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Primary School

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Newsletter

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Young Scientists Experimenting on Seeds



Our young scientists in Year 2 have been immersed in conducting an experiment on the best conditions for growing seeds.

The photograph above was taken as part of a suite of pictures commissioned for our website. There are already many lovely photos on our website, but they need constantly updating and refreshing in order to reflect our current cohort and what life at school is currently like.



The Future of Parents Evenings - online or face-to-face?

This year we have been forced to hold our parents evenings online due to Covid-19. Assuming that we are allowed to revert to face-to-face meetings at some point during next academic year, the question is, should we? Do our parents want to revert back to traditional face-to-face meetings or stay with the new online meetings?

There are some very obvious advantages to holding parents meetings online:

- Your 10 minute meeting takes place exactly on time ! No waiting in corridors for meetings that are running 30-40 minutes late just for a 10 minute meeting.
- No hassles, getting to school on a dark, wet autumn night with various tired, little family members in tow. No problems parking or walking.
- You can have the meeting from wherever you are online
- You still get to talk to your teacher 'face-to-face' (via a video platform) and you get to hear exactly the same information

"As much as I like coming in, it runs more on time online and is more convenient with child care other activities etc. For example I was able to sit in the car park for one parents evening whilst my child was at their sporting activities rather than them miss it so they could sit in and wait for me to come home. "

On the other hand, parents also value the in-person nature of meeting their child's class teacher.

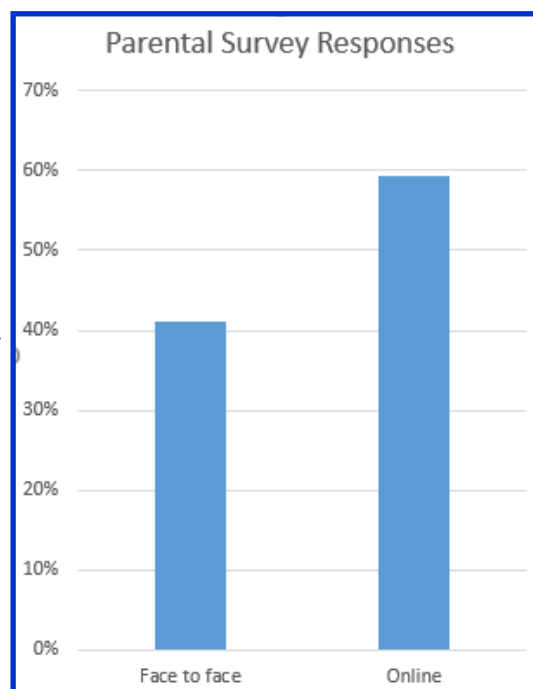
"As a parent I feel that it is nice to actually have a face to face meeting with the teacher "

One thing that remains the same whether online or face to face, is the duration of the meetings. These have to be strictly time-limited in either scenario. With a class of 30 children, it takes 30 x 10 minutes = 300 minutes = 5 hours (+ some short breaks for the teacher). This is normally split between two or more nights, but it is still a heavy workload on top of a full day teaching and the preparation needed for the next day. There is therefore no scope to make these meetings longer. So whilst the sight of a clock online might give the impression of being more time-limited, it is no different to the time allowed for face to face meetings. It is also always the case that significant issues should have been discussed with parents as they arise and not left to parents evening.

To help us decide on the best way forward we asked our parents which they would prefer. Across the school, there was a preference in favour of online meetings. However, there was still a sizeable minority who preferred face-to-face meetings.

Going forward, we will therefore plan to offer a choice of face-to-face or online meetings. Both meetings, whether at home or at school, will be strictly limited to the usual 10 minutes. We will then review our offer based on actual take up.

Many thanks to all our parents who responded to our survey—your opinion really does matter and helps us to improve our service.



Thank you Mrs Marsden !

At the end of this week, we say a sad goodbye to Mrs Marsden who will be retiring from full-time education.

Mrs Marsden has been at Willerby Carr Lane Primary School since 1993! As well as covering classes, teaching RE and PSHE, and accompanying residential trips, she has also acted as School Inclusion Manager, supporting children with Special Educational Needs. She has been a pillar of our school community and will be much missed - we wish her all the best for the future.

Thank
You
So
Much



(I'm pleased to say however, that Mrs Marsden will still continue to run the Out Of School Club!)

In future, for all enquiries related to SEND, please get in touch with our SENCO, Mrs Turnbull.



Members of our Inclusion Team on World Book Day
(pictured left to right)

**Mrs Turnbull (SENCO), Mrs Chawner (ELSA—Emotional Support Learning Assistant),
Mrs Marsden (Inclusion Manager), Mrs Johnson (SEN support)**

Years 3 and 4 learning the optimal throwing technique for javelin and shot put



School has now been open, uninterrupted, without any bubbles bursting, since re-opening on March 8th.

That covers 3 weeks prior to Easter and 7 weeks since Easter, without having to send any classes home.

It may not seem like a very long time, but it is really significant and very welcome. It is so difficult for children and staff when their education is continually interrupted.

We hope, when we return after half term, that we can continue to operate without bubbles bursting, right through to the Summer holidays. We all still have a part to play. It may seem that things are getting safer, but the virus is still present and we all need to still be mindful of keeping safe whilst enjoying the easing of restrictions.

The government roadmap has June 21st as the next possible step in easing restrictions along the way. However, even if this milestone is reached, it is highly unlikely that school will return to normal. It is expected that we will still be operating in bubbles and with staggered operation. It is also unlikely that we will be able to invite parents to mass gatherings outside, such as sports' days, or large events inside. We will of course keep liaising closely with the Local Authority, PHE and the DFE and work within their guidance to keep everyone safe whilst striving to return as much as possible to normal.



Year 6 Residential set to go ahead on June 7th to June 9th



We are delighted that we are able to run our Year 6 Residential trip to PGL at Caythorpe Court this year. After the great disappointment of last year's cancelled event, we have been working closely with PGL, our bus operators and the LA to enable us to plan and run a covid-secure trip.

Now all we need is some sunshine !!

Staff Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunch Time Supervisor. If you think you might be interested, please give our School Business Manager, Debbie Brown, a ring and have a chat about what's involved.

**Lunchtime
supervisors**



Hot School Meals are Back On !!

We are pleased to be able to offer hot meals to children once again!

Operating a hot meals service within a covid-secure bubble operation puts a much greater demand on our staffing levels. Reluctantly, last November, we had to suspend our hot meal operation due to insufficient staffing levels caused by self-isolation.

We have now switched to a hot flight tray system, with meals delivered hot and fresh to classrooms. They are already proving a hit with the pupils.

If you would like to find out more about our hot lunches, then please ask Dawn in the office.





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School Website: packed with information:

<https://willerbycarrlaneprimary.org.uk/>

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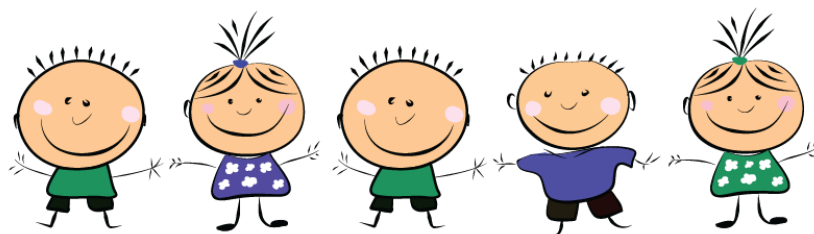
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**With best wishes
from Mr Smith & the
whole staff team.**

