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### **Dear Parents and Carers**

The end of term is almost here! It has been a challenging autumn term and I would like to thank you all for your understanding when, at times, we have had to make last-minute decisions and send you too many emails! Your support for the school makes the difficult days easier and I feel really proud of the way the whole community has worked together.

This should be my last newsletter of the year and I am hopeful that we will all get to spend a lovely holiday time with our families over the Christmas break.

### **Covid**

If any children test positive before Christmas, please could you send in notification to the admin email with the name of the person testing positive and the date of the test. I will monitor this daily during the holidays. I will then be able to notify the rest of the school so that they can take appropriate action to protect their families.

### **Help with Meals over Christmas**

Parents and carers of children currently receiving free school meals should have been sent a letter this week. Please look out for it and get in touch with our free school meals team if you were expecting to receive one but didn't. You can email them at [freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk) or call our education helpline on [0345 155 1019](tel:03451551019).

If your child does not currently receive free school meals but you think they qualify due to a change in your family circumstances, please apply online through the [Devon Citizen's Portal](#) as soon as possible, and by Friday 18 December at the latest in order to receive the holiday vouchers for this Christmas period.

This is the quickest and easiest way for your eligibility to be assessed and you will get an instant decision. Alternatively, please call our education helpline on [0345 155 1019](tel:03451551019).

Further information is available at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/free-school-meals-holiday-voucher-scheme/>

### **Before and After-School Clubs**

A reminder that these clubs are still running! After Christmas, from the start of the new term, we will be increasing the cost of Breakfast club. This is the first increase in charges for a several years and is necessary as we are not allowed to subsidise the club from the school budget; it has to cover its own running costs. This rise brings it in line with the charges for after-school club and other local breakfast clubs. We will still be excellent value for money at £3.20 breakfast club session.

Families who regularly use the provision will be sent a separate letter.

### **Friends of Willowbrook**

Elfridges and gift from Santa - **today is the last day to order these**; go to the website [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwillowbrook](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwillowbrook) to order. Gifts will be handed out next week.

Raffle tickets - we have been sending these out this week, if you would like tickets just return the envelope with the required amount of tickets (tickets are £1 a strip) by Monday 14th December, tickets will be drawn on Wednesday and prizes given by the end of the week. Our prizes this year

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include: a Nintendo switch lite, a hamper from Waitrose, a bag of goodies from Morrison's, Famous Five set of books, a pamper hamper and a few other things.

Thank you for all your support so far

### School Meals

Please note that if a school meal is ordered, it must be paid for unless your child is entitled to a free meal. Thank you to those parents who have settled their accounts.

### Next Week's Menu

<b>Monday 14th</b>	<b>Tuesday 15th</b>	<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	<b>Thursday 17th</b>	<b>Friday 18th</b>
Sausages, mashed potatoes and peas with gravy	Meatballs in tomato sauce and pasta twists , broccoli with garlic bread	Pepperoni pizza , potato wedges and sweetcorn	Roast gammon, roast potatoes , vegetables and gravy	Chicken burgers and chips with baked beans
Veggie sausages, mashed potatoes and peas with gravy	Macaroni cheese, broccoli with garlic bread	Margherita pizza, potato wedges and sweetcorn	Carrot and lentil patties, roast potatoes , vegetables and gravy	Veggie burgers and chips with baked beans
Syrup sponge and custard	Chocolate fudge cake	Pear and apple crumble and custard	Vanilla sponge and custard	Chocolate brownie or fruit
Or yoghurt				