



# Willow Brook News

## November 20<sup>th</sup> 2020

Whilst I usually refuse to use the word 'Christmas' until December 1<sup>st</sup>, I am prepared to bend a little in unusual times! I sat in a virtual meeting of the governors last night and watched the house opposite put up their Christmas tree, and I understand that Miss Johnston is already playing her Christmas hits CD on her way to and from work... What's more, Mrs Roper is sending me hourly emails because, apparently, Elaine in the kitchen needs to order the turkey! I give in!



Obviously, our usual Christmas weeks – most of which involve 'gathering' and 'singing' – will have to be quite different this year. BUT with Reception working on a Hollywood film production of their nativity, there are plans afoot and work has already begun on our festive Christmas Dinner Day. This is in the diary for the final Tuesday of term (December 15<sup>th</sup>). With clever planning and all hands on deck, we can deliver a Covid safe Christmas dinner in the hall in 3 sittings. This is always a wonderful meal together with music and all the trimmings!

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December will also be our Christmas jumper day! Add to the cheer by coming to school in your favourite festive outfit. This year we won't be collecting your coins for the Save the Children Appeal, but your promise to put a coin in the next Salvation Army tin you see in lieu would make us very happy. As the Salvation Army have supported us without fail every winter, I am more than happy to suggest a small way of supporting them. I know how much we will miss their presence in the playground on the last day of term this year. I also know that they are having to plan carefully for what is usually their busiest period of the year until they can gather and play again.



The 'Friends of Willow Brook' committee have also plotted to add to the afternoon of December 15<sup>th</sup> in a magical way for the children... but that will stay under wraps until we can talk about Christmas more openly on December 1<sup>st</sup>!

### What you need to do now.

We will presume that your child will join us for Christmas dinner unless you tell us they would rather not. Most children do. Please email [office@willowbrook.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@willowbrook.notts.sch.uk) if you DO NOT want to order a Christmas dinner before next Tuesday (November 24<sup>th</sup>).

If your child has any dietary requirements (an allergy to sprouts for example, rather than simply a dislike of roast parsnips) or requires a vegetarian/vegan meal, please contact Mrs Roper via email to let her know.

It begins...

Louise Ballard