



WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter

Diary Dates



November

30th Year 2 Family
Coffee Morning

30th Christmas
Decorations go up

December

3rd and
4th Christmas
Performance
Tickets sent out

7th Dress Rehearsal for
Christmas Plays
(EYFS and KS1)

7th PTA Christmas
Event

10th Pantomime-
Cinderella

11th Family Christmas
Plays

12th EYFS Nativity Play
9:20am and
2:20pm

From the Headteacher

23rd November 2018



Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to Children in Need last week- we raised an amazing £625 for this worthwhile charity! Congratulations to our lucky raffle winner, Calder, who got to take home an enormous Pudsey Bear toy!

The Christmas Performance booking sheets are still outside the classrooms each morning and afternoon, and if you haven't already let us know your preferred performance time, please do so that we can begin the complicated task of allocating tickets. Just a quick reminder that each child will have two tickets allocated to them, and if you would like anyone else to attend please specify how many additional tickets you would like in the relevant column on the booking sheet, although we cannot guarantee that you will get all the tickets you ask for.

As the evenings get darker, please can I remind parents to park considerately- the double yellow lines and zigzag lines are there to help keep our children safe as they exit the school. I am sure that no parent in our school would claim their convenience is worth more than our children's safety. Please help us keep our children safe.

If your child has borrowed any of our spare clothes, please could you return them to school as soon as possible- we're beginning to run low on some items! EnergyKidz are running a holiday club this Christmas- please see the flyer on our website for more information.

Next week Friday is our Year 2 coffee morning, and I look forward to seeing the Year 2 parents then.

Have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Masters

Donations Needed

We are always in need of Volunteers who can commit to a regular slot in a particular class or year group- if you can commit to helping, please contact Mrs Leary in the school office.

If you would like to donate items to support the school, we currently need the following:

- A4 paper
- Christmas Wrapping Paper (for EYFS)
- Glue sticks
- Whiteboard pens
- Post-it notes
- Poster paints (all colours)
- Hypoallergenic fabric plasters

From the PTA



Christmas Fair

We are still in desperate need of volunteers for the Christmas Fair. If you can spare just 30 minutes to help run a stall or the bar -or help in the setting up or clearing away- we would very much appreciate it. Please take a look at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/willow-bank/> to see which slots are still available. Without your help, these fabulous events can't run!

Easy Fundraising

Easy Fundraising is an excellent way to make money for the school, without doing much at all. With Black Friday finally upon us, now is the perfect time to sign up. Just sign up below and every time you use one of the 3000 selected online retailers (including Amazon and John Lewis) you will raise much needed funds for the school www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/willowbanksa/

Christmas Tree Decorations

If you fancy getting into the Christmas Spirit early, why not pop along to the school on Friday 30th November to help decorate the tree

The Wokingham Winter Carnival takes place on Sunday 25th November and we hope you, your family and friends will come and enjoy the fun.

Please use the following link to access the website where you will be able to see the Winter Carnival Programme and other information. You can print this out and bring it with you on the day. www.wintercarnival.co.uk



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Congratulations to these children!



Happy Birthday to these children!



Autumn Term Checklist

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November

30th: Year 2 Family Coffee Morning

30th: Christmas Decorations go up

For December's events please see the Christmas Events Checklist below



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Christmas Play Information

Christmas Plays: Dates and Times

EYFS

- Family Performance (KS1 followed by EYFS) on 11th December at 9:30am
- Nativity Performance on 12th December at 9:20am and 2:20pm

The EYFS performance will be approximately 20 minutes long.

All performances are ticketed to reduce over-crowding and increase audience and performer enjoyment!

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)

- Family Performance (KS1 followed by EYFS) on 11th December at 9:30am
- Christmas Performance on 13th December at 9:20am and 2:20pm

The Key Stage 1 performance will be approximately 40 minutes long.

All performances are ticketed to reduce over-crowding and increase audience and performer enjoyment!

Christmas Events Checklist

December

3rd: CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED TODAY AND TOMORROW- PLEASE KEEP THESE SAFE!

7th: Dress Rehearsals for Christmas Plays- please ensure that your child has their costume in school by this date (not all children will need to bring items in, if in doubt please check with your child's class teacher)

7th: PTA Christmas Event- please see the PTA News Box on the first page of this newsletter for more information

10th: Pantomime Day- Cinderella- Thank you to the PTA for funding this exciting production for our children!

11th: Family Christmas Plays at 9:30am- both EYFS and KS1 Plays for parents with children in both Key Stages and those with younger siblings

12th: EYFS Christmas Play at 9:20am and 2:20pm- please see Christmas Play Information above

13th: KS1 Christmas Play at 9:20am and 2:20pm- please see Christmas Play information above

14th: Children's Christmas Party- parents are asked to contribute to the party food (lists will be available soon) and we may have a visit from a very special guest!

17th: Christmas School Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day- all children will be allowed to come to school in their Christmas jumpers in return for a £1 donation to Save The Children Charity

18th: Christmas Carols at 2:45pm- parents are warmly invited to join the children in singing carols in the school hall

19th: Autumn Term Ends

Merry Christmas Everyone!