



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd February 2023



Message from Mrs Branton

We are coming towards the end of the first half of spring term already and it's been another busy week of learning in school. Do ask your children what exciting things have been happening in their class this week!

Thank you to those parents that were able to come along to yesterday's coffee morning. The focus was to provide parents that came along with information on 'Online Safety and Educational Apps'. Parental influence, guidance and education have a significant and long-lasting impact on children's safety and wellbeing in the online world and we hope the coffee morning provided useful tips and space for parents to chat/ ask questions. If you were unable to attend the coffee morning, please visit the school website where you will find a coffee morning tab under 'Parents' with the PowerPoint slides that were used. We also had a tutor from ACL attend the coffee morning. She spoke to parents about ACL and some of the courses that they provide. All of the courses are completely free and we are excited to share that there will be an, 'Understanding Anxiety' course on offer to parents at our school very soon- watch this space! If you would like any more information about ACL, please pick up a leaflet from the school office.

Some of our Year 3 and 4 girls had a great afternoon of football on Tuesday at the Old Brentwood Rugby Club grounds. The girls played with huge smiles and a wonderful team spirit. By working well together and supporting each other, they improved with every game they played. Well done girls!



Each week on the newsletter, we have 'word collector' words of the week. This was inspired by the book 'The Word Collector' by Peter H Reynolds. The children learn a new word each week. One week we will focus on a Key Stage word and the next week we will focus on a class word. It would be great if you, as parents and carers, can talk about the 'word' with your child in the home setting.

- Can your child say/clap the word?
- Has your child heard the word before?
- Do they understand what the word means?
- Can your child use the word in a sentence?
- Can your child write the word in a sentence?

By promoting the use of the word at home, you will be supporting your child with developing their language and literacy skills, given that reading and a wide vocabulary go hand-in-hand. Remember to keep revisiting the words, so that the children use them and do not forget them!



The topic for Chestnut class this term is London's Burning. On Wednesday, the children came into school and noticed that there was fire spreading across the classroom. They had to act very quickly to help put out the fire. Luckily, we have some great firefighters in Chestnut class, and they helped put out the fire with their water bottles (great imagination). The children then had to write about how they felt during the event, discussing their feelings and thoughts. Chestnut class all agreed that it was 'The Great Fire of Willowbrook!'

I look forward to welcoming you into school next week for your parents evening appointments. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.

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Science in the News

At Willowbrook Primary, we value pupils' voices and we think it is crucial to listen to their views, wishes and opinions. Therefore, I have created a team of scientists who represent their classes and will ensure that their peers' Science suggestions and recommendation are considered. Watch this space for future information.



The Willowbrook Scientists

"I want to be part of the team to make Science better."

(Harrison)

"I love experiments!" (Jacob)

Here is what Cherry class found out this week in Science. Well done, children!



Cherry Class have been learning about the Moon and its different phases.

We discussed why the moon looks different at different times of the month, due to its orbit of Earth. We now know that the moon does not give off its own light and what we see is the sunlight reflected off of the surface of the moon.

We made models using the Sun, Moon, Earth and split pins to recreate the orbit of the Moon.

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



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Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

nutrient

Key Stage 2

anonymous



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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!

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WILLOWBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021/2022

Friday 3 March 2023
10am - 12pm

Venue: St Peter's Church, Cloughton 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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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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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

Mrs Branton

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Children's lunch menu

WK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 6 th February 2023					
Main Meal RED	Cottage Pie topped with Sliced Sweet Potato	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Pasta	Thyme Roast Chicken Breast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Macaroni & Cheese (V)	Vegetable Jambalaya (Ve)	Roast Ratatouille with Crumble (Ve)	Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti (Ve)	BBQ Vegetable Quesadilla (V)
Alternative YELLOW	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise or Tuna Mayonnaise	Wholegrain Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta with Tomato Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Peas & Carrots (Ve)	Cauliflower & Broccoli (Ve)	Seasonal Greens & Mashed Swede (Ve)	Sweetcorn (Ve) & Coleslaw (V)	Baked Beans & Peas (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	Sticky Banana Bread (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate Shortbread (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Mandarin Jelly (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Jammy Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Oat & Cherry Cookie 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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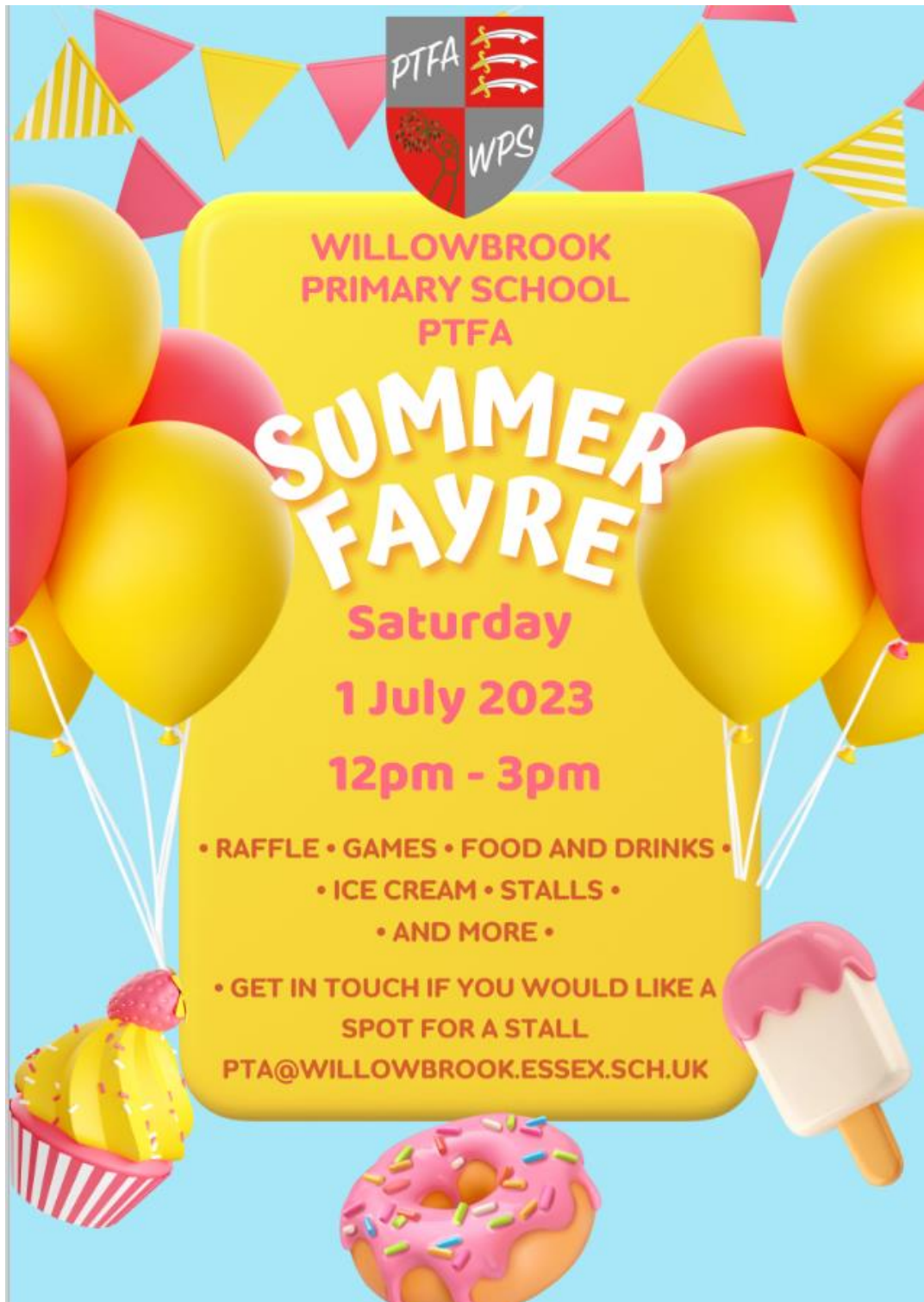
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Please note dates and times are subject to change, please check the weekly newsletter and the website for updates. Thank you.

SPRING TERM 2023	
6th February (week of)	Parents evening week
6th - 12th February	Children's mental health week
6th February (week of)	UK Safer Internet Day
7th February	Year 5 to St Martins to see production of Grease
10th February	Oak Class Bikeability
13th to 17th February	Half term week
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) 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) 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
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 the rectangle 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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