



Willow Brook Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a quick update to remind you of some important events and dates coming up in the next couple of weeks.

This **Friday is our Remembrance Day assembly**. If your children have not been a part of the event before, we have a service planned which involves the playing of the Last Post and Year 6 taking the lead with readings and wreath laying. We have learnt the poem, 'In Flanders Fields', which is sung. Your children will also bring the words home and we hope that many will be able to learn the words off by heart. We would also encourage children to wear a poppy this week and have taught them the significance of doing so in assemblies.

Next Monday marks the start of our Anti-Bully week. The launch is boosted with an assembly introducing the theme, 'Reach Out' and our teaching and learning during the week will focus on positive strategies for doing just that. So, next Monday we join *Andy and the Odd Socks* band in wearing wonderfully outrageous odd socks to school! The brighter, the better! If you bought a pair last year, you're bound to have the matching set for this time round! As always, there will be a method behind the madness...



Our annual fundraising for **Children in Need on Friday 18th November** will take us all to Happy Valley, where nursery rhyme and fairy tale characters will bring the day to life. I hope that the details included in my last newsletter have given you a chance to think of a fitting outfit for your children to dress up in! (If you would rather don your Pudsey/spotty outfit, that would be just fine!) There will be prizes for the most imaginative costume (we do love homemade outfits) and a whole host of activities to raise money during the day. Willow Brook's Just Giving page will go live this Friday as we launch our 2022 campaign and your pledges will be read aloud to the children on the day. If you feel you can donate, even just a small

amount, collectively we can work together to make a big difference!

And finally for this quick bulletin... our choir will be singing at the Keyworth Village Festivities afternoon on 19th November at 1.15pm. We all learnt the rather catchy Hedgehog Highway song last Friday, so if any children want to come and help us as we share it, please feel free to join us in The Square on Main Street.

Reminders of other key dates in December are detailed over the page for your information. News about key stage 2's exciting trip to the pantomime will be with you by the end of the week!

With kind regards,

Louise Ballard

Date	Event
11 th November	Remembrance Day Poppy Service 11am
14 th November	Odd Socks Day
18 th November	Children in Need Day
19 th November	Choir performing at the Keyworth Festive Day
23 rd November	KS2 trip to the Loughborough Pantomime
2 nd December	Non uniform day (in return for a chocolate/bottle tombola prize)
6 th 7 th 8 th December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Production (Tuesday evening, Wednesday afternoon and evening, Thursday evening.)
9 th December	Friends Christmas Fair 4 – 6pm
15 th December	EYFS and Year 1's Nativity Day (With performances at 2pm and 6.30pm).
20 th December	Christmas Dinner and charity jumper day
21 st December	Last day of term

Mr Clarke's Sporting Back Page

It's certainly been an action packed six weeks of football at Willow Brook. Two Saturday tournaments to start our season off, 1 for the boys, 1 for girls, both proved challenging for the teams but we took positives from them. The girls then had an amazing time at a rearranged Rushcliffe Women's Euros Tournament coming away with bronze medals for finishing 3rd overall. It was well deserved after fantastic performances. A match against Crossdale Primary soon followed for the girls in the Rushcliffe Small Schools Cup, but a 3-1 defeat meant an early exit. Our first league matches took place on Thursday 6th October as we hosted Greythorn school. The boys played first and sadly lost 3-1. The girls played shortly after and made a great start to their league season, collecting three points in a 2-1 win thanks to goals from Jessie and Joy. Willow Brook is fortunate enough to have lots of children who are interested in playing football and on Wednesday some of the children who have not had as much opportunity in recent games, had the chance to shine at a football festival at South Notts Academy. They showcased their skills in a series of drills and mini games and a lot of fun was had! With the darker nights looming, we won't be doing afterschool training next half term but there may be the opportunity for the odd game. Further information will be provided nearer the time.

This week it was a pleasure to take two teams to South Wolds Academy to take part in a Boccia tournament. The children had a great morning and represented the school with pride and spirit.