



# WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

## Newsletter

### Diary Dates



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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
9 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime at school- Aladdin
10 <sup>th</sup>	Family Christmas Plays- 9:30am for parents with children in both EYFS and KS1.
11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas Nativity Play- 9:30am

### From the Headteacher

15<sup>th</sup> November 2019



Winter is most definitely upon us here at Willow Bank! As our mornings get frostier, please can I remind everyone to walk with care on our playground, as it can get very icy, especially avoiding the puddles! Remember also, to send your children into school with coats, jumpers, and hats and scarves if necessary- all labelled with your child's name.

Speaking of Winter, plans are in place for Wokingham's Winter Carnival, which promises to be a great deal of fun. Please see page three of this newsletter for further information.

We had a lovely visit from Pudsey Bear at the beginning of the week, who along with his helpers from The Rotary Club, spoke to the children about the Children in Need charity and how the money we raise from events like today's helps many children in hardship. Thank you so much for helping us to help others!

We have opened appointments for our Academic Parents' Evenings which run from Tuesday to Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November. Appointments need to be booked through the Parentmail app, so please ensure that you have signed up for your Parentmail account and that you download the app onto your phone to keep up to date with the forms, letters and appointments that we have. This is our primary means of communication with the parents of our school, so please don't miss out!

Unbelievably we have under three weeks until our dress rehearsals for our EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas Plays! EYFS will, as is traditional here, be performing the Christmas Nativity and Key Stage 1 will be performing 'Mr Willoughby's Christmas Tree'. More information about the tickets and how to book them will follow soon.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

*Michelle Masters*



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

### From the PTA



#### EasyFundraising

With Christmas just around the corner, you could be earning money for the school every time you partake in internet shopping. Easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site. It turns your everyday online shopping in to free donations for our school. Just start your online shopping first at [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/willowbanks/), then shop as normal. The retailer will then make a small donation to Willow Bank Infant School as a thank you. Many websites are included (3419 retailers to be exact!) included sites like John Lewis, Argos, Amazon and M&S and it's an easy way to earn 'free money' for WBIS. Find out more at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/willowbanks/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/willowbanks/)

#### Donations for Willow Bank Festive Family Fun Evening- 6<sup>th</sup> December

Preparations for the Festive Family Fun evening are well under way, with many exciting games and activities planned. We are still very much welcoming donations of Christmas jumpers, teddy bears, ramekin dishes and any unwanted gifts including toiletries, notebooks, candles, mugs, socks, ties, novelties, jewellery and chocolates. Please leave all donations by the PTA safe in reception. Thank you for your continued support.



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Dear Parents,

The Wokingham Winter Carnival takes place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November and we hope you, your family and friends will come and enjoy the fun.

Please use the following link to access the website where you will be able to see the Winter Carnival Programme and other information. You can print this out and bring it with you on the day.

[www.wintercarnival.co.uk](http://www.wintercarnival.co.uk)

Please take a few minutes to look at the rest of the Website which, in addition to the Home page, includes: Programme, Join the fun, Stalls, Supporters, Procession, Gallery, History and contact us.

Follow us on Facebook at Wokingham Winter Carnival? <https://www.facebook.com/WokyWinterFayre/>

On behalf of our hardworking committee I look forward to seeing you at the Winter Carnival on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you,

Dave Donaldson  
For Wokingham Winter Carnival Committee

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