



# WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

## Newsletter

### Diary Dates



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26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening-appointments will be made available via Parentmail.
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#### December

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Prospective Parent Open Day
5 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Non-uniform day (Bring a Bottle) more information to follow
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dress Rehearsals for EYFS and KS1 Christmas Plays

### From the Headteacher

8<sup>th</sup> November 2019



What a busy start to our second half term! Unbelievably, we have started thinking of all things Christmas, with only 4 weeks to go until we have our first dress rehearsal for our EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas productions! Information about our Christmas Plays, dates, timings and how to go about booking tickets to attend will follow soon... Year 1 had a wonderful trip to Milestones Museum on Wednesday, and I was very pleased to receive a compliment on how beautifully they all behaved whilst at the museum. Well done, Year 1s!

We have our Children in Need day coming up next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, where all children are invited to attend school in bright or spotty clothes in return for a £1 donation to this worthwhile charity. Please also remember to save your pennies for our traditional Pudsey Penny trail which we will be building on Friday. All Children in Need Merchandise is currently on sale out in the playground, alongside the poppies for Remembrance Day on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

We are very lucky to have Pudsey Bear himself coming to visit the children on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November after lunch time. He will come with his helpers and pop into each class to talk to the children about Children in Need day and the charities it supports. Thank you very much to Jim Gillett from the Rotary Club for organising this!

We have also had an email from our local Road Safety Specialist, who is offering Learn to Cycle sessions for children aged 5-7 years. Please follow this link:

<https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/bikeability-learn-to-ride-woodford-park-leisure-centre-14th-november-2019/> to find out more information.

As winter seems to be arriving with some very chilly mornings, please ensure that you send your children into school with a jumper/cardigan and coat- labelled with their names- so they can still enjoy outdoor play.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

*Michelle Masters*



**Parents...  
please drive  
safely when  
dropping off  
or picking up  
your children.**

### From the PTA



#### Christmas Jumper Sale- November 29<sup>th</sup>

Has your child grown since last year? Is their Christmas jumper too small? The PTA will be hosting a Christmas jumper sale on Friday November 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any Christmas jumpers/ tops/ outfits you would like to donate, please drop them in the PTA box in reception by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are happy to accept baby, children and adult sizes. They are so expensive to buy each year- this way, we can all be festive for much less money... and raise some money for the school in the process

#### Festive Family Fun Evening- 6<sup>th</sup> December

We are fast approaching the date for our Festive Family Fun Evening, which relies on your generous donations. This is one of our biggest fundraisers so please take a moment to see what you can do to help. We really appreciate anything you can give and would be especially grateful for teddy bears (for the Teddy Tombola), as well as any unwanted gifts you may have including toiletries, notebooks, candles, mugs, socks, ties, novelties, jewellery and chocolates for our 'Elfridges' secret shop. We would also be very grateful for any donations of GU pots/ ramekin dishes. Please leave all donations in the blue PTA box in reception. Thank you for all your support.



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*Happy Birthday to you!*



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A massive thank you to the lovely Sage Foundation Volunteers who came and cleared the flower bed at the back of the school playground in preparation for some lovely new trees arriving soon!

