



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have had a fantastic and busy week in school. Most of Year Six have been away at Heatree and we have loved seeing the photos of them on the school twitter feed. We have had an Olympic triathlete in school, who was the most amazing athlete and he did workshops with all the classes, which the children loved. We have picked the apples from the orchard and taken the apples around the school for children to eat...some children were amazed that they were real apples!

### **Book Fair**

A reminder that the book fair has arrived and ends on Tuesday, 15th October. It will be open at 3.20pm each day in the hall. Late night until 6.30pm on Tuesday, 15th October.

Well done to the five children who won £5 voucher to spend with their bookmark and bunting designs. The competition entries are on display in the library.

### **Parents' Evening**

These are on Tuesday and Thursday next week. Please make sure you have made an appointment, as it is a great opportunity to find out how well your child is doing in class and to iron out any early niggles before they get worse. Children are very welcome to come with you, but they must stay with you and be supervised by you throughout the time they are on site and remember that the rules stay the same as they are during the day!

### **Parking**

We have had a message that a car that has now decided to park in the cycle/footpath at the front of the Arena car park. This is causing a blockage for pedestrians, cyclists and other cars. This is not acceptable and whoever is doing it is putting our use of the Arena car park at risk.

### **Rock Star Day**

A reminder that next Wednesday is Times Table Rock Star Day! The children can come to school dressed up as Rock Stars and the School Council has chosen three local charities that children can bring a pound to donate to. Mr Pearson (aka Jimmy Snare), will be leading an assembly about the charities, so that the children have a good understanding of where their money is going.

There will be some prizes for the outstanding performers.

### **Parent Support**

Being a parent is great fun, but there are times when it can feel like you are the only one who is having battles with your children! If this is you, you are very welcome to join a group called 'Kids Matter'. This is a group for anyone with children 0-10 years old and is at the Beacon Centre. It starts on Monday 14th October and runs from 9.30-11.30. Some friendly people run it and a free crèche is available as well as tea and cake! The sessions run for six weeks and are a chance to share worries, strategies and a chance to learn.

### **PTA/Friends of Willowbrook**

A reminder that the 5p challenge is up and running. Each class has a container for those unwanted 5p pieces lurking in your wallet or purse. You know you want to get rid of them!

### **Willowbrook Wheelie Week**

Next week we are encouraging children to bike or scoot to school...or walk! This is a National event and we want to reduce car usage around the school and encourage a healthy lifestyle for the children.

## **Year One**

Year One are running a Fossil Shop next week as the climax of their work on Mary Anning. The children have loved learning so much local history and will be opening for customers at 3pm on Friday afternoon.

## **Singing Autumn Songs**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm Years 2-6 will be in the hall singing some of the songs we have been learning about Autumn and Harvest. Parents are very welcome to come and join us and may even know some of the songs. It will be a lovely informal singing session where the children can show off their talents!

## **Dates for the Diary**

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 trip to Escot
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole school Dodgeball event
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 trip to Farmwise
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents evening
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Times Table Rockstars dress up day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Singing Assembly Yr 2-6
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu vaccinations
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Skip to be Fit event
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Music assemblies for Years 1, 2, 3 & 6
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Music assemblies for Reception, Year 4 & 5
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Non-pupil day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity time TBC
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Carol Concert time TBC
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair & Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Nativity time TBC
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert time TBC
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	First day of Spring Term