



Willow Brook Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for all the support you have been giving to recent ventures in school. It is a busy term in school so can I just urge you to keep one eye on your child's bookbag and the other on your emails for communications from us. We try and send messages by multiple means (as well as telling the children in assemblies) so that we catch you.

Tomorrow is **Children in Need Day**. Thank you so much for your donations to date. After my Parentmail yesterday, the total shot up and the children were delighted to see the messages that you had posted for them in assembly this morning! We'll be showing them again tomorrow and on Monday and Tuesday, so keep them coming! The total this morning sits at £539! Fabulous! Scan the QR code to find our page. If you are unable to access the site and wish to donate money, please get in touch so that we can assist you.



I can't wait to see what the day will bring!

Tomorrow afternoon the children will be watching excerpts of Peter Pan films that will help them to learn a little bit more of the story. These are edited highlights that are age appropriate and relevant. Year 5 and 6 will be watching sections of the 2003 Peter Pan film. This has a PG rating. If you have any concerns about the rating or content, please get in touch. Our younger children will be seeing sections of the Disney animation. As well as giving out prizes for the most awesome costumes, we will also be going on a hunt for lost shadows and a golden fairy...



Thank you for supporting the launch of our Anti-Bullying week. Check out the school website to see a report on a hall full of odd socks (and why that started our thinking). Assemblies and work in class have supported some strong anti-bullying messages and as I write, our school council are using the school's anti bullying policy to write their own child-friendly charter. Our policy is on the website – please take a look. The children are learning the definition of bullying and how our language and actions affect the happiness of others. We want the children at Willow Brook to feel safe and happy so that they

can learn and thrive. As always, if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing and relationships in school, please speak to a teacher or a member of the leadership team.

Finally, the message over the page gives you full details of The Friends of Willow Brook's meeting on Monday evening at the Tavern. It's a great opportunity to get involved with the school, have a drink and see how you can help us in fundraising ventures and family events. Recent Parentmails will have supplied you more details but do come along.

Kind regards,

Louise Ballard



AGM

MONDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2021 7:30PM @ The Keyworth Tavern

All parents and carers at Willow Brook are warmly invited to attend the Friends of Willow Brook AGM. If you have joined our community since the group last met, please join us to get a flavour of the work that adds a special touch to Willow Brook life.

The AGM is an opportunity to come along and find out more. During the meeting we elect your committee, give you more information about how you can join or support this team of fabulous people, have your say on what events we hold this year and how the money raised is spent.

How can you help?

- **Become a Committee Member** – the committee help plan and run all Friends events, we couldn't run any events without their help and support! The committee is made up of 3 key positions
 - Chair
 - Treasurer and
 - Secretary.

We welcome nominations for all roles this year. If you would like to nominate yourself or others (with their consent) for any of the committee roles, please email friendsofwillowbrook00@gmail.com.

We are now a registered charity (a requirement for all PTA's that have an income >£5k per year).

More information about becoming a trustee can be found on this website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved>. Committee members will automatically become trustees of the charity as part of their appointment.

- **Attend and vote at the AGM** – we need people to vote to elect the committee and help decide the direction of Friends this year.
- **Time! Time! Time!** – We are incredibly appreciative of all those who help at events, however we always need more volunteers, as they say, "*many hand make light work*". It's a great way to get to know other people and we couldn't run events and raise so much money for school without your support. This is going to be an unusual and potentially challenging year, but there will definitely be many jobs that need doing through the year. These can be daytime or evening jobs, at home or in School, 5 mins or longer
- If you are interested in helping, you could also join the "***Friends of Willow Brook***" Facebook page where we post about anything that's needed and provide updates on events and plans for the year. Alternatively, if you are happy to be contacted directly when we have things that need doing, please send an email to friendsofwillowbrook00@gmail.com

Many Thanks

Nicola Razzell (Chair)