



WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter

Diary Dates



From the Headteacher

27th November 2020



December

7 th	Christmas Movie Afternoon (replacing Pantomime)
7 th	PTA Elfridges shopping day for EYFS
11 th	PTA Christmas Raffle Draw
11 th	Release date for Christmas Play Videos

Oh no! We were so close to completing a whole term of uninterrupted learning, but unfortunately we have had to **close two of our year groups** today.

I know that parents received very short notice and appreciate your patience as we have tried to sort out the **online learning**, which the DfE only finished setting up this week. Hopefully, you will all have had a chance to collect your paperwork providing your log in, if you haven't managed to collect it, we are making plans to have it delivered or posted to you as soon as possible.

Obviously, being shut to some year groups will have a knock-on effect in terms of the activities we have had planned, and so we **will not be able to release the Year 1 or Year 2 Christmas plays as originally planned** on the 11th December (EYFS will still have theirs released on that date) but we are hoping to release them on the last day of school, 17th December (barring any further delays). Additionally, we will still go ahead with the other activities planned for the 11th December onwards.

Please remember to fill in and return your **child's order for the Christmas Lunch** and send it back to school today. Unfortunately, if you have not handed in your child's choices by today, we will have to assume that you will be sending your child in with a packed lunch. The kitchen will be placing orders this afternoon, so we will be unable to accommodate any late order forms.

Traditionally, we have **class Christmas parties** towards the end of term, where we usually ask parents to send in items for a party lunch. We would still like to have a party with the children, but in order get around the restrictions about bringing items into school and sharing them, we would like to ask all parents to send their children into school with a **packed 'party' lunch** just for them. This means the children can still enjoy a treat lunch, and we will still have games and activities for them to enjoy, without having to worry about cross-contamination. We have the parties planned for Friday 11th December when all our children will be back in school, please let us know if you would not be able to provide your child with a packed lunch by Tuesday 8th December. Thank you.

We started a **video series on supporting your child with their Phonics and Reading** last week- This week we have added another video from Read Write Inc (our phonics programme) which covers **how the Phonics system works, how your child will progress through the system and how it matches up to the reading books** we send home. You can find the latest video of the series under the 'Parent Information' part of our school website.

Please also remember to **send in your responses to our Sex and Relationships Education Policy consultation**. The consultation closes on 12th December.

The **Year group weekly bulletins will be on the school website** as they were last week (find them at <https://www.willowbankinfant.com/web>).

Have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Masters



**CATCH IT
BIN IT
KILL IT**



**WEAR A
MASK**

Be BRIGHT

Be Seen!

