

## Message from Mrs Branton

A trip to the Rainforest was on the agenda this morning with the Cherry class assembly. The children presented their term's learning and what a term of learning! A fantastic retelling of the story of The Great Kapok Tree, with a great message all about saving the rainforest and looking after the animals that live there. There was some very informative reading from the children's news reports they had written, about the birth of a baby sloth at Dudley Zoo in April 2022. Then to my favourite part, a wonderful performance to Livin' on a Prayer by Bon Jovi, with musical accompaniment on the glockenspiels and others rocking like pros on their inflatable guitars. An enormous well done to Cherry class for a very entertaining assembly!



## Parent Coffee Morning

It was lovely to see some of you at the parent coffee morning this week. Thank you to Mr Kemp for popping in to share some information about an exciting new project which is being introduced across the school- The Healthy Schools Project. Also, a big thank you to the PTFA for providing the refreshments. Congratulations to the parent that won the bottle of prosecco in the free raffle draw! Our next coffee morning is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 08:50-10:00am, where Mrs Walby will be dropping in to talk about keeping our children safe on social media and the internet. There will be a practical element to this coffee morning where you can bring in your devices and have support in setting up parental controls or you may want to explore some of the apps that are mentioned. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible, there will be a play area set up for any little ones; refreshments; second-hand uniform sale; and access to purchasing Adventure Island tickets from the PTFA. Put the date in your diary!

## Christmas

Christmas is drawing closer and I know that all classes are busy preparing for their nativity and Christmas shows. I can't wait to see their performances. Another exciting event that we hold at this time of year is the Children's Christmas Bazaar which will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December. This is a Christmas fair which is designed specifically for the children and held during the school day. Every class will make their own Christmas products which will be sold at the Bazaar and the year 6 pupils make and run games that the children can play and enjoy. On the day, the children bring into school some shopping money (in coins) and a shopping bag and they have fun Christmas shopping with their friends. Some choose to buy Christmas gifts, whereas others enjoy spending their money on the games and the tasty treats!

As part of our preparation for this bazaar, we have launched our Jam Jar Competition and chocolate raffle. We are asking all of 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. The Children's Christmas Bazaar is always a wonderful experience for the children- thank you for your support.



Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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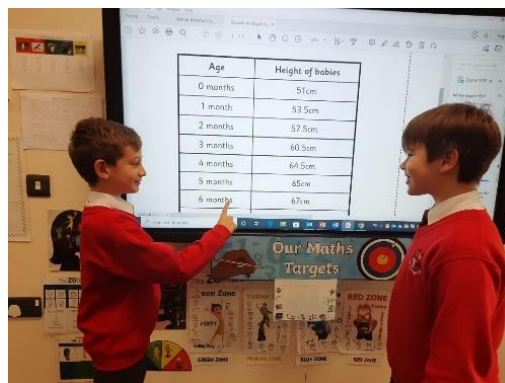
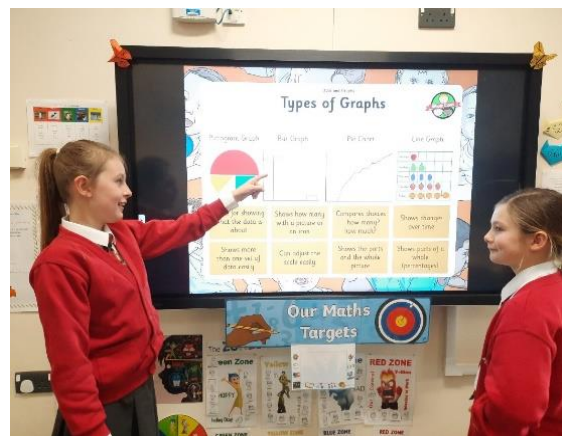


## Science in the News

Great Science learning at Willowbrook Primary School!

Here is what Cherry class found out. Well done, children!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



In Cherry, the children have been looking at data to consider the average height of babies at different stages throughout their first year. They thought about different types of graphs, such as pie charts and pictograms. They discussed how we could represent this data and had a go at plotting our own line graphs, labelling it with the correct units of measurement.

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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:*

*Leo and Annabelle*



*Well done*

### Core value pupil

		<p>Well done to the core value pupil from Hawthorn class who received this week's award for independence in the celebration assembly</p>
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### Word of the week

<i>'Wonderful words of the week'</i>	
<p><b><u>Key Stage 1</u></b> identify</p>	<p><b><u>Key Stage 2</u></b> overwhelm</p>



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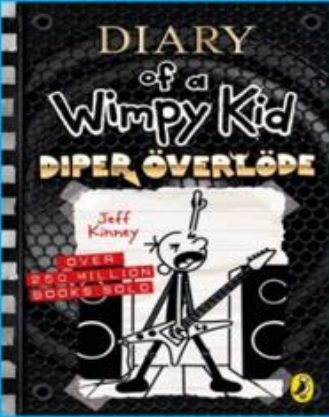
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Raffle tickets will go on sale next week, for a chance to win a signed copy of the brand-new 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' book. All monies raised from the sale of raffle tickets will go towards new books for the school library. Tickets can be purchased after school outside the Year four classroom, £1 for a strip of 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 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
Week commencing 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2022					
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	Margherita 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.

	AUTUMN TERM 2022
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Last Swimming lesson for years 3 and 5
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas House Day
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Prospective Parent Tour 9:30am till 10:30am Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 5 & 6 KS2 Christmas show 2:15pm
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 3 & 4 KS2 Christmas show 2:15pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Prospective Parent Tour 9.30am till 10:30am Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Panto Trip
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Christmas Wonder workshop (1 Hour) with BSCWT at St Peters Church
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Fayre
19 <sup>th</sup> December	RockSteady Concert
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
	SPRING TERM 2023
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming starts years 2 and 6 for 10 weeks last lesson 21/3/2023
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Drama 4 All – 30-minute circus themed workshops for Beech, Whitebeam, Chestnut and Pine classes
26 <sup>th</sup> January	KS1 reading workshop with Miss Cox 9am – 10:30am in the school hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Parent coffee morning
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term week
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school

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## 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](mailto:pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk) or  
whatsapp 07928 121 350.





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I am pleased to announce this year's Lighting Up Brentwood and Shenfield Christmas Fayre will be back, please save the dates for.

**Lighting Up Brentwood Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 12-6pm Brentwood High Street**

**Shenfield Christmas fayre Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 12-5pm Shenfield High Street**

<https://www.brentwood.gov.uk/-/events-in-brentwood#christmas-2022>



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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](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk)

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## Christmas Hamper Appeal 2022

In Christmas 2021 we distributed 300 hampers to struggling families and those impacted by the pandemic.

With rising fuel and food costs, Christmas this year is going to be a struggle for many, so we have decided to run our Christmas Hamper campaign again.

Would you like to bless a family this Christmas? Can you buy a few extra items to make Christmas a little easier for someone?

Each week we will suggest a different item to buy. Hampers can be delivered to St Peter's Church, Claughton Way between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 17th December.

Please note we can only accept hampers on this date due to storage limitations.

If you would like to take part, please email [dailybreadhampers@gmail.com](mailto:dailybreadhampers@gmail.com) for further details and to be added to the mailing list