



# Welcome School

## School Diary for Week Ahead

Mon 11th Sep	<b>Year 4 Swimming lesson AM - Kit required</b> <b>Year 6 PE - Kit required</b> Football club 3:15 - 4:15
Tues 12th Sep	<b>Year 2 PE - Kit required</b> Fitness Club (year 3&4) 3:15 - 4:15
Wed 13th Sep	<b>Year 3 and 5 PE - Kit required</b> Performing Arts Club 3:15 - 4:00
Thur 14th Sep	<b>Year 1 PE - Kit required</b> Fitness Club (year 5&6) 3:15 - 4:15
Fri 15th Sep	<b>Reception and year 4 PE - Kit required but not for reception children</b> Cooking Club - year 4 1:15 - 3:00

## New Year - New Goals!

It is great to welcome back our pupils after the summer break and extremely satisfying to see the ease with which they have moved into their new year groups. There is a very positive 'buzz' around the school and all classes have got off to a flying start with exciting new topics and activities. Staffing levels throughout the school have never been so high and this will ensure your children are well supported in all aspects of their development throughout the year.

This year our school achieved Year 6 SAT results above national average for reading, writing and maths combined with maths in particular being significantly above national levels. Whilst this is extremely pleasing, as a school we are constantly looking for ways to improve further. This academic year we are embarking on a major literacy project with a group of schools from Durham and Sunderland. The project will run over two years and involves all staff within the school. Over the two years we aim to transform teaching and learning in writing with the ultimate goal of making our school a 'Primary Writing Project' lead school so that we can support other schools in the North East. On behalf of all the teachers can I ask you to encourage your children to develop good habits of reading daily at home, practicing times tables until they are fluent and returning homework on time. Support from parents has never been better at Willington Primary and I know we are in for another exciting and very successful school year.

## Important Information - Change of PD Days

Attached to the newsletter you will find updated school holiday and term dates. Please note the change to our remaining PD days. These will now take place on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017** and **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018**. Both these days involve whole staff training with a group of Durham and Sunderland schools for our Primary Writing Project. Please disregard any previous information.



## Star of the Week!

Reception	<b>Whole Class</b>
Year 1	<b>Bailey Coney</b>
Year 2	<b>Cason-Jaye Campbell</b>
Year 3	<b>Faith Lunn</b>
Year 4	<b>Bradley Fletcher</b>
Year 5	<b>Alan-John Kell</b>
Year 6	<b>Charlie Palmer</b>



Mr Littlefair's  
**Sports Star Award**  
**Rihanna Atkinson**  
Year 5

**Attendance League**  
1st Dora Wanderers Y1  
2nd Pete's AFC Y4  
3rd Squarepants FC Y5

## School Meals - Changes

If your child wishes to swap from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa or you want to change your child's menu, please give one week's notice as the food for the kitchen is ordered in advance. Please inform the school office either in writing, by phone or in person if you wish to change. Thank you.

## The Class of 2017

It is always a special day when we welcome our new reception children to their first day at Willington Primary School and this year was no different. Looking very smart in their crisp new uniforms, the children have had a fantastic first week. Despite the inevitable first nerves, everyone seemed really excited about starting reception class and new friendships are already being forged. All the staff are looking forward to seeing them develop in the years ahead.

