

#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

What an amazing week we have had! I am so proud of this school and how everyone has worked together to make the start of term such a success, thank you. Year Six have been setting a great example as leaders in school and we are waiting for the outcome of the elections for Family Captains as I write this! The youngest children have made a great start in Reception and it is such a pleasure to see their excitement at starting school and how proud they are of their uniforms. We have also welcomed several new families to Willowbrook this week and thank you everyone for helping them settle so well.

This week's newsletter will be lots of reminders...please do ask staff out on duty if you have any questions or email admin@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk

## **Emailing School**

Thank you for using email to ask questions and for giving us information. When you do email, please could you always include your child's name as we often have children with a different surname from their parents (my children included!), thank you.

## **Driving on site**

Please could you make sure that you only drive on to the school site if you are a blue badge holder and we have a copy in the office. We keep a list in the office and this is particularly important at the moment with children and parents using the driveway as we need to minimize traffic on site at these times.

# **School Gates**

These are shut until 8.30 as no one should be on site before then. If you are coming to breakfast club via the front gate, please press the buzzer in the silver box by the gate and we will let you in. The back gate will be opened by staff on duty at 8.30.

# One way system

A reminder that we are still using the one way system at the front of the school to reduce crowding. Please can you enter via the pedestrian gate and then leave via the driveway. I know this adds on a few minutes for some parents but we need to work together so that everyone feels comfortable on our school site, thank you.

# **Library Books**

A please for you to look under those beds and on the shelves at home to see if you can find any school books lurking! We still have 307 books not returned. At an average cost of £7.99 a book this means we have over £2,450 worth of books still missing. We will just be glad to see some of them back...please drop them at the office or to Mrs Easton in the library.

#### **School Photos**

The school photographer is in on 23<sup>rd</sup> September to take individual photographs of children. Previously, we have offered spaces to families for baby photos. Sadly due to our covid risk assessment this will not be possible this year. We are limiting the photographs to children who are on the school roll. If you attend nursery and are not due in that day, please feel free to come along on the morning and have a photo taken.

# **Breakfast and After-School Club**

Please remember to book spaces on the school gateway. Breakfast club starts at 7.45 and after-school club runs until 6pm. Breakfast club costs £3.20 and After-School club is £8 a session. Both clubs are run by school staff and are in the Community Room.

## **Date Correction**

The date for the start of the spring term in 2022 is wrong in reading diaries. This is due to a change from government. Please note that the new start date for children is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## **Morrisons Good to Grow Scheme**

As a school we have registered with this Morrison's scheme which means we can get free gardening equipment for the school...but we need your help! Parents need to download the MyMorrisons app, head to the It's Good to Grow section and select Willowbrook to donate Grow Tokens to. We will get one Grow Token for every £10 spent. Thank you.

## **Scooters and Bikes**

Thank you so much to all the children who are wheeling their bikes and scooters in the playground. We still have a few trying to ride when they think we are not looking! Please can you talk to your children if you think they may be a culprit...thank you.

# **Mobile Phones**

Please could I remind you that we ask parents not to be on mobile phones in the school grounds. This is part of our safeguarding arrangements. Thank you.

