LOWER WILLINGDON PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY

Term 2 Newsletter

We are continuing to raise funds for the setting to maintain the best resources for your children to experience, and to continue to maintain the boundary fences. If you are able to help with raising funds for us, we are looking for lots of donations for the Christmas fair on the 4th December – the details of which are attached to this newsletter. Also, when you are doing your shopping it would be great if you could use 'easyfundraising' as we are registered with them and they donate money to us by simply selecting us as your charity of choice when you shop, without any additional charges to you. The link for the site is as follows, just simply find 'Lower Willingdon Pre-school Nursery' and start donating as you shop:

Easyfundraising - www.easyfundraising.org.uk/

Does your child start school next September (2027)? If so, you will need to register and apply for your school place online at the following address: https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/apply/ Details are contained on the ESCC website but please note it is really important to put down 3 schools on your form, ideally in your community area and get your form in before **15 January 2027**. Schools are really pleased to welcome you to come and visit them prior to making your choices. **Please note these tours are all very soon with most of them taking place in November.**
These are some of the local school, as follows:

- Willingdon Primary School Willingdon Primary School
- Polegate School https://polegateschool.co.uk/
- Stone Cross School https://www.stonecrossschool.co.uk/esussex/primary/stonecross
- Motcombe School https://motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk/
- Pashley Down School http://www.pashley.e-sussex.sch.uk/parents/new-starter-information/
- Alfriston School https://www.alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk/website/home/8316
- Parkland Federation The Parkland Federation

Once you have submitted your application you should receive an email to acknowledge its receipt and the allocation of school places is on 16 April 2026. If you would like any support or further information please do not hesitate to come in and ask, or contact the admissions team who are the experts.

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IMPORTANT DATE:
We are really excited to say that we are going to hold our annual **Christmas Nativity and the Christmas Fair** at Willingdon Primary School on **Friday 4 December**. We are going to have the nativity called 'Little Nativity' at the school on the afternoon of 4 December with an arrival time of **2.15pm for a 2.30pm start**. We would love all the children to come in for it (including all the children who do not normally attend the setting that day), dressed up in their pyjamas and dressing gowns/jumpers, ready to take part in their nativity. The children will sing the songs they will learn over the next few weeks and you will have already received an observation via Tapestry to help learn the words too! If your child is already in the setting that day you are welcome to send in their clothes to change into and we can get them ready for you prior to your arrival.

We will then all stay in the school hall for the Christmas fair at the school to raise lots of pennies and have some fun! The stalls will include various tombolas, raffle, cakes, Christmas tattoos, games etc and a very special visitor! We have attached a list giving details of all of the donations for the 'fair' which we hope you will be able to support us with. We also run a cake stall so any home-made or shop bought cakes would be gratefully received leading up to the week specified below.

Christmas Fair weeks:

- **Week beg 9 November** – please bring in any raffle or tombola prizes, such as vouchers, new books / toys, gifts, chocolate, biscuits etc
- **Week beg 16 November** - please bring in a plant pot/cup (of any size) filled with goodies! Please see an example, but do not feel they need to be any particular size and can be filled with anything! 
- **Week beg 23 November** – please bring in bottles of any description
- **Week beg 30 November** – please come dressed up with a donation of anything including cakes!

We would also really appreciate any donations of good quality teddies that can be raffled for children on the day. These are welcome to come in at any time over the next 4 weeks to get washed and pampered for the big day!

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Christmas party

Pre-school will finish on Thursday 17th December. All the morning / full day care children will have their party on the morning of the 17th December from 8.45am and will finish at 11.45am with **NO** lunch club or full day care on that day. All morning (pre-school age only) children are invited whether this is their normal pre-school day or not.

Afternoon (younger) children will have their party from 12.30pm to 3.00pm on 17th December and again this is open to all afternoon children whether this is their normal pre-school day or not.

We will be putting a list of food items to sign up to bring nearer the time.

Other important dates:

- 19 November – our Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm in the setting. Everyone is welcome. **We are in real need of new committee members so if you are able to join us, or would like some more information please email Julie at office@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk for more details.**
- 4 December - our nativity 2.30pm and Christmas fair
- 10 December – Christmas carols in the library on Coppice Avenue
- 17 December – Christmas parties and last day of term 2
- **Term 3 starts on Monday 4 January 2027**

Key person dates:

All key workers have their allocated hour (from 9am – 10am) that we would like to invite you in to talk about how your child has settled in and how they are developing. These occur at the beginning of every term and we strongly encourage you to take the time to come and see how your child is progressing. I have included all of the key workers email addresses below so if you would like to come and meet them could you please email them **prior to the day** to arrange a specific time so we can stagger the times you come in.

This terms dates are as follows:

- Monday 4 January Jodie (jodiev@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Wednesday 6 January Justine (justinef@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Thursday 7 January Harriet (harrietm@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Friday 8 January Angela (angelas@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)

- Tuesday 12 January Lauren (laurend@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Wednesday 13 January Shelley (shelleyr@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Thursday 14 January Jenni (jennib@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Friday 15 January Lisa (lisap@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk.)

If you have any queries about anything in this newsletter, as ever, please do not hesitate to come and talk to any of us.

Many thanks,
Julie, Shelley (and the team!)