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A ROUND-UP OF THE WILLOWBROOK PTFA NEWS - AUTUMN 2023
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE PTFA

Wow, it's Christmas! Where has this term gone!?! We must start with a massive thank you again to Hunter's Chase Garden Centre (@hunterschasegardencentre) for donating to us our beautiful Christmas tree this year. We hope that the children and parents/carers have loved the Christmas trees around the school. The PTFA committee had a lovely morning decorating them all and getting into the Christmas spirit.



Santa is Coming to Town



For the third year running one of our wonderful PTFA volunteers has managed to get some funding/sponsorship money for the children to receive a visit from a very special man, and each child to receive a treat from him too!!! We hope the children enjoyed their visitor and treat.

THANK YOU TO NICKI IVERSEN, MARCLOUD, NICKY ATKINS CONSULTING LTD, AND INFINITYBEYONDEVENTS FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN FOR OUR CHILDREN.



PTFA Social/ Coffee Mornings

The PTFA committee held their first PTFA social after school on Wednesday 15th November at St Peters Church. What a turnout of parents/carers and children to support this PTFA event. It was a great opportunity for parents/carers and children to have a chat/catch up over a nice warm coffee and a slice of cake during the dull and cold November month. From this event we raised a super £100, far more than we ever expected, and we are very grateful to our generous Willowbrook Family. We must say a big thank you to Rev Lisa Whymark and the team at St Peters Church for allowing us to hold our social at the church.

The PTFA continue to support the school on their information coffee mornings throughout the term. Mr Shrimplin provided some good detail around reading in school from colour band information, and the vending machine. We were also treated to a wonderful rocking performance from Oak class to Livin on a Prayer.

Next Coffee Morning: Tuesday 30th January 2024 (8.50am - 10.00am)
Chestnut Class will be dropping in to give a short performance too.

WINTER DISCO



We had an amazing 80% turn out for the Winter disco in November. We hope the children had the best time, and we certainly know the teachers enjoyed themselves and got involved with the games and dancing. Thank you again to Ali Entertainments (@alis_entertainments) for providing the music and fun for all. We managed to raise a great £250 from the disco this term, so thank you to everyone.

Panto Time

The whole school had the best time at the Pantomime in Basildon seeing Cinderella. All the children laughed, danced and thoroughly enjoyed their day out.

With thanks to funds raised by PTFA events, the PTFA were able to contribute 25% of the whole Panto cost, and thus ensuring we kept the cost the same for parents as last year.



PTFA funds also provided the snacks and drinks for the children and teachers for this event too.

New Name/New Home



Thank you to everyone who took part in 'Name the Dog' raffle this term.

The winning name will be picked by Mrs Branton on the final week of term, and the winning child will be bringing it home on the last day of term.

This raffle raised a great £60 for the PTFA funds.

Christmas Cards/Gifts

Amazing talent shown again this year on the Christmas cards/gifts fundraiser. We raised £120 on this event, and continues to be popular each year.



Fantasy Football - Willowbrook FC

This is the first year we have run a Fantasy Football League, which raised an incredible £300. We have had different children win 'Manager of the Month' awards, and we don't have a clear leader of the league yet, so all to play for.

Mrs Branton's Wish List

Thanks to PTFA funds raised from events, we have been able to purchase 12 walkie talkies for the school (£362). These are to help improve communication between staff throughout the school and playground.

WILLOWBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL 2023-2024
PTFA EVENTS KEY DATES

- WINTER DISCO**
Thursday 23 November 2023
- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
Thursday 29 February 2024
- ST PATRICK'S DAY QUIZ NIGHT**
March 2024
- FAMILY BINGO NIGHT**
June 2024
- SUMMER FAYRE**
Saturday 6 July 2024
- SUMMER DISCO**
Wednesday 17 July 2024

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