



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th January 2023



Message from Mrs Branton

Our parents evening booking system went live on Monday, with the vast majority of our parents making an appointment to see their child's class teacher. If you haven't yet managed to make your booking, please contact the school office as the on-line booking system is now closed.

Next Thursday (2nd February), please come along to our parent coffee morning running from 8:50-10am. This is a drop-in so you can leave at any time that suits you. The theme will be 'Online Safety and Educational Apps'. The best way to keep our children safe online is to be armed with information. Mrs Walby, our ICT co-ordinator, will be dropping in to provide you with lots of advice and handy hints. Don't forget the PTFA will be there with refreshments and selling pre-loved uniform and Adventure Island tickets. There will also be a play area, in case you have younger children with you as well as a chocolate tombola stall!

On the 30th March, we will be having our 'Easter hat and Easter egg' assembly, please could we kindly ask you for donations of Easter eggs or Easter chocolate from next Monday, allowing plenty of time to collect lots of chocolate for the children's Easter egg raffle. The children really do enjoy this assembly as they all sit very excitedly with their raffle tickets waiting to see if their numbers are drawn out of the box to win a prize. Further information has been emailed out to you today in regard to the sale of raffle tickets etc, this can also be found on page four of the newsletter. All monies raised from raffle ticket sales will go towards a whole school event.

A group of children from Chestnut class went along to a Multi-skills event on Tuesday at Shenfield High School, organised by the Shenfield Sports Partnership. The children worked hard and represented our school brilliantly, taking part in a rotation of multi-skill activities. The event challenged them to achieve their personal best, whilst developing their physical competence.



Miss Cox took some time out of class on Thursday to deliver a Reading Workshop to our Beech, Whitebeam and Chestnut class parents. The workshop was interactive, designed to provide parents with a deeper understanding of how reading is taught in school, developing new strategies, skills and knowledge to support children both in the classroom and at home. The workshop provided opportunities for discussion and participation in a variety of activities.

It was lovely to welcome author Eva Wong Nava into school today. Eva spent time with the children from Beech, Whitebeam and Chestnut classes introducing the true meaning of Chinese New Year and family traditions with her beautifully illustrated book 'I Love Chinese New Year'. Bringing children, books and authors together in schools is a fantastic way to encourage reading for pleasure, increasing children's interest in books and helping them understand how books are produced.



Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.

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Science in the News

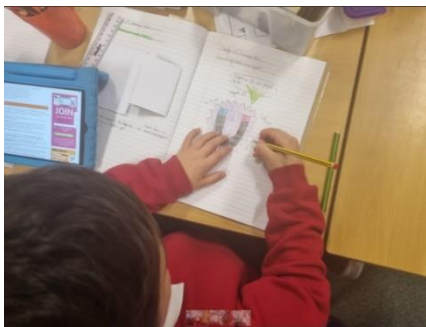
Another great week of Science investigation at Willowbrook Primary School!

Find below what Beech and Pine have learnt in Science. Fantastic work, children! Well done!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



Beech class have really enjoyed exploring how to make shadows in their Understanding of the World sessions. They worked with a partner to make different shadows on paper using a torch as the light source. They developed their understanding of how shadows are formed when something blocks the light. They worked really well discussing what they could see and enjoyed predicting how shadows can move and change shape and size. Great job superstars!



After asking relevant questions about magnets, Pine researched information to answer them and used scientific language to present their findings in an information leaflet. They found out that the strongest part of a magnet are the poles: north and south. They also discovered that two north poles will always push away from each other. Well done!



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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Isaac, Evie, Lianne and Reesha



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Whitebeam – resolution
Chestnut - monument

Key Stage 2

Pine – catastrophic
Oak - imagine
Cherry – orbit
Hawthorn - variation



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

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Children's lunch menu

| WK 2 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week commencing 30 th January 2023 | | | | | |
| Main Meal RED | BBQ Chicken Pizza | Sweet & Sour Chicken with Steamed Rice | Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Beef Lasagne | Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips |
| Main Vegetarian GREEN | Mangherita Pizza (V) | Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Steamed Rice (Ve) | Cauliflower & Cheese Bake with Roast Potatoes (V) | Vegan Chilli Con Carne with Rice (Ve) | Vegetable Goujon with Oven Baked Chips (Ve) |
| Alternative YELLOW | Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise | Wholegrain Pasta with Tomato Sauce (Ve) | Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V) | Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) | Pasta with Roasted Tomato Sauce (Ve) |
| Accompaniments | Sweetcorn (Ve) & Coleslaw (V) | Cauliflower & Peas (Ve) | Seasonal Greens & Carrots (Ve) | Broccoli & Sweetcorn (Ve) | 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 | Chocolate & Courgette Sponge with Chocolate Sauce (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve) | Oat & Cherry Cookie (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve) | Banana Flapjack (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve) | Apple & Parsnip Sponge (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve) | Vanilla Ice Cream with Peach Compote (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve) |
| (V) suitable for vegetarians (Ve) suitable for vegans & vegetarians Salad Bar available daily | | | | | |



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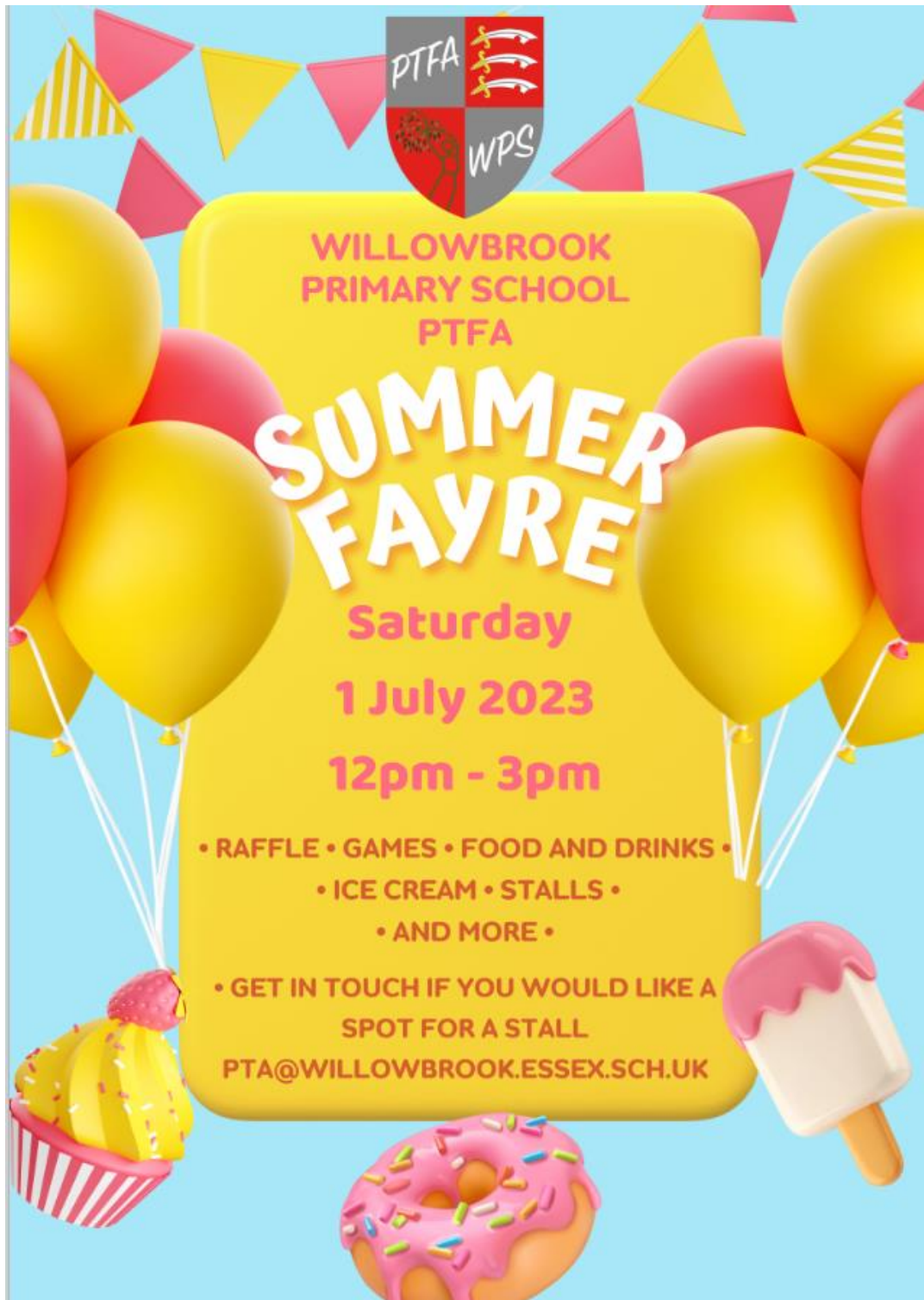


Diary Dates

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

| SPRING TERM 2023 | |
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| 2nd February | Parent coffee morning- online safety and educational apps |
| 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 |
| 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 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 |
| 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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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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Parent Coffee Morning!



Thursday 2nd February 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!

Mrs Walby will be dropping in to help with setting parental controls on phones and social media apps- feel free to bring your devices with you. She'll also share educational apps that you can use with your children at home.

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!

