



William Austin Infant School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone to the second half of the Spring Term. We have already reached the end of our first week, Ramadan began last week, and Eid and Easter will be here before we know it!

Once again there is a lot going on in school and it is a busy time. We hope the weather doesn't have too many nasty surprises in store, and we begin to see a bit more sunshine (and less rain!!) as the days gradually get longer.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kang, Headteacher

School Absence and Reporting Pupil Sickness Absence

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If your child is well enough to come to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know. Click on the link for more information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

By law parents and carers must report all pupil absence. The school is required to maintain a high record of attendance and the Education Welfare Officer regularly visits the school to check pupil attendance and absence. If your child is absent from school due to illness please ensure you contact the school on the first day before 9.30am.

Please continue to make all non-urgent medical appointments out of school hours. If you do have to take your child for a medical appointment during the school day you will be required to show the school your appointment letter, card, or text reminder if you are sent one.

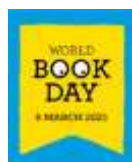
World Book Day - Thursday 5 March

We are taking part in World Book Day next Thursday, there will be fun activities during the day, and children are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters. Please do not spend lots of money on a shop-bought outfit, as home-designed costumes are quite often a lot cheaper to make and just as effective and fun to do!

Parents are invited to come into school at 2.30pm (prompt) to join in with afternoon activities and Storytime!

Click here for some ideas!

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>



Cinema Night

We will be holding a Cinema Night on Tuesday 10 March, which will run from 3.20pm till 4.45pm. Tickets for Cinema Night are £4.00 each and include a fruit juice drink and a small bag of popcorn.

The letter for this event is coming home with the children today. There are limited places available, and tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

The children have chosen to watch the animated film 'The Wild Robot'. Roz is an intelligent robot stranded on an uninhabited island. In order to survive Roz bonds with the island's animals and cares for an orphaned baby goose.

Year 2 Trip to Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

The Year 2 children will be going on a visit to the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery during the last week of term. Roald Dahl is one of our featured topics for Year 2, and this visit is a wonderful experience for them all; the trip is a fabulous insight into the author and his work, and the workshops they take part in are great fun!!

A letter giving more information on this trip will be sent home with children this Friday, 27 February.



Returning to school during lunchtime

If your child has an appointment that is scheduled for lunchtime, you must pick them up from school at the start of their lunchtime period, and return them at the start of the school's afternoon session. It is not possible to either collect or bring a child back to school halfway through lunch. This is due to fire and safety procedures.

Children who have appointments in the morning must be back in school 15 minutes before the start of their lunchtime in order to have lunch in school.



Diary Dates

Thursday 5 March - World Book Day - Children can dress up as their favourite book characters.

Tuesday 10 March - Cinema Night

Friday 13 March - Year 2 Museum Makers trip to Wardown Park

Week commencing 16 March - Easter Egg Raffle (more information to follow)

Friday 20 March - Red Nose Day - We will be raising funds to support a local charity instead of the national Comic Relief event.

Friday 27 March - Last day of Spring Term. Non-uniform day, and special Eid menu for lunch.

Easter Holiday - School will **re-open on Tuesday 14 April**. (Monday 13 April is a staff training day).



WOW moments!!

Our Superstars for February's Value of Kindness are:

Year R: Aaliyah (Buttercup), Meriem (Daisy), Kaniska (Poppy) and Musa (Snowdrop).

Year 1: Farhan (Beech), Alexandru (Oak), Kazeem (Pine) and Aminah (Willow)

Year 2: Alaya (Kingfisher), Ammarah (Lark), Sana (Owl) and Aleena J (Puffin)

Well done to all of you!

We are very proud of you for showing your values everyday!



Year R children had fun learning about how to stay safe online on Safer Internet Day, and enjoyed storytelling week too!

