

4TH NOVEMBER 2022



THE WILLOWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back...

What a lovely first week we have had. We began the week celebrating Mass together for the Feast of All Saints. The singing was fantastic and I was so proud of the children and their reverence in church. Please do take time to read the newsletters and make a note of what is happening as it is a very busy half-term.

Remembrance

To support the Royal British Legion and mark Remembrance Day with our children in school, we will be selling poppies and different poppy-related items during break times next week. Children can bring in money from Monday to Friday next week and purchase a poppy-related item which will be as follows: Poppies - 20p Poppy zip pulls - 50p Poppy Reflectors - 50p Poppy silicon wristbands - £1 Poppy snap bands - £1.50 Please note that there will be limited availability and some of the more popular items will sell out fast so please bring money in towards the start of the week if your child has a specific item in mind to avoid disappointment. All funds raised will of course be donated to The Royal British Legion.

Head Lice

Several parents have informed us that some unwanted visitors have returned in some of the classes. I would be grateful if you could take the time over the weekend to check your children's hair and treat if required.

Unfortunately, this is a common problem in all schools and the only way to eradicate the problem is for every child to have their hair checked and if necessary, treated on a weekly basis with head lice solution. Please check your child every Friday and make this 'Bug Busting Day'. Thank you for your co-operation.

Next Week

Monday 7th November

Glow Dodgeball Day

Tuesday 8th November

3:30pm – Orchestra

3:30pm – Recycled Uniform Stall

Wednesday 9th November

3:30pm – Y1/ 2 Christmas Craft Club

3:30pm – Y3/4 Chess Club

3:30pm – Y5/6 Archery Club

Thursday 10th November

9:10am – Y6 Prayer & Liturgy

Coming Up

10th November

9:10am Year 6 Prayer & Liturgy

6:00pm Open Evening for Reception Intake September 2023

24th November

9:10am Year 4 Prayer & Liturgy

2nd December

9:15am Reception Nativity Performance

2:00pm Reception Nativity Performance

6th December

2:00pm Year 4 Brass4All, Band Performance

7th December

Christmas Lunch Day

13th December

3:30pm Recycled Uniform Stall

7:00pm KS2 Advent Service (all KS2 children to attend)

14th December

2:00pm KS1 Nativity Performance

6:00pm KS1 Nativity Performance

15th December

6:00pm KS1 Nativity Performance

20th December

2:00pm Carols 'Round the Tree

2:45pm School Closes (No After School Club)

Communication

Contacting teachers

Use the Messages tab on MCAS, press the + button and choose your child's teacher. Send a message from here.

Remember you won't get an instant response.

Contacting the Office, Mrs Barnett or Mr Wylde

Use the Messages tab on MCAS, press the + button and choose The Willows Catholic Primary School

Use this option for anything that does not need to go to a teacher. You are more likely to get a quicker response using this method.

If you need to tell us something – always ring the Office

If you need to book into After School Club, change something etc. please ring us – 01772 684371.

IN AN EMERGENCY – ALWAYS RING.

Open Door Policy

Communication is key to ensuring your child is happy and thriving at school. It makes sure everyone feels valued as part of our Willows Family.

We operate on open door policy where you can speak to your child's class teacher any time after school – please give teacher's time to dismiss their class first.

If you would like a longer appointment, please send them a message on MCAS or contact the Office.

Outdoor Learning Day

Mr Sharrock organised a wonderful whole-school Outdoor Learning Day yesterday. We were so lucky with the weather and the children loved spending the entire day outside. Every class took part in activities provided by external instructors in Forest School, Dance and Orienteering as well as other activities led by school staff. The children (and staff) had a fantastic day. They enjoyed cooking popcorn, making potions and creating some incredible artwork using natural objects. They even solved maths puzzles using seeds, leaves and sticks. The children particularly enjoyed working together as teams to solve problems such as how to get their whole team across a swamp without falling in using old bread crates. Please keep an eye on the website for photographs.

Glow Dodgeball – advanced notice

On Monday 7th November, Mr Sharrock has organised a Glow Dodgeball Day as part of our ongoing mission to improve the children's health and wellbeing. Our hall will be lit up by U.V. lights and glow in the dark dodgeballs and glow in the dark face paints will be used to create a disco atmosphere for competitive dodgeball games. The children can come to school in their own clothes that are suitable for sport, preferably pastel colours as these show up under the U.V. lights and will add to the effects. Glow in the dark face paint will be provided which is washable with a baby wipe – if you have a concern about the face paint or do not want your child to wear the face paint, please let your child's teacher know via the MCAS message system.

Recycled Uniform Stall

We will be holding our monthly stall on Tuesday after school in the infant playground. The children are growing so fast so please do look before buying new uniform.

My Child at School - MCAS

Please use the **Data Collection** tab on MCAS to keep us up to date with any changes to addresses, telephone numbers or email addresses. Thank you.