

## Message from Mrs Branton

Today, Chestnut class led an assembly all around their current topic of Towers and Turrets which was definitely worth waiting for. The children spoke clearly and enthusiastically sharing lots of interesting facts about William the Conqueror. They showcased their wonderful and creative castles and entertained us with some singing. Well done Chestnut class- a performance to be proud of!



Pine class thoroughly enjoyed their visit to London on Thursday with the opportunity to see Tower Bridge open up for a French navy ship being the highlight of the day. The class then took a journey down the River Thames taking in the sights on board the Thames Clipper before departing at the Embankment and taking a stroll to Trafalgar Square. A trip to the capital never fails to disappoint, there is simply so much to do and see for the children.

Thank you to our Class Parent Council Representatives who came into school last Friday afternoon for the first meeting of this year, it was great to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Please do contact your class rep should you have any feedback that you wish to pass on.

Our parents' evenings have been a huge success this week, thank you so much to everyone who came along, it was wonderful to be able to welcome you into school. We had an overwhelmingly positive response, with many parents expressing delight and thanks for how well their children have settled into their new classes.

Our school book fayres are a great way to promote reading in school. The children are always very enthusiastic when they come to view the books on sale as a class. Thanks to all your purchases, we have received some fantastic commission and now have just over £450 to spend on new books for our school library.



Over half-term your children may spend more time on their devices so to ensure we are keeping our children safe online we would encourage you as parents and carers to spend time talking to your children about what they are playing and looking at online. To support parents with this, the 2Johns gave a presentation which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/The2johns> If your children use WhatsApp or Snapchat we would especially encourage you to watch this, as they suggest altering settings to improve their safety while using them. There were lots of other useful tips given about e-safety generally so I'm sure you would find it useful even if your child doesn't use these apps. Please note the presentation starts 20 minutes into the clips so please advance the clip to start watching. We hope you find this useful.

The first half of this autumn term has flown by, I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October on the countdown to all things Christmas. Have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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## SPORTING NEWS

A great week for sport as more of our children had the opportunity to represent Willowbrook at various sporting events



A fantastic performance by all the runners at the cross event, the children showed individual determination and stamina to complete their race as well as giving each other support to do their best. We have some very talented runners in school with two of our girls achieving medals, well done to you all!



It's been a busy week of football this week with both teams having cup games. The children showed a tremendous attitude and team-spirit throughout, putting in great team performances. The girls won the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Whiskerd Cup against Hollytree's 4-3, putting them through to the quarter finals!

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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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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:*

*Elizabeth, Evie, Ava, Sienna, Caleb, Max, Danel, Abdullah, Daisy, Ilie, Bobbi, Lillie, Freddie, May, Loni, Robyn and Isla*



*Well done*

### Core value pupil

 <p>Willowbrook Primary School Each Working For All</p> <p>Happiness Independence Respect Teamwork Caring Honesty</p>	<p>Well done to the core value pupil from Hawthorn class who received this week's award for happiness 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> support</p>	<p><b><u>Key Stage 2</u></b> Well-being</p>



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## Children's lunch menu

WK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022					
Main Meal RED	Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy	Mild Chicken & Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice	Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Bolognaise with Spaghetti	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Tex Mex Vegetarian Sausage Hot Pot (V)	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	Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Wholegrain Pasta with Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Pasta with Tomato Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn & Peas (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	Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Compote (V)  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
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Back to school
31 <sup>st</sup> October to 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 residential trip
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Whitebeam Class Assembly 9:15am
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>PTFA Halloween Disco – letters have been sent home</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Cherry Class & Chestnut Class One Plan meetings
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Whitebeam Class One Plan meetings
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Beech Class Assembly 9:15am
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day - All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 parent meeting via zoom- residential in year 6
16 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Road safety Presentation
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Road safety Presentation and Road safety walk
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Hawthorn Class One Plan meetings
17 <sup>th</sup> November	BBC Children in need day – wear non-uniform with a Pudsey twist (ie spotty socks/hairband) for £1/donation – further information to follow
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Oak Class assembly 9:15am
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Pine Class One Plan meetings
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school flu immunisation
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 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

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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



## HALLOWEEN DISCO

### WED 9TH NOVEMBER 2022



Infants: 4:45pm - 5:45pm (£3 each)  
 Juniors: 6:00pm - 7:30pm (£4 each)

Dear Parents/Carers,

The PTFA would like to invite you to a Halloween disco!

Moji will be back to provide the music and entertainment and we would love for the children to dress as they wish - fancy dress is always welcome but if they want to wear their favourite outfit, that's fine too!

Please do be mindful when choosing your child's outfit and makeup if coming in Halloween fancy dress so as not to cause distress to others. Strictly no props allowed. Those in infants will need to make sure the outfits are practical as children will need to be able to use the toilets independently.

The INFANTS disco will have music and 15-20 minutes of entertainment. They will also have a drink and a snack to top up their energy.

EYFS/RECEPTION parents only will be able to stay at the disco if they wish.

JUNIORS will be free to dance and spend time with friends. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

The disco will be ticketed, and tickets can be purchased by completing the form below with the correct payment in a named envelope.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Willowbrook Primary School PTFA

PTFA Halloween Disco - 9th November 2022  
 Reply Slip

Please return with named envelope to classrooms by Monday 7th November 2022.

Name/s of child/children:	
Class/classes:	
Total Paid: Infants (£3 each) Juniors (£4 each)	

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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



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## ***Mayor's Christmas Card Design and Christmas Poetry Competition 2022***

I am writing to invite your pupils to enter in to either one or both of the above competitions. The winners will receive a gift and an invitation to join me to turn on the Christmas lights on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

### **Competition One: Christmas Card Design**

The entry should be on A4 paper, portrait format, and the design should be something to do with Christmas. The winning entry will be used on the front of my Christmas card this year. Please ask your pupils not to embellish their designs with cotton wool, glitter etc., as they are hard to replicate so cannot be chosen.

### **Competition Two: A Christmas Poem**

The title for this entry is "My Christmas Wish" and should be no more than 200 words. Only the wording will be considered, so decorations and artwork are not necessary. The poem will be published in the Mayor's Christmas Card.

### **Submitting your entries**

Please can you ensure your entries have your child's name and age and the name of their school on the back and are sent to the Mayor's Office, Brentwood Borough Council, Town Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AY by 5pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November or they can be scanned and emailed directly to [zoey.foakes@brentwood.gov.uk](mailto:zoey.foakes@brentwood.gov.uk) with the above information, please also include a note/message to say who the winner should be contacted through should your child's entry be selected.

I hope your pupils will enjoy entering into the competitions.

Yours faithfully,

**Cllr Olivia Francois**  
Mayor of Brentwood