



Willow Brook News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Tonight's the night... the return of the school disco! Nigel, the Midnight Cruiser will be suited and booted and welcoming our youngest partygoers (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2) between 6.30 and 7.30pm. KS2 will take to the floor at 7.45pm and the club will close promptly at 8.45pm. It's £3 for entry, and a little extra money for the tuck shop and glow stick bar is guaranteed to make it a Friday night to remember!

This is the first of a new calendar of events in our PTA fundraising/community diary for the year. I want to say a big thank you to all those who came to the Friends AGM on Tuesday. It was great to see so many new faces and a pleasure to welcome Nick Pearson who was duly elected as the group's new chairperson!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nic Razzell for lending us her incredible organisational skills and hours of hard work in running the Friends organisation over recent years. It has not been the easiest of years to run a social group, but alongside Daniela and Sarah, she has co-ordinated a great team!

In the Diary next week...

Mr. Clarke has been in the playground this week with his charm and clip board and gathered volunteers to help us with Wednesday's Potted Sports afternoon. All we need now is some favourable weather and we will have an activity filled afternoon! We aim to start at 1.30pm, so if you have offered to help, you'd be most welcome at 1.15pm for Mr. Clarke's pre-match motivational talk!

And Friday... with yet more help from our Friends committee, we would like to welcome you to our MacMillan Coffee Breakfast. Anyone who has had a member of the MacMillan team stand beside their family in times of struggle will know exactly why events like this are so important. If you can, enter our Bake Off competition and see if you can beat a teacher... if you can't bake, you could always do what Mr. Jones did a few years back and buy a cake from Marks and Spencer and pass it off as your own...! Alternatively, simply come and buy a cup of coffee... drop a small donation into the office or offer to lend a hand for half an hour... it will all add to the success of the morning. We would be happy to receive any cake contributions on Thursday evening or early Friday morning.



You will see that I have added a visit from the school's photographer on Tuesday 4th October. Whilst you are certainly not obliged to buy a photograph, he will endeavour to work through individual portraits as well as gathering siblings who are present in school/preschool during the morning for group pictures. We have managed to squeeze this in before half term so that prints can be back with you by December.

The Lonely Bike

One of our Willow Brook 5 C's is CARE. We continue to teach the children in assemblies and lessons that taking care is hugely important. Last week's Bench of Glory celebrated eight children who show pride in their work and take care to do their best. The start of term inevitably sees us reminding children that taking care of their possessions also makes a difference. Five school jumpers lay abandoned (and nameless!) on the field by Friday last week and are still in lost property. Another piece of lost property that is slightly bemusing is a bike... This has been in the school playground (complete with helmet) since July. The children don't seem to know if it's theirs, but somebody must be missing it! If you can solve our mystery, we'd love to hear from you. (And if you could name items of uniform, we could get them back to you!)



I must away now to find my disco outfit and I look forward to seeing you on the dance floor shortly.

Louise Ballard

Date	Event
23 rd September	School disco
28 th September	Whole school Potted Sports afternoon 1.30 – 3pm
30 th September	MacMillan coffee breakfast – come and have coffee and cake from 8.15am and contribute to this great cause.
4 th October	School Photographer in school
7 th October	Harvest Celebration – we welcome your donations of food and produce which will be donated to The Friary Drop-in Centre.
11 th and 12 th October	Term 1 Parents Evening meetings
Friday 14 th October	Break up for half term

Mr Clarke's Sporting Back Page

Last Saturday the boys competed in an early Rushcliffe Schools' Tournament at St Peters School.

Unfortunately, the results didn't quite go our way, but I was proud of the team's efforts throughout. I strongly believe that results will start to go in our favour in the near future!



On Tuesday 20th September, the girls competed in a rearranged Rushcliffe Women's Euros Tournament at Gresham Sports Park. It was a successful outing for the girls as after some very strong performances, they came 3rd overall and received bronze medals for their efforts. Mr Boyd and I were very proud of the girls - they thoroughly deserved their rewards. A great start to football this year for the girls and they go again tomorrow at their Rushcliffe tournament.

