



Dear Parent/Guardian,

A very Happy New Year to you all! It has been such a pleasure seeing the children settle back into their routines this week. I have to say how impressed I have been by the very high standards of behaviour I have seen in the school.

### **Uniform**

I just wanted to remind you about our school uniform expectations. Please try to keep to this guidance as this ensures our children look really smart while also preparing them for the expectations in future at secondary school.

The Willowbrook school uniform consists of:

- Turquoise sweatshirt with the school logo (can be purchased in school office)
- White polo shirt
- Black/grey skirt or trousers
- Black shoes (not trainers)

For PE the children wear:

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers

### **Reading books – book bands/phonics**

If your child reads book band books/phonics books, a letter will be coming out very soon about a new system we're putting in place. Please make sure you read this letter and please continue to support you children with reading at home. This makes a real difference!

### **Number Bonds Champion**

It was wonderful welcoming the Year 1 children to the KS1 Times Tables assembly this week. The Y1s are going to have their own addition-facts competition for a few months based on their recall of number bonds to 10 (e.g. 3+7) and to 20 (e.g. 16+4). The first winner was Oscar! Well done!

### **Reminder: Applications to start school in September 2020**

The admissions process for starting school in September 2020 opened on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

For further information, see the School Admissions webpages at: [www.devon.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissions)

### **School Clubs**

Reminder: Please remember to return your school clubs form by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Clubs start Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and run for 8 weeks.

### **Parents Couch to 5K**

This lovely group will start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am. Couch to 5K is for everyone, whether you have run before or if you just want to get back into being more active. It starts with a mixture of walking and running to build up confidence, fitness and stamina. Week one involves running for just a minute at a time and walking in between runs! Come along and see for yourself – you won't regret it!

## Dates for the Diary

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February | Half Term                           |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March                             | World Book Day                      |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March                               | Reception Height & Weight programme |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March                              | Year 6 Height & Weight programme    |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March                              | Sport Relief day                    |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March                              | Last day of term                    |
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| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April                             | First day of Summer term            |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May                                 | Bank Holiday                        |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May      | Half term                           |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July                               | Non pupil day                       |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July                            | Last day of term                    |

**Change of date: Please note Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May is no longer a Bank Holiday and school will be open as usual. The Bank Holiday has been moved to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.**