



# Weekly Newsletter

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## Message from Mrs Branton

This morning, Oak class took us on a wonderful Viking journey with their class assembly. The children have been busy researching lots of interesting facts that they shared with us about Beowulf, along with their stories and newspaper reports all about their Raiders and Invaders topic. I particularly enjoyed their rendition of Wellerman and of course their splendid performance to Mamma Mia. It was clear to see how hard the children had worked practising their lines, songs and movements as the assembly was a real success!



## Odd socks

We had a wonderful turnout of odd socks on Monday, to mark the start of National Anti-Bullying week. The children wore their odd socks with great pride, encouraging the spread of kindness and celebrating what makes us all unique.

## Children in need

It was that time of year again on Thursday and what an amazing day we had in support of 'Children in Need'. As you will see from the photos below, there were lots of fantastic Pudsey twists amongst the children's clothing.



## Parent Coffee Morning- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

We have our half-termly parent coffee morning next week Wednesday. It was so lovely to see so many of you at our last coffee morning for Macmillan, I hope you will be able to join us again. The PTFA will be on hand to provide free refreshments and it will be an opportunity to catch-up with other parents from across the school. We will also have Mr Kemp and Miss Albiston popping in to share information about our new Healthy Schools Project which all of your children will be involved in and the PTFA will have their second-hand uniform and Adventure Island vouchers for sale. Doors to the hall will open at 08:50, so after dropping off your child, please do come in. There is no requirement to stay for any particular length of time, but we will be finishing at 10am in order to free up the hall for PE lessons. Every parent that comes will also be entered into a free raffle draw to win a prize! I look forward to seeing you all there.

## Road safety

As part of National road safety week, Beech and Cherry class were joined by Rebecca from the Essex County Council road safety team on Wednesday. The theme for this year's Road Safety Week was 'Safer Roads for All'. Rebecca gave road safety presentations to both classes and then spent some time with small groups of children from Cherry class, putting what they had learnt into practice with some local roadside training. You can find lots of useful information and links at <https://saferessexroads.org/road-users/children/>



We are all looking forward to the FIFA Men's World Cup in Qatar. However, we have decided not to broadcast the match during school time, as we do not feel that the loss of learning time is warranted for the group matches that fall during school time. I for one will definitely be recording the games to watch at home, so no spoilers please!!!!

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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## Notes from PTFA:

This year we have decided as a PTFA committee that we will not be holding a Christmas Fayre.

We felt that during this current economic crisis that we didn't want to put any additional undue stress on parents/carers finances - we as the PTFA wanted to be understanding of the situation.

The children will have lots of festive activities and events (including a Christmas bazaar in school time) going on through December at school (and a special visitor too), and we will be holding a raffle still.

We hope you can understand our rationale, and thank you as always for your continued support of the PTFA.

The Committee

The PTFA are selling Southend Wonderland at Adventure Island vouchers this year, please see further on in the newsletter for more information.



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## Science in the News

Another brilliant week at Willowbrook Primary School. Find below Whitebeam and Hawthorn have learnt. Well done, superstars!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



Whitebeam class have been looking at choosing a good material for a purpose. They looked at different objects and discussed, in their talk partners, which materials they thought it was made out of and why. They used the words transparent and opaque to describe different materials.



Hawthorn have been focusing on classifying. We have learnt about the Linnaeus classification system which scientists use today. We have also explored the features which are used to describe the different classification groups within vertebrates, invertebrates and plants. This culminated in visits to our wonderful nature area where we had an opportunity to apply our new knowledge to classifying what we could find and creating our own poster or leaflet to describe the living things we classified.

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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:*

*Antonia, Senna, Adam, Thomas, Rowen, Owen, Thea and Tommy*



*Well done*

### Core value pupil

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

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

**Key Stage 1**  
 Whitebeam - invented  
 Chestnut – fussy

**Key Stage 2**  
 Pine - rely  
 Oak – plunder  
 Cherry – hazardous  
 Hawthorn - cell



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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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# Parent Coffee Morning!



**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 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.

Mr Kemp and Miss Albiston will be dropping in to talk about the new Healthy Schools Project which your children will be involved in.

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

The PTFA will also have Southend Adventure Island tickets and second-hand school uniform on sale.

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



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## Children's lunch menu

WK 1	Monday World Cup Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2022					
Main Meal RED	Stadium Hot Dogs with Linesmen Fajita Spiced Wedges (Ve)	Mild Chicken & Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice	Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Pitch Side Veggie Hot Dogs (Ve) with Linesmen Fajita Spiced Wedges (Ve)	Thai Vegetable Green Curry with Steamed Rice (Ve)	BBQ Roast Sweet Potato & Bean Loaf with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (Ve)	Homemade Vegan Burger in a Bun (Ve)	Vegetable Burrito Wrap (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) or Cheese (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Wholegrain Pasta with Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Pasta with Tomato Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Crunchy Autumn Slaw (Ve)	Cauliflower & Green Beans (Ve)	Seasonal Greens & Carrots (Ve)	Broccoli & Sweetcorn (Ve)	Peas & 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	Golden Footballs - Rice Krispie Syrup Cakes  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Fruit Burst Jelly (Ve)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Apple & Oaty Topped Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Maryland Cookie (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
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parent Coffee Morning- Healthy Schools project 8:50am until 10am
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Beech Class One Plan meetings
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Oak Class One Plan meetings
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Cherry Class Assembly 9:15am
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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## Support with the Cost of living

### BILLS & MONEY



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

### WORK



Advice and support to help you work.

### WELLBEING



If you need urgent mental health support, call NHS 111 and select option 2 to speak with a mental health practitioner. You can also text SHOUT to 85258.

### FOOD & ESSENTIALS



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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