

# Willow Brook News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Thank you for your kindness

Firstly, a very big 'thank you' for your generosity and support for the many appeals we have had over the past few weeks. From a van full of food and supplies, which went off to The Friary Drop in Centre following our harvest celebration, to a wonderful stack that went off to our Operation Christmas Child Appeal. Thank you to everyone who helped their child to pack a shoebox.

Thank you, too for your toy donations that were sent to the Faith in Families Appeal – each one, I'm sure, will be much appreciated.



Our 'Friends of Willow Brook' are busily preparing for Christmas Fair, which is in the diary for December 16<sup>th</sup> and I know they would be delighted to have your donations for stalls as well as a helping hand on the morning. They are also running a stall at the Keyworth Christmas Light Switch-on on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Filling a sock with sweets and small treats for them to sell would be a great help and, if you have your stocking at school before November 20<sup>th</sup> we will be judging the best one and awarding a prize!

Thank you, too, for the many extra pairs of hands (and feet!) who joined the infants on their Welly Walk on Wednesday! It was a happy, sunny autumn trek across Stanton and the children had a fabulous time looking for autumn and stomping in the puddles!



## Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Next Friday, of course, is Children in Need and, as is customary, we will be getting involved in a day full of revelry and fundraising to support this fabulous cause. You should have already received a letter from Mr Jones and his department of the school council with full details of our money mile plot... Your coins will not only add to the mile, but also support the inter-class 'cash mass competition'! Each class will weigh their money pool and the weightiest collection will win the fundraisers' prize. There will, of course, be a little mathematics to make sure that however many are in the class, it's a fair game!



We have also declared next Friday to be a dressing up day full of spotty outfits and Children in Need t-shirts and Pudsey ears! There will also be prizes for the most creative spin on the spotty theme and any home-made or shop created cakes will be gratefully received for our break-time sale.

After a morning full of money, maths and mayhem, we aim to settle down later in the afternoon and eat our cakes and watch a DVD. As a part of our 'Let there be Dragons' topic, we hope to show the recent remake of Disney's Pete's Dragon. Originally a U certificate, this now carries a PG rating. If you have any concerns about your child watching this, please let us know.

## Bridge Club

Our extra-curricular activity timetable has been extremely busy, and we were determined to make sure there was something for everyone. Alongside sports clubs, Miss Brearey has enjoyed leading a choir of 37 children and we have really enjoyed welcoming members of the Keyworth Bridge Club to teach us how to be cunning with cards! It has stretched our strategy skills and, as you'll see from the photos, it's been great fun!



## Christmas Dates for Your Diary

This week has been packed with auditions and scripts and from shepherds and sheep to dragons and alpine dancers, performances are starting to take shape. Our nativity (starring Reception and Year 1) will take place on the **afternoon and evening of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Our main school production (Years 2 – 6) is on the **evenings of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, with an afternoon performance on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets for all shows will be on sale in due course.

## A couple of small pleas! Firstly, from the Office...

The school has an internal mail system run by Year 6 at the beginning of each day. Dinner money, permission slips and letters are collected from each classroom – this helps to keep them all in one place, means that the office staff are free to deal with other things first thing in the morning and gives the children a little responsibility – always a good thing! Please let your children deal with the envelopes!

## And from the infant staff...

Thank you for your understanding and recent help in keeping the cloakrooms safe by letting the children come in by themselves. I am sure you'll appreciate that 8.50am is a very busy time and anything you can do to encourage a little independence when lining up and walking into class would be much appreciated.

May we also politely point out that we now have children in school with serious nut allergies. We strongly discourage nuts being brought into school as break time snacks or in lunchboxes for this very reason, and would also ask you to be thoughtful when sending in birthday sweets and cakes.

Please keep up to date with all our news on our website [www.willowbrook.notts.sch.uk](http://www.willowbrook.notts.sch.uk). You should also find a copy of each classes' Learning Letter for the half term which lets you know just what they are up to.

With best wishes,

*Louise Ballard*