

Willowbank Weekly



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6th December 2017

Don't forget to order school dinners by tomorrow!

Learner of the week

Well done to the following children for being presented with a Learner of the Week certificate:

Samuel H -Starling

Cory M-Robin

Lilly-Jay H- Siskin

Hazel K – Linnet

Keira C– Dove

Harry W– Goldfinch

Siena J-Avocet

Harvey B- Heron

Theo R and Poppy T-Kingfisher

Emily C– Hawk



Christmas service

This year's Whole School Christmas Service will take place at St Andrews Church on Friday 15th December at 9.30am. We need parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles etc., to help walk the children to and from the church- if you are available to help, please let the school office know, or come and stay in the playground at the start of the day. All children will return to school after the service. We look forward to sharing our Christmas Service with you. Thank you.

Christmas Fayre

We hope that as many people as possible can join us for the fayre on Friday from 2.30pm. Parents may collect their children from the classroom at the start of the fayre (at this time they will become parent's responsibility). The fayre will run until 4.30pm so parents may collect their children at the end of the school day and still enjoy the stalls.

There will be many stalls on offer in children's classrooms as well as some in the hall and dining room. The choir will be performing at 3.30pm in the hall on the new stage!

Father Christmas will be helping out in the elves workshop (year 6 area). Children are invited into the workshop to enjoy some Christmas crafts and to see Father Christmas!

Please be patient with us as we anticipate this area being busy.

Refreshments will be available in the hall and we would be hugely grateful for donations of cakes and mince pies to sell on the day.

Christmas lunch Tuesday 12th December 2017

Please book your child a Christmas lunch, if you have not already done so. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day, please see the Christmas lunch menu below.

Christmas Lunch Menu

Roast Turkey and Sausage

Served with Sage and Onion Stuffing

Roast Potatoes or Creamed Potatoes

Carrots and Sweet corn

Gravy and Cranberry sauce



Followed by

Christmas pudding and cream

Or Christmas biscuits and ice-cream



Crackers!



Christmas cards

The post box is now available in school for children to post their Christmas cards through, please remember to write the child's full name, class name and year group on the envelope. The office will not be able to provide class lists.

Bags to school

Thank you for your donations, this collection raised £76.00 for the PTFA; look out for another collection in the New Year.



Facebook

Our new Facebook page will be set up for the New Year. Please look out for this when it happens.



Foundation

This week we have had an elf on the shelf join our class. The children voted to call him Baubles to give him his magic. He sets the children challenges to do in the classroom and has put one on Tapestry too. We have used our advent calendars to support us learning about ordinal numbers and each class has made their own picture advent calendar. We are looking forward to our performances and have been practicing using our loud and proud voices.

We look forward to seeing you at the performances.



Years 1 & 2

This week Year One has been continuing to write their own stories based on 'Mr Benn the Spaceman'. Within Maths, the children have been using bead strings, Numicon and a variety of other equipment to show their knowledge of tens and ones. We will soon be developing the children's ability to use pictures to explain and answer worded problems independently. Year 2 have received a special letter from Father Christmas. This was brilliant as it has helped the children learn what a letter was and prepare them for writing their own. In Maths, Year 2 children have begun estimating numbers of items. It has been a busy week and we are really enjoying performing 'The Magical Christmas Puzzle'.



Years 3 & 4

The children have continued to work hard to improve their understanding of multiplication. They know how to use a written method but are also identifying when they don't need to use it and can instead use a mental calculation.

They are now writing a complete non-chronological report including everything they have been learning, as well as considering how to present their information clearly so it looks like a page from a non-chronological report.

The children have enjoyed cooking decoration biscuits today and can't wait to sell what they have made during the Christmas Fayre. If you are unable to attend, please send in 20p so your child can buy their biscuit, if they want to.

A group of Year 3 / 4 children from the choir represented the school positively when they sang in the care homes within the local community this week. Their singing was beautiful. They have made Willowbank very proud- well done.

Years 5 & 6



Year 5 and 6 have been enjoying working on the poem Bethlehem, by Carol Anne Duffy. We have considered how to use a range of adverbial and prepositional clauses to develop our description.

Our theme work has focused on developing our space and electricity knowledge in preparation for our trip to @Bristol on Wednesday. We will be taking part in a workshop and watching a planetarium show. After the trip, we will be writing recounts of our visit. If your child is not coming on the trip, they will be completing similar learning at school. This is a vital part of their Science curriculum, so it is really important that they either come on the trip or come to school and go to Year 3 / 4, where they will be able to complete their learning.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Heatree residential meeting last Thursday. We hope that it was informative. If you have any further questions, please speak to Mrs Hulbert or contact the office.

The new entrance and exit process has now been working for over a week. We hope that any initial issues have been resolved; please remember that children can enter / exit with a younger sibling if it would be easier for you. Please just let your class teacher know by writing a note so that we can ensure everyone is accounted for at the end of the school day.

Diary Dates

December		
Tuesday 5 th	2.00pm	KS1 performance ' The Magical Christmas Puzzle'
Tuesday 5 th		Bags to school collection
Wednesday 6 th	2.00pm	KS1 performance ' The Magical Christmas Puzzle'
Thursday 7 th	5.30pm	KS1 performance ' The Magical Christmas Puzzle'
Friday 8 th	2.30pm	Christmas Fayre
Monday 11 th	2.00pm	FS Nativity
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Tuesday 12 th		Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 th	6.00pm	Drama club production for Parents and families
Friday 15 th	9.30am	Christmas service St Andrew's church
Friday 15 th	ALL DAY	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
January 2018		
Tuesday 2 nd	ALL DAY	NON PUPIL DAY
Wednesday 3 rd	ALL DAY	NON PUPIL DAY
Thursday 4 th		Start of Spring Term
W/B 22 nd TBC		Parents Evenings
February		
7 th		Valentines disco
W/B 12 th		HALF TERM