

13th September 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year...and welcome to all of our new families throughout the school. The children all look smart and fresh in their uniforms and this has really helped to get the new school year off to such a good start. We have got straight into curriculum work and there is a real buzz in the classrooms with children settling so quickly with their new teachers and classrooms. There are strong routines in place and this helps the children to get back into things quickly.

Family Captains

As most of you are aware, the school is split into four family groups; Maple, Cherry, Chestnut and Oak. We use these groups for sports' days, assemblies and many other things in school and family members are in the same family groups. On Friday 9th, we held elections for our Family Captains, who are members of Year Six and they head up the School Council. We have never had so many children want to take on these roles, which is fantastic. All children who stood had to write a speech and stand in front of the school and say why they wanted to be elected, which is no easy task!

Congratulations to everyone who stood; I know some of you were disappointed not to be elected, but the competition was fierce and you will only get somewhere in life if you take some risks and put yourself out there...so well done!

Our new Family Captains are:

Chestnut:

Candice and Jada-Lily

Maple:

Katie and Toby

Cherry:

Riley L and Ava

Oak:

Jacob and Reem

Monday 19th September

It has now been announced that this will be a Bank Holiday for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. School will therefore be **closed all day**, including breakfast and after-school clubs.

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With this newsletter, I am also sending information about a service of remembrance at Holy Trinity Church, Arena Park and details of when the church is open for people to sign a Book of Condolence, should they wish to.

School Clothing

Please could all clothing including coats, be named as we are already gathering a lot of lost property in just one week! We almost always get clothing back to the rightful owner if it is named and it is too expensive to keep replacing! Thank you.

Menus

The new lunch menus are on the noticeboards in the playgrounds and also on the school website on www.willowbrook.devon.sch.uk

Attendance

We have started the term well, but I wanted to remind all parents that the official start to school is 8.50am and doors open just before that at 8.45am. At 8.50am when the children come in, they get straight on with their early bird maths, which is a really important opportunity for them to develop fluency and is planned to help them plug gaps in their learning. We have quite a few children who are arriving at around 9am and so are missing most of this 20 minute session. This might not seem much, but it is an hour of maths a week they are missing. We would really appreciate if they could be in school by 8.50am. Thank you.

Security

We have a new secure entrance to the front of the school now. This means we can manage who comes in to the office, so that the lobby does not become crowded as well as making the building generally more secure.

New Shelter

We had planned to install a new shelter/canopy on the back playground during the summer. Sadly when the canopy arrived it had a fault in it, so we are just waiting to have a new one delivered and hope to have this done before half term.

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Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Mild Chicken Curry, Rice and Sweetcorn	Focaccia Bread Cheese Pizza with Sauté Potatoes and Peas	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables with Optional Gravy	Beef Bolognese and Pasta, Focaccia Bread and Sweetcorn	Chicken Nuggets, Fries and Baked Beans or Peas
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Halloumi Stuffed Pepper, Rice and Sweetcorn	Vegetable Ragout and Pasta, Focaccia Bread and Peas	Roasted Vegetable Wellington, Roast Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables with Optional Gravy	Mushroom Biryani with Rice, Focaccia Bread and Sweetcorn	Vegetable Nuggets, Fries and Baked Beans or Peas
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
Raspberry Muffin	Flapjack	Fruit Jelly	Autumn Apple Cake	Oaty Cookie