Willenhall Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary

Mon 17th Dec: Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance
Mon 17th Dec: Year 5 Christmas Party
Tue 18th Dec: Year 1, 6, Reception & 6 Delta Christmas Parties
Wed 19th Dec: Year 2, 3, 4 & Nursery Christmas Parties
Thu 20th Dec: Performance Assembly 9am—parents are welcome to attend
Thu 20th Dec: Children break up at 3:25pm
Fri 21st Dec: Teacher Training Day—school is closed to pupils.
Mon 7th Jan: Children return to school at 8:55am
Thu 17th Jan: Willenhall Winner Dinner—keep an eye out for letters about this in the new year!
Thu 14th Feb: Children break up at 3:25pm for half-term
Fri 15th Feb: Teacher Training Day—school is closed to pupils
Mon 25th Feb: Children return to school at 8:55am

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is such an exciting time of year, I hope that you have already joined in some of the festive fun at our Christmas fayre last week. Thank you to everyone who supported this event we had a lovely time and raised over a thousand pounds for the school.

The excitement is really building now as we enter the final week of term. Everyone has worked extremely hard this term so it is really nice to be able to enjoy all the Christmas parties, performances and assemblies. I have had a preview of the Nursery and Reception Christmas production today and it is one of the best I’ve ever seen. We have the performance assembly on Thursday morning where we celebrate the children’s achievements this term, I hope parents and carers will be able to join us. There are Christmas parties taking place in school all week.

Our school choir has once again been out and about bringing Christmas cheer to local residents.

We are pleased to announce Willenhall are ranked 13th of 98 schools in Coventry for overall performance at end of KS2.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 7th January.

Caroline Kiely

Santa's Visit to Willenhall

On Wednesday 5th December Santa came to Willenhall Primary in his Sleigh! Children were invited to join him in the sleigh and have a chat about what they would like for Christmas. They were even allowed to ring the bell on the sleigh! Santa had a lot of helpers that evening and his journey couldn't have taken place without them! Thank you to all who helped that evening.

Children In Need

Thanks to cake sales, non-uniform and sporting events we managed to raise a whopping £640.00! This is an amazing amount of money for a worthwhile cause!

Remember to follow our Twitter account @WillenhallSch
Willenhall Sports Round-up

We have had a really successful half term with regards to sporting achievements; the children have competed in many tournaments and achieved great success!

Athletics
The Athletics team started their training earlier this year, spending time perfecting their techniques and scores in every available moment. This showed in their performance during the first round of the Athletics competition. Each team member performed incredibly which led to them earning a spot at the Coventry Finals of Athletics!

End Ball Festival
We took fifteen pupils from Year 4 to the Alan Higgs Centre. The children really enjoyed taking part in the End Ball Festival. All that took part showed great skill and determination. Well done to everyone!

Football
The boys’ and girls’ football season began with both teams participating in their respected cup competitions. The girls recorded their first win of the season and the boys’ football team have shown great improvement from last season. Thanks to their hard work and great teamwork they have successfully progressed to the next round of the Harry Shaw Cup. Both teams are continuing to train hard each week, showing their quality and passion for the game. The season ahead looks very promising indeed.

Cards and Party Invitations
Class Teachers will not be able to hand out cards and party invitations on behalf of your child, doing so takes up valuable learning time and can become a distraction from safeguarding when handing out at home time. Please hand these out yourself at drop off/collection times or ask your child to hand them out at break and lunch times.

Choir Trip with Armonico Consort
On Friday 9th November Mr Tucker, Mrs Howard and Mrs Perkins took the choir to sing in a concert with the Armonico Consort at Warwick Arts Centre. They were joined by hundreds of other children from schools across Coventry. The concert was in remembrance of all the armed personnel who have given their lives for this country, and marked the centenary of the Armistice. We sang Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man", it was a very powerful concert for performers and audience alike. The children did the school proud as always.

Year 2 Pantomime Trip
On Wednesday 5th December our Year 2 children were invited to watch a pantomime performance of Cinderella at the Standard Triumph Club. The children had a lovely time and were provided with goodies to eat whilst watching the show. We spoke to one of the children about the performance and here is what she said:

“We watched Cinderella. There was a fairy with a magic wand. Cinderella wanted to go to the ball and the Fairy Godmother dressed up as an old woman. The Fairy Godmother asked everyone if she should make Cinderella’s dreams come true and then she did. Cinderella went to the ball but then at midnight she had to leave. The prince told everyone ‘whoever this shoe fits I will marry’. The step sisters thought it was their shoe but it was Cinderella’s. My favourite character was Cinderella because she was so lovely and my second favourite character was Buttons because he was cool and told lots of jokes. My favourite bit was when Buttons would say ‘Whatcha Kids’ and then we say ‘Watcha Buttons’ and when Cinderella danced with the prince.” - Layla, Year 2

Attendance
We would like to say a huge well done to all of the 151 children who still have 100% attendance this year! On Thursday 20th December there will be a prize draw for the Twelve Days of Christmas competition. Any child who has attended school for the last twelve days leading up to the Christmas break, will have the chance to win a hamper or one of the eleven additional prizes. Also, on Thursday 20th December the class piggy banks will be emptied, the money will be counted and then the winning class will be announced!

Good Luck!
Online Payments

Did you know that 49% of our parents are now registered on School Gateway and enjoying the benefits of being able to pay online for school items. School Gateway allows you to pay online for items such as Dinner Money, Milk and Biscuits, School Uniform and much, much more!

There is no charge to parents for this service!

If you haven't registered yet please visit [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) or download the app from your app store to set up your account. If you are already registered but have trouble accessing your account please contact the school office.

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Year 4 Fire Fighters Visit

Binley Fire Fighters visited both of our Year 4 classes on Monday 3rd December. The Fire Fighters were delivering a national programme called 'Sparks', this focuses on aspects of fire safety around the home. The pupils were shown a Fire Safety presentation which included pictures and short clips. All of the pupils had the opportunity to interact and answer a range of different fire safety questions.

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New Menu Available

The catering team have created a brand new menu!

Here are some things you can expect to see; Sweet Chilli Chicken Noodles, Beef Chilli, All Day Breakfast and much more!

Take a look at the school website to see what is now available.

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Parking Issues

We regret to inform you that we are still having major issues with parking outside the school.

- If you are dropping off or picking up your child, please be mindful of where you park. We have had several complaints about parents who have blocked local residents in by parking over their driveway.
- We have had a few incidents of children nearly being hit by vehicles. We understand that it is very busy at the start/end of day, but safety is paramount! Please be alert—many of our pupils walk alone. Please keep to the speed limit—it is 20mph on St. James Lane (between the junction for Robin Hood Road and Bridgecote).
- Please do not park in the staff car park. The car park is for **staff use only**. Please ensure you always park your vehicle outside of the school grounds. As we do not hold parent vehicle registrations, it is very difficult to track you down if you are blocking another vehicle in.

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Don’t miss the deadline for Primary School applications

**Tuesday 15th January 2019—Deadline for Primary School (Reception) applications.**

All applications for children beginning Primary School (Reception Class) September 2019 must be completed online via Coventry City Council.

If your child currently attends our Nursery and you wish for them to be allocated a place in our Reception class you MUST APPLY VIA COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL ADMISSIONS

You are able to submit your child’s application on the following website:

[www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions)
CHRISTMAS FAYRE FUN!

Chief Editor, Coventry

On Friday 7th December 2018 Willenhall Primary School hosted their annual Christmas Fayre. Santa made (yet another!) visit and greeted children in his Grotto. It seems that Santa is very fond of Willenhall Primary.

There were a lot of different stalls available which were run by staff, volunteers and Year 6 children. The Year 6 children worked so hard that evening and did a great job of managing the stalls. The stalls included a Chocolate and Bottle Tombola, Face Painting, a Raffle, toy sale, book sale, cake sale and fun mini games.

Most of the items were either donated by parents and carers of the school or were created by the children. The parents of the school out do themselves every year, the donations seem to grow and grow.

The school is incredibly grateful for all of the help and donations. The Fayre is run to bring Christmas cheer to all and help to boost school funds.

The school fund is used to support trips, resources, rewards and much, much more. In total, over £1000.00 was raised for the school!

The Christmas Fayre happens each and every year—make sure you attend next year for a fun packed evening!

FOREST SCHOOL OFF TO A BLOOMING START

Mrs. Pharoah, Willenhall

This half term has seen the start of Forest School at Willenhall Community Primary School. The Forest School is new to us and has got off to an outstanding start! We now have several outdoor learning areas that children are invited to explore during their lesson.

In our sessions, the children have been exploring the world around them, using their senses and creating different things using natural resources.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions, they are always heard talking about how much fun they have had and many of them can’t wait to share what they have learnt with their friends and family.

All of those that have taken part so far have been using a wide and varied range of vocabulary. Many fantastic pieces of work have been created already, some of these are to the right.

The school has had donations of bulbs and a bird feeder! We are very grateful for this.

For more stories and information, follow our Twitter account @WillenhallSch