

11<sup>th</sup> March 2022



### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Another very busy week. We are seeing Covid cases starting to rise again and this is in line with Devon having cases above the National average. Please keep your child off if they have a new persistent cough, a high temperature or a loss of or change in sense of taste or smell. They will need to get a PCR test if they have symptoms.

### **Choir**

Mrs Tucker and Miss Hughes have asked me to remind you that choir has restarted. Children need to be there by 8.30 on Friday mornings. Now that the driveway gates are locked, please come in via the school office.

### **Attendance**

I have met with the Education Welfare Officer this week to look at our attendance figures. Obviously, Covid has had a significant effect on attendance and we appreciate it is difficult for families where some family members have tested positive. Following my meeting, some parents will be getting letters regarding the high levels of unauthorised absence they have. This happens when we do not have a reason for children being absent and often it is because no one answers calls from the office.

It is vital that you phone in and let us know the reason for your child's absence. This helps us to manage any outbreaks of illness that may be linked and it means we can apply the correct codes on the register so that the absence is then authorised. It also lets us know you are ok.

### **If attendance is 80%, this means your child will have missed:**

1. 1 day EVERY week
2. 6 days EVERY half term
3. 12 days EVERY term
4. 36 days EVERY year
5. 180 days in five years...

**... that is nearly ONE WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR!**

It is parents' evening soon and that is a great chance to ask about your child's attendance.

### **Nursery Places**

Do you have a child or know of a child who will want to start nursery during the next academic year? If you do, please can you send in an application, whether you want them to start in autumn, spring or summer terms! Forms are available from the school office or the school website. Forms should be submitted before the Easter holiday break.

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### **Clubs**

If your child has a place at one of the clubs run in school, please can you make sure they bring the right kit to be able to join in. If you are in any doubt, please ask whoever is running the club or email school for their attention. Thank you.

### **Friends of Willowbrook - Mother's Day**

Our Mother's Day gift shop is open again this year, forms should have gone home. If you've not received one please let us know. You can also order a gift on our website [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwillowbrook](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwillowbrook). The cut off date for forms to be back in is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Remember to send us pictures of your fundraising for our 2022 challenge; we've received some lovely pictures already, thank you.

For latest news on all PTA events, follow our Facebook page Friends of Willowbrook.

### **Red Nose Day**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day, therefore it'll be a non-uniform day but please ensure your child is wearing something red (if they don't have red clothing, a red item of some sort will be fine)! Please also provide your child with a donation of £1, which will be going to Comic Relief.

Children will also be watching and judging the online Exe Factor entries on this day.

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**Week 1**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>
Macaroni Cheese with Homemade Focaccia Bread and Sweetcorn	Butchers Sausages with Mash, Gravy and Braised Cabbage	Roast Turkey Breast, Roast or Creamed Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables with Optional Gravy	Pulled Chicken Wrap with Potato Wedges and Peas	Golden Fish Fingers, French Fries and Veggie Sticks
<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>
Light Cauliflower and Sweet Potato Korma with Wholemeal Sunshine Rice	Cheesy and Tomato Potato Gnocchi with Peas and Focaccia Bread	Stuffed Courgette Gratin with Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables	Hand Stretched Focaccia Bread Pizza with Wedges and Peas	Grilled Halloumi and Roasted Pepper Burger with French Fries and Veggie Sticks
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>
With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna
<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Apple Flapjack	Chocolate Squash Brownie	Fresh Fruit	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Cookie