



WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter

Diary Dates



December

2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th	Prospective Parent Open Day
5 th	PTA Non-uniform day (Bring a Bottle) see information below)
6 th	Dress Rehearsals for EYFS and KS1 Christmas Plays
9 th	Pantomime at school- Aladdin
10 th	Family Christmas Plays- 9:30am for parents with children in both EYFS and KS1.
11 th	EYFS Christmas Nativity Play- 9:30am
12 th	KS1 Christmas Play for Year 1 Parents- 9:30am
12 th	KS1 Christmas Play for Year 2 Parents- 2:15pm

From the Headteacher

29th November 2019



It is difficult to believe that next week it's December! Our Christmas calendar is in full swing already and glitter and sequins are appearing in abundance around the classrooms!

As part of our renewal of the reading scheme (and rearranging of books and levels) in order to meet the Phonic and Reading needs of our children, we will be collecting in all reading books on Monday 2nd December, and will then only be able to send reading books out again in the New Year. Please supplement your child's reading with books from home or borrowed from the library. I will be sending out a parent mail about the changes we are making to the Reading Scheme, so please keep an eye out for it in your inbox.

This year we have tweaked the organisation of our Christmas plays. We will have our family performance, which is both the EYFS Nativity and the KS1 play performed one after the other, for parents with children in both plays and for those of you with younger children. The EYFS Nativity play will be on 11th December at 9:30am, and the KS1 Play for Year 1 parents will be at 9:30am on 12th December, with a repeat performance for our Year 2 parents at 2:15pm. We will be sending home two tickets per child for their performance time (depending on their Year group). If you would like any further tickets, please can you email the office, and we will enter your request into a ballot to draw up to two further tickets for each family for the Family Performance on Tuesday 10th. We are restricting the number of attendees at each performance owing to the fire safety rules, but also, just as importantly, as last year a large number of children found the volume of people in the hall distressing and we would like them to enjoy their productions and the experience of acting on the stage. As the weather is turning icier- I am taking the opportunity to remind you to walk carefully on our playground- we have lots of little dips that ice over and become treacherous in the winter! Additionally, please do not let your children play on our play equipment before school- aside from it being icy and slippery, we are not insured for this, and you would be liable for any accidents and damages that may be caused.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Masters

From the PTA

Friday 29th November

Non Uniform Day- Thursday 5th December. Bring a bottle

Yes, you read that right; it's not a mis-type! Non- Uniform day is on **THURSDAY** 5th December (The children are having their dress rehearsals on the Friday, so we didn't think it fair to hold a non-uniform day on that day!). The children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation of a **bottle** for our bottle tombola. It can be a bottle of anything you like- think of something that you would like to win as a prize!

Raffle tickets

Last week, each family was issued with 10 raffle tickets to sell. Please can we have all ticket stubs and money (or unsold tickets) back by Friday 5th December.

Elfridges

Only one week to go now until our Festive Family Fun Evening! One thing that has always been a popular feature at previous Christmas events is 'Elfridges' and we are anticipating that this year will be no exception. Elfridges is an opportunity for the children to go into our 'secret shop' (no grown-ups allowed) where they can buy a special gift for all of their loved ones. These will be then wrapped by our team of volunteers ready to go home under the tree! For this event to be successful, we rely heavily on donations- things like unwanted gift sets, toiletries, notebooks, candles, mugs, socks, ties, novelties, jewellery and chocolates. Please help us make this event a success.

Volunteers at the Festive Family Fun Evening

To make the Christmas event run smoothly, we need a team of volunteers to help run some of the stalls. Please consider giving up just 30 minutes of your time on the evening of Friday 6th December. Keep your eye on our facebook page to sign up for a slot. Don't have Facebook? Not a problem. Just drop us an email at wbis.pta@hotmail.com and let us know your preferred slot (6:00-6:30, 6:30-7:00, 7:00-7:30 or 7:30-8:00).





Christmas Checklist

December

- 2nd** Prospective Parent Open Day for children due to start school in September 2020
- 5th** PTA Non-Uniform Day (Bring a Bottle)
- 6th** Dress Rehearsals for EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas Plays
- 9th** Pantomime at school- Aladdin
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- 13th** Children's Christmas Party- further information to follow
- 17th** Christmas Jumper Day and Children's Christmas School Dinner
- 18th** Carols around the tree- further information to follow
- 19th** End Of Term- last day of school for the children
- 20th** INSET day

This week's Birthday and Certificate Pictures
will appear in next week's newsletter.