



WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter

Diary Dates



November

13th	Governing Body Meeting at 6:30pm
16th	Children In Need Day
23rd	Year 1 Family Coffee Morning
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

From the Headteacher

9th November 2018



The children all looked so smart for their individual photographs today- I'm sure you will have some lovely pictures soon!

Next week will continue with Christmas performance preparation- and will end with Children in Need day on Friday 16th November. Children are invited to come to school in spotty clothing in return for a £1 donation to this worthy charity. Additional Children In Need items (such as headbands, wristbands, key-rings etc) is now on sale in the school playground at the start and end of the school day, so please bring your spare change!

Active Kids School Holiday Club is now accepting bookings- please see the flyer on our website for more information.

We are also very excited to let you know that we will shortly be introducing the ParentMail App as a replacement for the current Eschools App. The Junior school will also be introducing ParentMail, and so there should hopefully be less admin for you to do to get linked up. ParentMail is able to do many useful things, including booking Parents' Evening appointments and sending forms and permission slips back to school electronically. This app is free for parents to download and far more reliable than our current app. I would urge all of you to download it when it goes live- my children's school uses it, and I personally find it very convenient and an amazing time-saver.

Whilst on the topic of time-saving, please can I remind you to clearly label your child's school uniform. I have sorted through the lost jumpers in lost property, and of 59 jumpers only 7 had names in them! We would be able to unite lost items with their owners far quicker if items were labelled. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Masters

From the PTA



Christmas Fair Donations

Thank you so much for all of the kind donations for the Christmas fair. The pile is stacking up, but we are still on the hunt for any unwanted gifts including: toiletries, notebooks, candles, mugs, socks, ties, novelties, jewellery and chocolates. Please make sure they are in good condition and unopened. All donations can be left in the blue PTA box in reception. Unwanted Christmas wrapping paper would also be much appreciated.

Tombola Prizes

Our tombola stalls are always a very popular attraction at our Christmas events, so please help this tradition going. Bottle donations, from Shampoo to Champagne will be gratefully received. The Teddy Tombola is also a hugely popular stall. We will also welcome donations of soft toys (in good condition please)

Film Night- The Emoji Movie

It's not too late to get tickets for tonight's Film Night (5:45pm start). Tickets are £3 per child (and includes a snack and a drink) and £1 per adult. Tickets must be purchased in advance at

www.pta-events.co.uk/willow-bank



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Willow Bank Infants In The News!

School thanks plant nursery for its donation to enable sensory garden



Children from Willow Bank Infant School admire the plants

PUPILS have been taking to the outdoors thanks to a generous donation from a plant nursery.

Willow Bank Infant School in Woodley is able to start creating a sensory garden

with the help of Hare Hatch Sheeplands.

Three large planters packed with flowers were presented by Robert Scott to celebrate Sheeplands' 25th anniversary. Michelle Masters,

headmistress, said: "The area will become an outdoor classroom for our children and it will be wonderful for them to enjoy the natural space and to learn about plants and how they grow."

Thank you so much to our wonderful PTA (and especially Stef) who organised this generous donation!

Autumn Term Checklist

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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!

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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!