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## **Christmas at Willow Academy**

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas is a special time at Willow Academy and we have lots of activities and events planned to celebrate the season. We want the children to enjoy and remember special times so there will be a variety of celebrations, performances and opportunities for them to contribute to the wider community and participate in knowing about the true meaning of Christmas.

Please find below the plans for Christmas here at Willow.

### Christmas Fayre - Friday 8th December 3:25pm to 4:45pm

Friends of Willow will be supporting us in our annual Christmas Fayre. All children participate in an Enterprise project by making their own decoration which we invite you to come and buy to support each class's fundraising efforts. Other activities and stalls will be available to enjoy, as well as carols from our Choir. We hope you can join us.

### Christmas discos - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Friends of Willow will help us to host two discos - FS2 and KS1 starting at 5pm until 6pm and Y3 and Y4 starting at 6.30pm until 7.30pm. Invites will follow shortly.

### Trax FM Christmas Toy Appeal

This year we are working with Trax FM to help ensure no child goes without a gift to open on Christmas morning. We would be very grateful if you could donate any unwrapped gifts to the school office by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and we will donate them to Trax FM. We hope to help them put a smile on the faces of as many children as possible this Christmas.

### KS1 and FS2 performances. All events start at 2:15pm

FS2 - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, The Innkeeper's Breakfast

Y2 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Born in a Barn

Y1 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas with the Aliens

2 tickets per child will be sent out before the event, if you wish to have any additional tickets please make a request in writing to your child's teacher and we will see what we can do if any tickets are returned. The dress rehearsal of each performance will be filmed and we will send out an order form for a DVD if you require copies. Raffle tickets will be sold and drawn at each event as part of our fundraising this year.





If you would like to donate a prize for the raffles these would be gratefully received by the office.

Parties (Week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December)

We will be holding our Christmas parties in school and would appreciate donations of healthy snacks, savoury items, crisps, buns and biscuits, to be brought in on the day of your child's class party. Please label any containers you wish to be returned. On the day of their party, children can come to school in their party clothes. Clothes and shoes should still be suitable for school wear and outside play. Children will still have their normal school dinner on the day of their party.

Day (afternoon of)		
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3	Year 4
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5	Year 6

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

All children will enjoy our Christmas dinner on 20<sup>th</sup> December, with a vegetarian option. Children who have packed lunches have been invited to join the dinners on this day; if your child normally has a packed lunch but want to have Christmas Dinner, please return the reply slip no later than Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

We will wear our Christmas Jumpers (or t-shirts) on the last day of the term. All other items of clothing should still be school uniform. Donations of £1 for the Doncaster Foodbank would be appreciated on the day.

We hope you can support us throughout the Christmas period and look forward to welcoming you into school for the events.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Sumner and the staff at Willow Academy