

Willow Class Newsletter



Autumn Term 2019



Welcome to Mendlesham School and a very warm welcome to Willow Class. The children are settling in to school life and have been fantastic. We have already been busy exploring the classroom and getting used to the school routines and rules of the school. We have managed to do lots of outdoor learning despite our outside area being delayed—we are very much looking forward to exploring our new area as soon as it is ready. Thank you for your patience!

Phonics Information Session

You are invited to attend an information session at the school on **Thursday 26th September at 2:30pm**, where we will explain how to learn to read and write in Willow Class. We have already begun daily phonics sessions, where we practise the listening skills needed to hear sounds in words, and eventually move on to learning the 'letter sounds' needed to build words.



Immediately after our Phonics session, on **Thursday 28th September**, you are invited into the classroom to share some cooking that Willow Class will have prepared. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please can you ensure your child has a water bottle at school with them everyday, and that this contains plain water only. This is a school policy to encourage healthy lifestyles.



Unless we have requested this as part of our topic, please can we ask that all toys stay at home where they are safe, instead of being brought in to school. We wouldn't want anything to get lost or broken! Thank you!



Mrs Dawson is our Willow Class teacher on Mondays. You will have received a letter with information about Forest School sessions every Monday afternoons, including what children will need to wear to school on this day.

Please can you ensure that absolutely **everything** that comes to school is clearly named. This includes shoes, coats and PE kits. We have a Sharpie in the classroom and will happily add names if need be! All polo shirts etc. look the same when taken off for a PE lesson and we don't want to lose anything.



As the weather gets colder and wetter, please can children have a waterproof coat with them everyday please. If you haven't already done so, could you also provide a pair of wellies that can be left at school to allow us to go outside whatever the weather. Thank you