

17th July 2020



This will be the last newsletter this year and there is a letter attached with all the arrangements that we know about for September. There is a lot of information so it may need reading more than once! It will all be posted on the school website. This does remain subject to change but we will update you in at the start of September to confirm arrangements and any changes.

Thank you for all the support you have given the school over the year both before and after Covid! We have learnt a lot about becoming adaptable and hope we keep some of the positives as we move to the next stage of the process.

School finishes on Tuesday at the normal time and we look forward to seeing all the children returning on Monday 7th September.

Message from PTA

Thank you to everyone who has helped support us over the last year, you have done amazingly and it has meant we have been able to buy some amazing things for the children. The way we fundraiser Will be a little different for a while and we hope you will still be able to support any way you can. We have set up our own PTA website which will have all information regarding events and fundraising, going forward we hope to be able to use this for card payments for discos etc.

The website is www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwillowbrook

We currently have a virtual balloon race you can sign up for and a school lottery.

We hope you have a lovely summer and remember to keep an eye on our website.

What are Community Builders (CB's)?



Hi, my name is Amy Jones & I am the Community Builder (worker) for Mincinglake and Whipton in Exeter. I work for Exeter Community Initiatives as part of the Wellbeing Exeter Project.

CB's map what resources (community spaces, skills, groups, people) exist in an area. We create new networks, connecting people and opportunities. We support people to grow their own ideas & try new things that bring people together, improve their wellbeing & make the community a better place to live. This is called Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). We don't organise & run events & groups for people.



During the Covid -19 crisis my job role changed to help coordinate support, services and volunteers in the local area. It's been a challenging few months, but it's been amazing to see how communities have pulled together. Now lockdown is easing there is an opportunity to reflect on the past 3 months & think about some of the positive things that have come out of the crisis, about changes we would to see in the future & the 4Rs - Retain, Return, Re-think & Radical . I will be by the entrance to the playpark at Arena Park on Tuesday 21st July 10:30-12pm & outside the Beacon Community centre on Friday 31st July 10am -12pm if you would like to have a socially distanced chat.

Our work is based on the 5 ways to wellbeing. scientific studies have shown that if we connect with others, keep learning, take notice of what is around us, give something back to our community & stay active, our happiness and overall wellbeing will increase. If you have any ideas or would like to find out more about whats happening in Beacon Heath & Whipton, please get in touch on 07720397937 Email: mincinglakewhiptoncb@gmail.com Facebook: Amy Jones (CB Mincinglake Whipton)

Penny For Your Thoughts?

Return: What or who have you really missed during this time? What are you looking forward to returning to?

Retain: What have you really appreciated about the last month of months and would like to retain? How do you enjoy your connections?

Re-think: How could we do things differently - as individuals or as a community?

Radical: What changes would you like to see going forward?