

# Willow Primary Newsletter

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## Message from the Head teacher

Welcome back to all children, parents and staff to the start of academic year 2019-20. Marish and Willow had much to celebrate last academic year and already this week, two further triumphs have been published. Look on the website, if you haven't yet seen the exceptionally positive letter, feeding back on Ofsted's short inspection of Marish in July 2019. Secondly, KS2 progress scores for 2019 were released on Monday 2nd September and, once again, Willow and Marish have achieved exceptional results, which will be posted on the website in due course.

None of this would be possible without the hard work of pupils and staff and the support of parents, carers and governors.

Thank you so much for all you contribute to Marish and Willow. Let's work together to make 2019-2020 just as, or even more, successful.

Mrs Denham.

## QUOTES FROM OFSTED

'There is a strong team ethos in which everyone understands the role they have to play to secure high personal and academic standards for all pupils. One of the many strengths of the school is the commitment of all staff to inclusion. All pupils are warmly welcomed into the school's nurturing environment, in which their individual talents are recognised.'

'One of the strengths of the school is the quality of the curriculum provided for pupils. Pupils study a wide range of subjects in addition to English and mathematics. Subjects, including art, geography, history and science, are very well planned and pupils build their skills and knowledge sequentially as they move through the school. In

almost all year groups, pupils' learning has breadth and depth, so they are very well prepared for the next stage of their education.

Whatever the subject, pupils' work is beautifully presented, reflecting the pride they take in their learning.'

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## Attendance & punctuality

Thank you for your support too, with attendance. We still have a lot of work to do and are asking for your help in trying to achieve 97% this year. As you are aware, attendance and attainment are closely linked; if your child is in school they are likely to achieve better both academically and socially.

Getting to school on time is important as well. It settles your child in for the day and gives pupils an opportunity to interact with each other before the day starts.

Please note we do not authorise holidays and urge you not to take holidays in term time.

## School lunches



In order to promote healthy eating we are introducing a new playground rule. Pupils must only bring **fruit and vegetables**. This does not include any breakfast/cereal bars, chocolates, sweets or crisps.

Our school lunches provide all the nutrition your child needs and the food is made on the premises. Lunches are only £2 and are excellent value for money. Each day there is a vegetarian, meat and Jacket Potato option followed by a dessert.

Lunches can be booked weeks in advance or up to 7am on the day on ParentPay.

## Swimming – Year 4



The children will have 10 sessions at the brand new Montem Centre on Tuesdays. Please can you make a contribution of £10 on ParentPay. Remember swimming is part of the curriculum and an important life skill.

## PGL – Year 6

**There are no more spaces available:**

**Date** Friday 15th May 2020 - Monday 18th May 2020

**Location** - Chateau de Grande Romaine, Paris

The children will take part in PGL activities such as rock climbing, abseiling, archery and lots of other interesting activities. They will visit the Eiffel Tower and spend a whole day at Disneyland Paris. The aim of PGL is to inspire, motivate and challenge pupils, to raise aspirations, build their confidence and support their achievement. Each day brings a new adventure and the chance to try something new with the encouragement of their friends. Forms can be collected from the office.

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## Year 1

This week we are meeting the Year 1 Team, with Mrs. Imtiaz, Miss. Hashi, Mr. Paris Mrs Bains and Mrs Jodha. This is what they had to say: Welcome to the Year 1 team! We are very excited to be working with your children. We have lots of exciting activities planned this year and the children have already made a smooth transition into their new classes. We are so looking forward to meeting you all the 'Meet the teacher' meeting on the 18th September where you will be informed more about the curriculum.



## Key dates

<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Meet the teacher
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half term
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Back to school
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS Production
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS Production
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y1/2 Production
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y1/2 Production
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y3/4 Production
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y3/4 Production
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y6 Carol Concert

## Reminder

All lunches must be booked on ParentPay  
PE kits must be brought in for lessons  
If your child is now in Year 3, lunches must be paid for unless you are receiving benefit related Free School Meals  
Please fill out and return to the office your FSM application which has been sent out this week. You can also apply for this online too on Slough's website and follow through the education, benefits, finance and click on free school meals application

## Job vacancy

We have a fixed term temporary vacancy for a cleaner at Marish Primary School. Please email [hr@marishandwillow.co.uk](mailto:hr@marishandwillow.co.uk) if you are interested and an application and full details will be sent to you.