



Dear Parent/Guardian,

It has been another great week at Willowbrook School, with lots going on as always!

### **PCSO visit – Year 6**

Year 6 had an internet safety talk on Wednesday with our local PCSO, Rich Shelton. If you are interested in keeping up to date with the different APPs and advice for keeping your children safe online, we would recommend visiting [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) where you can find lots of free information. Alternatively, if you have any e-safety concerns and wish to talk to us about this, we would be happy to listen and offer advice.

### **Mobile Phones**

Please remember that children should NOT bring mobile phones to school. Any phones found will be put in the safe until the child's parent comes to collect them.

If there is a reason why your child needs to have a mobile phone with them, please could you put a request, in writing, to Mrs Marlow stating the reason. Any phones permitted in school will be kept in the office during the school day.

### **C25K sessions**

Some of you went along to the Exeter Arena on Monday morning and joined the 'Couch to 5K' group, set up by Active Devon in collaboration with the school. You can still join at any time – it is a great way to get fitter in a safe, supportive environment. For more details email [emma.kessie@activedevon.org](mailto:emma.kessie@activedevon.org).

### **Family Mile**

Congratulations to the Carlton Family who got a £30 voucher to running the furthest last half term in the family mile.

Also congratulations to the Baker family who's name were pulled out of a hat for the best attendance.

Reminder - every week you turn up, you could win a £10 voucher for a supermarket. 6 families won last half term!

Also thank-you for everyone who helped donate for Christmas Jumper appeal, we raised £215. We also raised £263 for Exeter Foundation for the Santa Run.

### **First Word Millionaire in 2020**

Congratulations to Ellie in Y5 who has read 1,019,156 words since September! This is fantastic. Remember – regular reading is proven to have a huge impact on children's vocabulary and ability to cope with the wider curriculum in school

### **Reading Books**

Thank you to everyone who is reading regularly at home with their children. We are really pleased with the progress children are making and have just spent a fortune on books which match the phonics phase for the younger children.

Please could I ask that we really take care of these books as we have already had some go missing and get lost and we simply do not have the budget to keep on replacing books. Thank you.

### **Parent SEN Surgery**

Our educational Psychologist, Martin Miles will be in school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February and is happy to meet parents who would like the chance to ask questions or talk about their child. He works in the areas of children's academic learning as well as their emotional and social learning.

This opportunity is for parents whose children do not have an EHCP or who have not already been assessed by Martin; it offers a chance to settle those niggles.

If you would like to see Martin, please call in at the office to book a time slot. I know people who have used this opportunity before have found it really useful.

### **School Menu**

The main meal for Monday week 3 has been changed to Pork Sausage and Mash instead of Stir Fried noodles.

### **PTA Quiz Night**

The PTA are hosting a quiz night on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 7pm – 9pm in the Community room. Please come along and have some fun raising money for our school and hopefully win a prize! There will be a maximum of 6 people per team and a charge of £2 per person, this includes interval snacks and drinks will be on sale on the night.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	PTA Quiz Night
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
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.**