



WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter

Diary Dates



November

23rd-
25th Parents
Evenings- Zoom
Sessions

December

7th Christmas
Movie
Afternoon
(replacing
Pantomime)

11th PTA Christmas
Raffle Draw

11th Release date for
Christmas Play
Videos

From the Headteacher

20th November 2020



Winter is most definitely closing in- it is getting much colder now, and the nights are drawing in! I even heard Christmas songs being played on the radio this morning, which means the end of the year is fast approaching!

We are working on the **festive plans** in place for the children, and although it won't be quite the same, we are hoping to bring a bit of sparkle and magic to the festive season. Please remember to fill in and return your **child's order for the Christmas Lunch** as soon as possible. Thank you!

Next week **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are our Parents' Evenings**. The invitations for this were sent out via parentmail, so please book your slot to meet with your child's teacher. Once again, these meetings will be online using Zoom. I have attached the 'How to Zoom' leaflet to the parentmail sent out this afternoon, and also have added it to our school website for your reference. The Parents' Evening appointments are focussed on the academic progress your child has made this term, and will include any next steps you could work on with your child. Usually, we would hand out the **End of Year Expectations** to parents at this meeting, but as we are not meeting face-to-face, these expectations are on our website for you to look at (you can find them in the 'Classes' section, under the heading 'What we are Learning').

We have also started a **video series on supporting your child with their Phonics and Reading**- each week we will add another video from Read Write Inc (our phonics programme) which will cover an aspect of Phonics learning. You can find the first video of the series under the 'Parent Information' part of our school website. This video focuses on which sounds are in Set 1 and Set 2, and how to say them.

Wokingham Borough Council wants to ensure the pupils in our schools are getting nutritious school meals. As part of our School Meals and Kitchen Management Contract, they continue to monitor the meal provision in our school. They are looking to gather **feedback from parents and guardians**, whose children go to the schools in our borough who are part of our contract. Wokingham Borough Council would like to see how they can encourage more children to have a nutritious school meal and where they can develop the service. They would very much appreciate your time in completing a survey and will use the data to continually improve the service. [Click here to take the survey.](#)

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



From the Governors

Recently as you will know, we ran an election for a Parent Governor position through which Chris Tumelty successfully was elected into the position. Subsequent to that election, the Governors have discussed succession planning for some of our roles and it has been agreed that Sonja Napier will change her role (which had previously been the vacant Parent Governor filled by Chris) to an Associate Governor and begin a period of handover. This has created a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor and the Governing Body met last week and unanimously invited Rhiannon Clamp to join us after reading her statement and previous CV of experience. We have also agreed to amend our Instrument of Governance to increase the term of a Parent Governor to 4 years. This is in line with DfE guidelines and will enable us to have a period of more stability in the FGB in future years. We are absolutely delighted to welcome both Chris and Rhiannon and look forward to working with them!





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Happy Birthday and Congratulations to these children!

