



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Another busy week in school and we are already approaching the end of January.

Meeting regarding the Road Closure

A reminder that there is a meeting in school at 2.30pm on Monday 27th January regarding the road closure. I realise this is causing a lot of concern for parents and it will be useful for you to meet with the contractors and Devon County Council to ask them questions and hopefully get some useful answers. I know they will have prepared walking routes and will have maps to hand out at the meeting.

I am sorry that this has come with very little notice, but the school was only informed last Friday and until that time we had no idea that the footpath was going to shut as well as the road. Please be reassured that we have made our concerns very clear concerning the children's safety and the contractors are very aware of the difficulties that are being created for families.

Gas Works

Next week work begins on the first stage of the construction project and this involves re-routing a gas pipe from the Arena into school. This will involve some digging in the school grounds near the main pedestrian entrance at the front of the school, behind the mound. This area will be completely fenced off and secure and will not affect using the main entrance gate. This work should commence on Wednesday and take a few days.

Scooters

We have a lot of scooters being left in school in the bike sheds. Please can you check with your children whether they are leaving theirs in school, thank you.

Visitors

We have been visited this week by staff from several Wildlife Trusts across the country who were very interested in the work we do with Devon Wildlife Trust and how we integrate Outdoor Learning into our curriculum. They were really impressed with the work we do and with the children's engagement with the natural world.

Football

Well done to our footballers who took part in a huge tournament of sixteen local schools yesterday. They played well and got through to the plate round.

PTA Meeting

The Friends of Willowbrook will be meeting on Thursday 30th January at 3.30pm in the middle Reception classroom. The PTA do so much for our school, they are a very friendly group and would welcome new members.

Dropping off

A reminder that children should not be left alone in the playground before 8.30am. This is a safeguarding issue as there are no adults in the playground to supervise the children.

PE Kits

Please make sure your children have their PE kits in school each day. PE kits are white t shirt, black shorts and suitable footwear for outdoors, they can also wear a plain dark tracksuit in the winter.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 6 th February	Year 2 trip to Fleet Air Arm Museum
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Reception Height & Weight programme
Friday 13 th March	Year 6 Height & Weight programme
Friday 13 th March	Sport Relief day
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term
Tuesday 14 th April	First day of Summer term
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	Half term
Monday 13 th July	Non pupil day
Wednesday 22 nd July	Last day of term

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