

Message from Mrs Branton

It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform you that after many years (12 to be exact) of commitment and work with young children and their families, Miss Cox will sadly be leaving us at the end of this academic year. This was a difficult decision for her to make, but she has decided to take the opportunity to support children in a different capacity. We are really happy for Miss Cox and wish her well, but she will be really missed by all, especially the children. I have worked with Miss Cox for many years and it is clear that she is a highly skilled, dedicated and positive member of staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all the support she has offered me, the staff, governors and many, many children and their families. All other staffing items will be shared with you at the normal time of year.

This week was children's mental health week and the theme was 'Let's Connect'. The children took part in the Active Essex Walk and Talk around the school grounds. It was a great way to encourage the children to consider others by asking questions, listening to their replies and making conversation. The children also took part in a rotation of well-being activities including yoga and team building.



Our year 5 class went along to St Martins secondary school this week to see the upper school performance of 'Grease'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show and it was great for them to see the team spirit and enthusiasm displayed by the cast. Miss Albiston tells me the children were very well behaved and a credit to the school and were a great part of the audience. Well done Cherry class!



A group of children from key stage 2 attended a volleyball festival at Shenfield High School as part of the sporting partnership. The children were enthusiastic and soon got the idea of hitting the ball across the net! They had a very fun afternoon.



A large number of children from Oak class chose to take part in Level 1 Bikeability training, the national cycle training programme supported and funded by the Department for Transport. The course has been designed to build the skills and confidence of children, helping them learn to control and master their bike in a space away from traffic. This was a really successful event – well done to everyone who took part!



There is a free 2-session workshop running for key stage 2 parents next term, 'Understanding Anxiety' which will be in the school hall. There are only 20 places, available on a first-come first-served basis. Please e-mail to book your place: gillian.brotherwood@essex.gov.uk The flyer is on the following page of the newsletter.

Please don't forget to check the community links on the school website under the News and Events tab. Have a lovely half-term week and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 20th February 2023.

Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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Workshop for KS2 parents
To book please on the Understanding Anxiety course please email gillian.brotherwood@essex.gov.uk. There are 20 places available.

@Willowbrook School

Understanding Anxiety

Thursday

9th and 16th March 2023

9:00-10:30am

Looking at the effects that anxiety has on children and exploring strategies to help us as parents/carers manage and support an anxious child.

FREE Sessions



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Thank you so much for all the Easter Eggs that have been handed in so far, we would still like lots more if you are able to donate one!



Raffle tickets will go on sale on the first Monday back after half term
All monies raised from raffle ticket sales will go towards a whole school event



Please donate an Easter egg or Easter chocolate for our Easter assembly from Monday 30th January.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 20th February. They will be taken around to class for the children to purchase during the school day.

20p a ticket or £1 for a strip of 5 tickets, please send money in a named envelope.

All chocolate donations to be in by Monday 27th March.

Last date to purchase raffle tickets will also be Monday 27th March.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



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Our core value pupils from the first half of spring term



 Willowbrook Primary School
Each Working For All



Happiness
Independence
Respect
Teamwork
Caring
Honesty



Spring Term

Well done to all our core value pupils from the first half of this spring term who all received the award for respect in celebration assembly





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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Joshua, Ollly, Austin, Abigail, Corey, Ava, Sienna, Max, Noah, Richie, Elizabeth, Harry, Verity, Sidney, Lincoln, Tommy, Adam, Zakariya, Jamie, Chloe, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Cleo, Emilia, Isaac and Lois



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Whitebeam – identify
Chestnut - reflect

Key Stage 2

Pine – barbarian
Oak – perimeter
Cherry – effective
Hawthorn - exceptional



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JOIN YOUR PTFA COMMITTEE

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- CO-CHAIR
- CO-TREASURER

We are looking for enthusiastic committed individuals to join the team.

No experience necessary, just energy and wanting to make a difference for the kids and supporting the school.

You will be fully supported and sharing the roles. There is no fixed time commitment, we all pitch in when we can around our work/family lives. As a committee member you will also be a trustee of our Charity.

If interested email pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk by Monday 20 February with a short profile or drop into the school office and they can arrange for us to have a chat or answer your questions.

The postholder will be confirmed at our AGM on 3rd March 2023

DOING IT FOR THE KIDS!

Registered Charity: 1046576


pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk





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WILLOWBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA


ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021/2022

Friday 3 March 2023
10am - 12pm

Venue: St Peter's Church, Claughton Way, Hutton, CM13 1JS

Everyone is welcome to attend our
AGM meeting.

Come along and find out what we have
done in the past year and vote in your
Committee members.



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WE STILL NEED LOTS MORE VOLUNTEERS TO GET 3PR BACK UP AND RUNNING



Dear Parents and Carers,

Pre Covid, with the help of our regular parent and child volunteers we were able to run a '3PR Parking Scheme'. Some of you may have seen the large green 3PR alien mascot that sits in the school office.

By following the 3PR 3 parking rules we are able to create a 3PR Zone in Rosen Crescent, which in turn reduces the traffic and congestion, which unfortunately builds up at drop off and pick up times.

We encourage the children to enter the 3PR zone by foot and in doing so they are rewarded with a token that they collect from a bucket each morning. The token is then taken to their class and put in a collection box. Each half term we have a count up of the tokens to see which class is our 3PR winners. They will be presented with the 3PR cup by the Alien himself in assembly.

How do we create the 3PR Zone?

This is where our regular team of parent/carer 3PR volunteers come in.

There are several ways in which we can achieve this: -

- Asking our families to walk, cycle or scoot to school.
- Our volunteers will be visible in their high viz tabard and present at the start and end of the school day to encourage anyone parking in the zone to move on and find a parking spot away from the zone.
- Then finally, we would like to be able to go back to offering a drop off point. The drop off point would be available each morning from 8.35am. Parents can drive to the allocated point in Rosen crescent, where one of our volunteers will help your child/children out of the car, leaving you free to drive off and not have to worry about finding a parking spot. Your child/children would then be walked safely down to their classrooms with one of the volunteers.

The 3PR team of volunteers seems to have worked best when we were able to have lots of volunteers covering one morning or afternoon session each. During the morning session your own child/children will be able to be part of the team by holding the buckets from which the children collect their tokens.

Morning volunteers will be required from 8.40am until 9am and afternoon volunteers from 3pm to 3.15pm.

Please contact the school office if you are able to volunteer and together let's work on making a safer environment with less traffic and congestion for the children.

Thank you for your support

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Children's lunch menu

WK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 20 February 2023					
Main Meal RED	Ham & Pineapple Pizza	Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Fajita Wrap	Breaded Fish Fingers
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Margherita Pizza (V)	Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti (Ve)	Macaroni & Cheese (V)	Vegetable & Bean Burrito (Ve)	Vegetable & Bean Chimichangas (V)
Alternative YELLOW	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) or Salmon Mayonnaise	Pasta with Roasted Tomato & Basil Sauce (Ve)	Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V)
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn (Ve)	Peas (Ve)	Seasonal Greens (Ve)	Steamed Carrots (Ve)	Chips & Baked Beans (Ve)
Cold Option	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich
Dessert	Chocolate Rice Krispie Cake (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Carrot Cake (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Maryland Cookie (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate & Courgette Sponge Fresh Fruit (Ve)
(V) suitable for vegetarians (Ve) suitable for vegans & vegetarians Salad Bar available daily					



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Parent Coffee Morning!



Wednesday 15th March 08:50-10:00am
To be held in the school hall

You are warmly invited to join us in the hall from 08:50 onwards for free tea/ coffee and biscuits.

It is a chance to have a catch-up with fellow parents from across the school. There will be a play area for your younger children whilst you have a cup of tea and a chat!

Does your child find it difficult to manage their emotions? Are they able to verbalise how they feel? Would you like to know what we do in school to support emotional wellbeing? Miss Cox will be dropping in to talk about our, 'Zones of Regulation.'

Feel free to join us and leave at any time between 08:50 and 10am.

The PTFA will have Southend Adventure Island tickets and second-hand school uniform on sale. There will also be a chocolate tombola stall.

Every adult who joins us will enter a raffle to win a prize!



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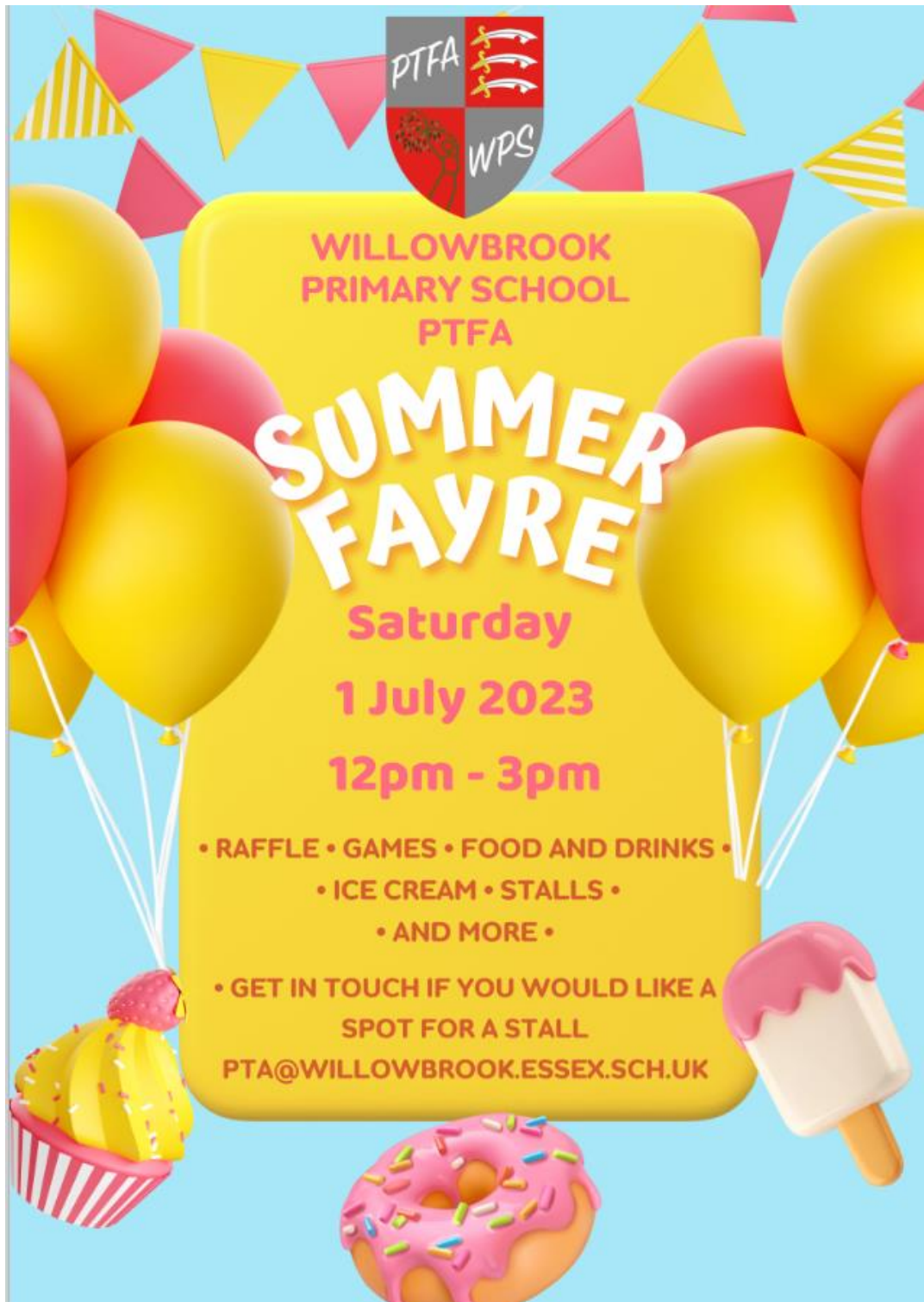
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Please note dates and times are subject to change, please check the weekly newsletter and the website for updates. Thank you.

SPRING TERM 2023	
20th February	Back to school
24 th February	Natasha from The Chicken and Frog bookshop to do a Drama/English workshop with Y3-6
28th February	Bedtime story activities EYFS and Whitebeam class children are to come into school wearing pyjamas – as Chestnut class are swimming they will need to bring their pyjamas to change into – a reminder will be sent nearer the time
2nd March	World book day – dress up as your favourite book character
2nd and 3rd March	One Plan Meetings
9 th March	9-10:30am Understanding Anxiety (KS2 parents) ACL course
9 th and 10 th March	One Plan Meetings
10 th to 19 th March	British science week
15 th March	Young Carers Action Day – Theme for 2023 is Make Time for Young Carers
15 th March	Parent Coffee Morning drop-in 08:50-10:00. Supporting children’s emotions.
16 th March	9-10:30am Understanding Anxiety (KS2 parents) ACL course
16 th and 17 th March	One Plan Meetings
17 th March	Mother’s Day assembly for Beech, Whitebeam and Chestnut class parents at 9:15am in the school hall
17 th March	Year 5 to St peters Church for the Love Easter lesson
27th March	The RockSteady concert at 2:15pm
30 th March	Easter hat and Easter egg assembly
1 st April to 16 th April	Easter Holidays
17 th April	Back to school

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The poster features a central yellow rounded rectangle with text. Above it is a crest divided into four quadrants: top-left grey with 'PTFA', top-right red with three white arrows, bottom-left red with a tree, and bottom-right grey with 'WPS'. The background is light blue with yellow and pink triangular bunting. Yellow and pink balloons are scattered around the central text. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a cupcake, a donut, and an ice cream bar.

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SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday
1 July 2023
12pm - 3pm

- RAFFLE • GAMES • FOOD AND DRINKS •
- ICE CREAM • STALLS •
- AND MORE •

• GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE A
SPOT FOR A STALL
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