



WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter

Diary Dates



From the Headteacher

2nd November 2018



November

9 th	Individual Photo Day
9 th	PTA Film Night
13 th	Governing Body Meeting at 6:30pm
16 th	Children In Need Day
23 rd	Year 1 Family Coffee Morning
30 th	Year 2 Family Coffee Morning
30 th	Christmas Decorations go up

December

7 th	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Plays (EYFS and KS1)
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It's November already, and the staff here at Willow Bank Infants have begun thinking of all things Christmas! A lot of planning and preparation goes in to producing the Christmas plays, and ensuring that 'normal' teaching continues. In only 5 short weeks it will be time for our children to amaze us with their acting skills!

Our Christmas performances are ticketed in order to reduce over-crowding and to increase the audience and performer enjoyment. We will begin organising tickets for all parents shortly, and will send out the tickets for performances on Monday 3rd December and Tuesday 4th December. Each child will be allocated 2 tickets for use on one of the performances. If you would like additional tickets for other family members to attend your child's performance, please let us know and we will add them to a waiting list. Once numbers have been finalised, the names will be drawn out of a hat and additional spaces allocated to them.

Just a reminder that next week Friday is School Photo Day- so please send your child into school in their correct uniform and with their best smiles! The photographs should be ready in time for you to send to family members before Christmas.

Friday 16th November is Children In Need Day, and children are invited to come to school in spotty clothing in return for a £1 donation to this worthy charity. Additional Children In Need items (such as headbands, wristbands, key-rings etc) will go on sale from Wednesday in the school playground at the start and end of the school day, so please bring your spare change! Have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Masters

From the PTA



Thank you

Firstly, we would like to say a massive thank you for all your support so far this year. In the first half term, you have managed to raise a whopping £2019 for the children of Willow Bank. This money will go towards funding things like the school panto visit, presents from Father Christmas and much more.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas fair is fast approaching. We are in need of lots of donations for 'Elfridges' (which is a chance for the children to do their own Christmas shopping for all of their relatives). Please have a look in your cupboards for any unwanted gifts you may have including: toiletries, notebooks, candles, mugs, socks, ties, novelties, jewellery, and chocolates. Please make sure it is in good condition and unopened. All donations can be left in the blue PTA box in reception. Thank you

Film Night- The Emoji Movie

Don't forget the Family Film Night on Friday 9th November. Tickets are £3 per child (and includes a snack and a drink) and £1 per adult. Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.pta-events.co.uk/willow-bank



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Congratulations to these children!

Well done to these children!



Happy Birthday!



Autumn Term Checklist

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For December's events please see the Christmas Events Checklist below



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!

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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!