



WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter

Diary Dates



November

23 rd	Year 1 Family Coffee Morning
30 th	Year 2 Family Coffee Morning
30 th	Christmas Decorations go up

December

3 rd and 4 th	Christmas Performance Tickets sent out
7 th	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Plays (EYFS and KS1)
7 th	PTA Christmas Event
10 th	Pantomime- Cinderella
11 th	Family Christmas Plays

From the Headteacher

16th November 2018



What an exciting Pudsey Day we have had! Thank you so much for everybody who contributed to Children In Need, through buying merchandise, donating a pound to wear spots to school today or by donating your spare change for the penny trail! As the playground was wet, the penny trails started in the classrooms and made their ways into the hall to circle around our big Pudsey raffle prize. (Tickets for the raffle are still on sale this afternoon, and we will announce the winner on Monday!)

As the Christmas excitement is mounting, a lot of children are finding all the activities and excitement exhausting. Please ensure that your child is getting enough sleep, so that they can fully enjoy all the activities we have planned for the next 5 weeks! Please visit <https://www.sleepfoundation.org/press-release/national-sleep-foundation-recommends-new-sleep-times> where you can check to see if your child is getting enough sleep for their age.

The Christmas Performance booking sheets are 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.

Next week Friday morning is the Year 1 Family Coffee morning, I look forward to seeing you there!

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
- Boxes of tissues
- Glue sticks
- Whiteboard pens
- Post-it notes
- Poster paints (all colours)
- Hypoallergenic fabric plasters

From the PTA



Christmas Fair

If it's not already in your diary, the Christmas Fair takes place on the Friday 7th December (6:00pm-8:00pm). It's set to be a fun-filled extravaganza for the whole family, with a variety of shopping stalls, refreshments, games, crafts and even a special performance by the school choir. We hope to see you there.

Thank you for all the kind contributions for the fair. We are still welcoming tombola prizes and Elfridges donations, especially gifts for men, so please raid your cupboards for any unwanted items.

We can't put on these events without your help. If you can spare half an hour to help run a stall or the bar, please follow the link to sign up <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/willow-bank/> We really do appreciate any time that you can spare.

Competition to Win £250 for Our School!

<https://www.facebook.com/499924663419694/posts/1958950900850389/>

1. Search Davis Tate Woodley on facebook
2. Like their page
3. Comment school name on their competition post
4. Share the post.



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Congratulations to this class!



Congratulations to these children!



Happy Birthday to these children!



Autumn Term Checklist

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November

23rd: Year 1 Family Coffee Morning

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!