



# William Austin Infant School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you once again for all your continued support during this half-term.

The children have been incredibly busy working hard in school and are ready for a short break. It is still a bit chilly for May but I hope the weather begins to get warmer so the children can enjoy playing in the sunshine!

We appreciate and value your ongoing support and positive partnership with us, and wish a safe and happy half-term holiday to you all.

Kind regards,

Mrs B Kang, Headteacher



## Relationships and Health Education (RHE)

The RHE curriculum became statutory four years ago. We plan to deliver the RHE lessons in school in the 2nd half of the Summer term, over the course of three weeks, commencing 15 June.

Across each year group the three lessons will be short sessions, and some will be whole class discussions with no follow up activities. These lessons will cover a range of topics and we will ensure that the teaching and learning is conducted in a safe, trusting and secure environment. Lessons will be taught sensitively and effectively to all children using age appropriate materials. For more information on how we teach RHE at our school, please click on the link below to take you to our website. Here you will find the lesson plans and schemes of work for each year group.  
<https://www.williamAustininfants.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=277>

## School Uniform

Unless there is a special event happening in school, children are expected to wear school uniform every day. We hope the weather will stay warm and we have more sunshine after the half-term holiday. This summer children may wear purple and white checked dresses or grey shorts to school in warm weather.

**We have noticed that girls' hair accessories are becoming quite elaborate lately. We would like to remind parents that the uniform policy states 'Hair bands, ribbons/bows or scrunchies should be plain. Large hair accessories are not permitted e.g. hair bands with large flowers'. Additionally, hair bands should not have raised 'ears' or tiara type decorations, however pretty they may look!!**

If children wear headscarves please make sure they are of shoulder length and are of plain design, in black, grey, purple or white. If children wear sandals they must have proper straps and not have open toes or heels.

Please ensure they bring a sun hat and apply sun cream before school when the weather gets warmer. Your child will still need to bring a suitable coat every day as the weather is very changeable.

We strongly advise against non-prescribed sunglasses being worn at school by children, for safety reasons. We hope you will support us in this.

## Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

A final reminder that all Year 1 children, and a handful of children from Year 2, will be completing their Phonics Screening Check soon after the half-term holiday, starting on Monday 8 June. Please make sure that the children are in school every day, and on time each day, and avoid booking medical appointments during the school day.



### Upcoming Events

- \* Friday 22 May - Last day of this half-term.
- \* Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May - Half-term holiday
- \* Monday 1 June - Children return to school
- \* Week commencing 8 June - Phonics Screening Check for all Year 1 children, and some from Year 2
- \* Tuesday 9 June - Year 2 Parents Meeting for Frinton on Sea trip
- \* Thursday 11 June - Empathy Day (more info to follow)
- \* Thursday 11 June - Cinema Night
- \* Monday 15 June - Year R Farm Day
- \* Wednesday 17 June - Booknic Event (more info to follow)
- \* Friday 3 July - End of year reports to be sent home
- \* Thursday 2 July - Infant School Sports Afternoon (more info to follow)
- \* Tuesday 7 July - Year 2 trip to Frinton on Sea
- \* Thursday 9 July - Parents' Evening
- \* Friday 17 July - Last day of Summer term

## STAFF NEWS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Kauser who joins our School Office team. Miss Kauser will be taking over from Mrs Wild who officially retired in February but has kindly been helping out in the office. We will be saying farewell to Mrs Wild at the end of this half term as she finally starts her well-deserved retirement. She will be greatly missed by everyone.



# Assembly wows!



## Our Superstars for April's Value of Responsibility were:

**Year R:** Aira (Buttercup), Sofia (Daisy), Afsand (Poppy) and Aadam (Snowdrop).

**(Year 1:** Aylah (Beech), Idris (Oak), Tanushdeep (Pine) and Anaya (Willow)

**Year 2:** Hafsa (Kingfisher), Dawud (Lark), Amirah (Owl) and Maryam (Puffin).

Well done to all of you!! We are very proud of you for showing your values everyday!



We hold weekly assemblies for Year 1 and Year 2 where a child from each class is presented with a special reward for success in a particular area, such as maths or helping others. We always praise effort as well as attainment and believe this motivates children to be better learners.

Some of May's Superstars are:

### Awards for Maths

**Year 1:** Ayaan (Beech), Anika (Oak), Raihaan (Pine), Aahil (Willow)

**Year 2:** Mazin (Kingfisher), Musa (Lark), Adam (Owl), Ameera (Puffin)

