



WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter

Diary Dates



December

7 th	PTA Christmas Event
10 th	Pantomime- Cinderella
11 th	Family Christmas Plays
12 th	EYFS Nativity Play 9:20am and 2:20pm
13 th	KS1 Christmas Play 9:20am and 2:20pm
14 th	Children's Christmas Party
17 th	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas School Dinner
18 th	Christmas Carols at 2:45pm

From the Headteacher

30th November 2018



A letter was sent out to all parents from our Governing Body, highlighting the importance of parking 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, and yet some parents are persisting in parking selfishly. From the New Year, we will begin to publish the licence plate numbers of repeat offenders, and if you park inconsiderately, we will pass your details onto the local police and traffic wardens. 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! Please can you regularly check your child for nits and lice, as we have a number of children with recurring issues and the only way to beat the scourge is to ensure all our children are headlice-free.

Finally, the PTA Christmas event will be held this evening, and one of the stalls will be the stem-cell registry stall- more information is below. I'm sure you are all looking forward to seeing the children perform in their Christmas plays. Please may I remind you to bring your tickets to the performances- we have issued tickets to keep audience numbers in line with health and safety limits on the school hall and will not be able to let you in without one!

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

The Christmas fair is finally upon us! We hope to see many of you back at school tonight from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. It's going to be an amazing evening and a great way to support the school. Entry is only 50p for adults and free for children. We have a range of local businesses selling lovely gifts, there are free crafts for the kids and refreshments for all! The raffle prizes are amazing too, from afternoon tea, to family days out and even tickets to Ascot races! Only £1 per ticket

Christmas Cake Competition

You may have seen a paper plate appear in your child's book bag today. We would love as many of you as possible to participate in the annual Christmas Cake competition on Monday. We're sure that Mrs Masters will have a hard job in judging the competition, but remember it's the children's efforts that count... not the parents! Cakes go on sale after school on Monday, so bring your pennies!





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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

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!

January

3rd and 4th: INSET Days for Staff

7th: Spring Term Starts for the Children- Happy New Year Everyone!

9th: PTA Clothing collection day- more information to follow



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Stem Cell Registry Information

At the school Christmas Fair this year, there will be a stall to sign up to the stem cell registry with the charity, DKMS.



Layla, is a little 4 year old girl, from Sonning, who has already suffered 2 bone marrow failures as the result of chemotherapy given to treat a brain tumour when she was 2 years old. She may one day in the future, need a stem cell transplant from a donor. That donor could be you.

Eligibility criteria, you must:

- be between 17-55 years old (You will stay on the register until you are 61)
- weigh more than 50kg and have a BMI of less than 40
- be in good health (health exclusion criteria is on the DKMS website)
- be permanently resident in the UK
- not already be on any other UK stem cell registry

If you meet the criteria above, please consider registering on the day, or online.

All it will take on the day is 5-10 minutes of your time. There is a form to complete and 3 cheek swabs to do. Once the swabs have been analysed by the DKMS labs, you will go on standby. If you are then found to be a matching donor, there are two donation methods: 90% of the time, the process is similar to giving blood, 10% of the time it is a surgical procedure under general anaesthetic.

There are around 2,000 people waiting for a stem cell transplant in the UK. One day you could be somebody's lifesaver and be able to give them a second chance of life. Do something incredible and join the stem cell registry.

<https://www.dkms.org.uk/en/register-now>

STEM CELL CHARITIES:

www.dkms.org.uk/en/register-now (17-55 years old)

www.anthonynolan.org (16-30 years old)

OR THROUGH NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT:

www.nhsbt.nhs.uk (17-40 years old)