



WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL Newsletter

Diary Dates



From the Headteacher

30th November 2018



December

3 rd and 4 th	Christmas Performance Tickets sent out
7 th	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Plays (EYFS and KS1)
7 th	PTA Christmas Event
10 th	Pantomime- Cinderella
11 th	Family Christmas Plays
12 th	EYFS Nativity Play 9:20am and 2:20pm
13 th	KS1 Christmas Play 9:20am and 2:20pm
14 th	Children's Christmas Party

As you will all know, we have this week received the tragic news of Mrs Gill Adams passing away after falling ill at the Junior School. I sent a letter to all parents yesterday, and I am sure you will join with me in extending our best wishes and deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

As the evenings get darker, please can I remind parents to park considerately- the double yellow lines and zigzag lines are there to help keep our children safe as they exit the school. I am sure that no parent in our school would claim their convenience is worth more than our children's safety. Please help us keep our children safe.

If your child has borrowed any of our spare clothes, please could you return them to school as soon as possible- we're beginning to run low on some items! Please can you regularly check your child for nits and lice, as we have a number of children with recurring issues and the only way to beat the scourge is to ensure all our children are headlice-free.

We will have the foodlists for the Christmas party out for you to fill in from next week- when we get Parentmail up and running soon, we will be able to send these lists electronically and parents will be able to sign up for activities, reply to letters and book slots for parents evening and tickets for the school plays through the new app. I urge you all to download the app when you receive the emailed invitation.

Finally, the PTA Christmas event will be held on Friday next week, and one of the stalls will be the stem-cell registry stall- more information is below. Have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Masters

Donations Needed

We are always in need of Volunteers who can commit to a regular slot in a particular class or year group- if you can commit to helping, please contact Mrs Leary in the school office.

If you would like to donate items to support the school, we currently need the following:

- A4 paper
- Christmas Wrapping Paper (for EYFS)
- Glue sticks
- Whiteboard pens
- Post-it notes
- Poster paints (all colours)
- Hypoallergenic fabric plasters

From the PTA



Christmas Fair

Please join us on Friday 7th December for an evening of family fun and entertainment.

Let the kids enjoy a range of craft activities and festive games while you do all of your Christmas shopping in one fell swoop! Shopping stalls include: handbags, women's clothes, books, pottery, jewellery, skin care, beer, night lights and many more. Hot dogs will also be available.

You can also enjoy a very special performance from the Willow Bank choir! PLUS there's a free festive photo shoot for every family!!!!

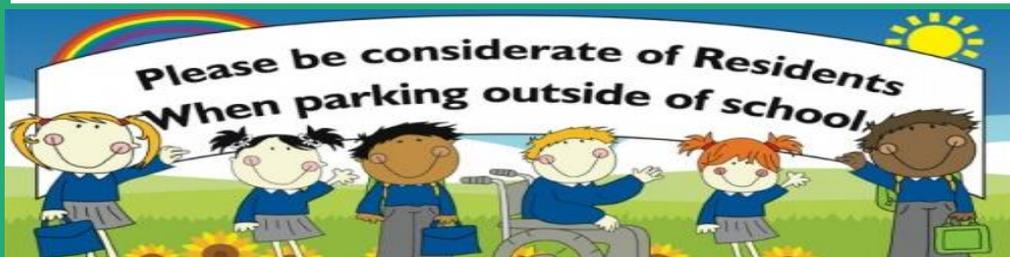
Volunteers

We still urgently need volunteers to man some of the stalls. Please can you spare just 30 minutes on Friday evening (7:00-7:30 is looking particularly quiet). Thank you

Raffle

We have some amazing raffle prizes on offer this year including: afternoon tea at Tylney Hall Hotel; a family photo shoot worth £160; a Gin Gift Hamper; as well as lots of family days out including Beale Park, Cotswold Wildlife Park and Odds Farm. Tickets will be available to buy during the fair

We look forward to seeing you there





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Congratulations to these children!



Happy Birthday!



Congratulations to this class!





Christmas Play Information

Christmas Plays: Dates and Times

EYFS

- Family Performance (KS1 followed by EYFS) on 11th December at 9:30am
- Nativity Performance on 12th December at 9:20am and 2:20pm

The EYFS performance will be approximately 20 minutes long.

All performances are ticketed to reduce over-crowding and increase audience and performer enjoyment!

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)

- Family Performance (KS1 followed by EYFS) on 11th December at 9:30am
- Christmas Performance on 13th December at 9:20am and 2:20pm

The Key Stage 1 performance will be approximately 40 minutes long.

All performances are ticketed to reduce over-crowding and increase audience and performer enjoyment!



Christmas Events Checklist

December

3rd: CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED TODAY AND TOMORROW- PLEASE KEEP THESE SAFE!

7th: Dress Rehearsals for Christmas Plays- please ensure that your child has their costume in school by this date (not all children will need to bring items in, if in doubt please check with your child's class teacher)

7th: PTA Christmas Event- please see the PTA News Box on the first page of this newsletter for more information

10th: Pantomime Day- Cinderella- Thank you to the PTA for funding this exciting production for our children!

11th: Family Christmas Plays at 9:30am- both EYFS and KS1 Plays for parents with children in both Key Stages and those with younger siblings

12th: EYFS Christmas Play at 9:20am and 2:20pm- please see Christmas Play Information above

13th: KS1 Christmas Play at 9:20am and 2:20pm- please see Christmas Play information above

14th: Children's Christmas Party- parents are asked to contribute to the party food (lists will be available soon) and we may have a visit from a very special guest!

17th: Christmas School Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day- all children will be allowed to come to school in their Christmas jumpers in return for a £1 donation to Save The Children Charity

18th: Christmas Carols at 2:45pm- parents are warmly invited to join the children in singing carols in the school hall

19th: Autumn Term Ends: Merry Christmas Everyone!

9th January: PTA Clothing collection day- more information to follow



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Stem Cell Registry Information

At the school Christmas Fair this year, there will be a stall to sign up to the stem cell registry with the charity, DKMS.



Layla, is a little 4 year old girl, from Sonning, who has already suffered 2 bone marrow failures as the result of chemotherapy given to treat a brain tumour when she was 2 years old. She may one day in the future, need a stem cell transplant from a donor. That donor could be you.

Eligibility criteria, you must:

- be between 17-55 years old (You will stay on the register until you are 61)
- weigh more than 50kg and have a BMI of less than 40
- be in good health (health exclusion criteria is on the DKMS website)
- be permanently resident in the UK
- not already be on any other UK stem cell registry

If you meet the criteria above, please consider registering on the day, or online.

All it will take on the day is 5-10 minutes of your time. There is a form to complete and 3 cheek swabs to do. Once the swabs have been analysed by the DKMS labs, you will go on standby. If you are then found to be a matching donor, there are two donation methods: 90% of the time, the process is similar to giving blood, 10% of the time it is a surgical procedure under general anaesthetic.

There are around 2,000 people waiting for a stem cell transplant in the UK. One day you could be somebody's lifesaver and be able to give them a second chance of life. Do something incredible and join the stem cell registry.

<https://www.dkms.org.uk/en/register-now>

STEM CELL CHARITIES:

www.dkms.org.uk/en/register-now (17-55 years old)

www.anthonynolan.org (16-30 years old)

OR THROUGH NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT:

www.nhsbt.nhs.uk (17-40 years old)