making sand castles!

At lunchtime the children headed to the local café where they enjoyed a traditional seaside lunch. Yum!

Here is what one pupil had to say about the trip: “The best bit was when we made the sandcastles. For lunch I had burger and chips but you could have peas or beans as well. I would definitely go back to Burnham-On-Sea with school.”

On 27th June our school choir took part in another event at Warwick Arts Centre, organised and led by members of the Armonico Consort. Our school was part of a massed choir compiled of hundreds of other school children and the Armonico Consorts choir.

This is the fourth concert that we have had the opportunity to perform in, and it was one with a bit of a difference—it was entirely in English (often we sing in German and Latin!). It was a piece based on the tale of Beowulf, and the choir was accompanied by a harp and a keyboard. The narrator for this performance was Harry Potter star Oliver Phelps (He played one of the Weasley twins in the films). This was a lovely surprise for the Harry Potter fanatics among the pupils.

We were extremely proud of our pupils as always, who sang with great enthusiasm and even, some of them, without looking at the words.

We would like to thank Ms Kiely and Ms Knowles who came to support us in the audience.

From September 2019 we will have a PE Uniform for all pupils, this will consist of:

- black school logo t-shirt
- black shorts or jogging bottoms
- black trainers and black socks.

The t-shirt is available to buy from the school office for £3.00.