

Message from Mrs Branton

Sadly, I was not in school at the early part of this week to be able to watch the Junior Christmas shows, but I have been informed that the children amazed and entertained their parents, family members and staff with their wonderful singing and performances. I'm sure you were all really proud of your children- thank you for coming along.



Pine class went along to Hutton View care home this afternoon, to entertain the residents with some of their fantastic Christmas singing, putting lots of smiles on faces. A big thank you to the children for spreading some festive cheer, your visit was greatly appreciated by all!



Next week is going to be a very busy week in school. We have our Infant Nativity on Tuesday. If you haven't yet got your tickets, there are a few spares for the 10:45am performance. Wednesday, is our annual whole school theatre panto trip, **please remember the children must be in school for 8:30am wearing full school uniform.** Then on Friday, it is Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day. All pupils can wear non-uniform and a Christmas jumper/top.

Just one final reminder for the Children's Christmas Bazaar which will be on Monday 19th December. We are asking our children to bring into school, jam jars which contain little gifts and treats. These need to be new items and if they are sweets/ chocolate, they need to be in wrappers. The jam jars are then used as one of our stalls at the Bazaar. Any class that collects the number of jars which match the number of pupils in their class, will win a non-uniform day for the last day of school.

We are also collecting chocolate bars for our chocolate tombola. We are asking our children to bring in wrapped chocolate bars and they will receive a raffle ticket for each bar of chocolate that they bring in to be in with a chance of winning a mystery prize!

We will also be running a bric-a-brac stall at the Children's Bazaar and a children's raffle, so please do donate any unwanted toys/ books or anything you think would be a suitable prize of a children's raffle. Also, if you have any unwanted and unused toiletries, they will be greatly appreciated. Any donations can be handed into the office.



Our whole school attendance for this week is 93.59%, which is significantly below our target of 97%, please continue to strive for 100% attendance. A huge clap for Hawthorn class who had the highest attendance this week.

After school club will close at 4:15pm on the last day of term, Tuesday 20th December.

On a final note, the weather has turned really cold in the last few days, please make sure that your child has a named coat in school for play and lunchtimes.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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Word of the week


'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

focus

Key Stage 2

correspond



Thank you for your support


Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit rbl.org.uk/poppypeal

To Willowbrook Primary collected £190.18

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised £63,500





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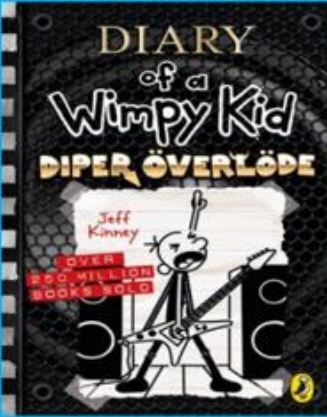
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Raffle tickets are now on sale, for a chance to win a signed copy of the brand-new 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' book. All monies raised from the sale of raffle tickets will go towards new books for the school library. Tickets can be purchased after school outside the Year four classroom, £1 for a strip of 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Tuesday 20th December, the final day of term.

WIN!

A signed copy of...



Win a signed copy of the brand new Diary of a Wimpy Kid book - Diper Overlode. Enter the raffle by purchasing a strip of five raffle tickets for £1. Tickets can be purchased after school outside Year Four!

Tickets go on sale on Monday 28th November 2022. The draw will take place on the final day of the term.



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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 scooter 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

Our Core Values: **INDEPENDENCE** - HAPPINESS – **TEAM WORK** - CARING - **RESPECT** – HONESTY
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Children's lunch menu

WK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Panto Day	Thursday	Friday Christmas Dinner Day
Week commencing 12 th December 2022					
Main Meal RED	Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy	Mild Chicken & Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice	Burger & Chips Or Hot Dog & Chips	Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes, Chipolata Sausage & Gravy
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Tex Mex Vegetarian Sausage Hot Pot (V)	Thai Vegetable Green Curry with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Vegetarian Burger & Chips (V) Or Homemade Vegan Burger in a Bun (Ve)	Homemade Vegan Burger in a Bun (Ve)	Cranberry & Roasted Vegetable Wellington (Ve) With Roast Potatoes (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)		Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn & Peas (Ve)	Cauliflower & Green Beans (Ve)		Broccoli & Sweetcorn (Ve)	Fresh Carrots & Steamed Peas (Ve)
Cold Option	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich		Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	
Dessert	Maryland Cookie (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Fruit Burst Jelly (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Oat & Cherry Cookie (Ve)	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate Christmas Pudding (V)
(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.

	AUTUMN TERM 2022
13 th December	KS1 Infant Nativity (Beech, Whitebeam and Chestnut) Performance 1: 9:20am (lasts roughly 45 minutes) Performance 2: 10:45am (lasts roughly 45 minutes)
14 th December	Whole school Panto Trip
15 th December	Year 6 Christmas Wonder workshop (1 Hour) with BSCWT at St Peters Church
16 th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
19 th December	Children's Christmas Fayre
19 th December	RockSteady Concert
20 th December	Last day of term
	SPRING TERM 2023
9 th January	Children return to school
10 th January	Swimming starts years 2 and 6 for 10 weeks last lesson 21/3/2023
19 th January	Drama 4 All – 30-minute circus themed workshops for Beech, Whitebeam, Chestnut and Pine classes
26 th January	KS1 reading workshop with Miss Cox 9am – 10:30am in the school hall
2 nd February	Parent coffee morning- online safety and educational apps
13 th to 17 th February	Half term week
20 th February	Back to school



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HONESTY

WONDERLAND AT ADVENTURE ISLAND 17th December to 24th December 2022

Willowbrook Primary School are selling Southend Wonderland at Adventure Island vouchers this year!

Each voucher is **£18**, a £7 saving off the door price of £25.

What do you get?

Each entry is for one adult and one child to experience the Christmas magic to see Father Christmas and his wonderful elves, collect a special Christmas gift from the Toy factory, as well as the goodies below!

Each wonderland ticket brings you:

- 1x Sealife Adventure entry (accompanying adults will need to pay for entry.)
 - 1x Course of golf (9 holes)
- 1x £5 voucher for video games in the arcades
 - 1x Free kids meal voucher

How to redeem

All you need to do is bring your vouchers to the cashiers on the day and they will be exchanged for a Christmas Passport, which includes all the goodies above and you will be issued with your time to see Father Christmas.

Time slots are organised on arrival We would always recommend arriving early to avoid disappointment

Is there a time limit?

If you run out of time to use these on the day...not a problem! These goodies are valid until the February half term giving you plenty of time to use them.

9-hole Golf

The golf ticket is for 1 person (£5 usual price). If just the child wanted to play and the adult just supervise that would also be okay.

The golf course is outside with some tunnels, the ticket comes in a voucher form and will be valid through to next year February half term.

Sealife Adventure

The Sealife entry is the same as the golf except any accompanying adults will need to pay to enter. Child and adult prices are the same. These are £7 each and can be purchased from the PTFA.

ADVENTURE ISLAND

This year Adventure Wonderland will be running separate to the outside rides and so Adventure Island will be open during the Christmas days 17-24th December. Wristband vouchers for Adventure Island are priced at **£16** and available through the PTFA.

For more information, please visit the Wonderland site:

<https://adventureisland.co.uk/adventure-wonderland-christmas/>

To purchase contact us at pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk or
whatsapp 07928 121 350.





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Winter Reading Challenge

Saturday 26 November to Saturday 28 January

Pick up your booklet from any Essex library, and complete six challenges for a free reward!

Find out more at libraries.essex.gov.uk

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Support to make the most of your money and find help if you need it.

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