

17<sup>th</sup> September 2021



### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Our first full week back in school and we are settling into the routines of the week and life feels like it is getting back to a more 'normal' state. My highlight of the week was singing with the children, which we have not been able to do for a long time. The Reception children and children new to our nursery have done really well and we are enjoying getting to know them in school.

### **Family Captains**

Well done to our new family Captains! These were announced this week and very soon we will be looking at how we can involve them in whole-school development. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward for election; it takes real courage to step up and volunteer and speak in front of the school. The successful candidates are...

**Oak** – Luke and Daniella

**Maple** – Daisy and George

**Chestnut** – Rasty and Esther

**Cherry** – Evie and Riley

### **Behaviour on Site**

We really enjoy chatting to parents and really value the importance of these conversations as they help us to get to know you and your families better; this in turn helps us to support the children in their learning and development. Sadly, this week we have had several occasions when parents have behaved in an unacceptable way in school. They have shouted at staff and been very rude. We do not accept this from the children and expect better from parents. I have made it clear to staff that if they are being shouted at, they are to walk away, ending the conversation. I know a lot of people have upsetting things going on in their lives, but this does not mean they can be rude. It is only a minority of parents but it has been noticeable this week. Thank you.

### **Packed Lunches**

Please can everyone remember that Willowbrook is a nut-free school.

This means that children **cannot** bring in foods that say ....**contains peanuts/nuts**.

They are however **allowed** to bring in foods that say ....**may contain nuts** as this is written on most foods and tends to be manufacturers being cautious. Thank you for your help with this as we have some severe allergies in school.

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### **Free School Meals**

Remember to register if you think you may be eligible for free school meals. If you think you may be and are not sure what to do, please come in to school on a Monday or Tuesday and someone will show you and help you apply.

If you have ever been in the army or any of the armed forces, please could you email the admin team to let them know as the school can get some additional funding for this.

### **Trips**

We have started sending out letters about school trips as we are able to do these again. We appreciate that these cost money and try our best to keep prices as low as possible. They are planned out over the school year and we have made sure that there should only be one trip per year group that is more costly and other trips will involve local visits. Please bring any cash directly to the school office so that we can issue a receipt if you are not paying on the school gateway.

### **Ding a Ling**

This group has started up again for parents and children under school age. It's straight after drop off in the morning until 11am in the Community Room.

Play, snack and a sing. Casual group to meet fellow school parents and help future Willowbrook child get used to being in the school environment.

### **Lunches**

Next week is week three of the menus on the school website. We are watching carefully what the children are eating and we have noticed that the pulled beef in week one was not very popular. We have taken it off the menu and replaced it with chicken.

### **Toys**

Please do not send children in to school with toys. This includes popper toys that lots of the children seem to have. We have sets of equipment and toys for children in school and they do not need to bring in extra, thank you.

### **Year Six**

The time is here to look around schools for applying for secondary school! If we have had fliers of information from secondary schools about open evenings, we have emailed them out to parents. We are not expressing a preference for or endorsing these schools; they are just the ones which have sent us fliers!

**Week 3**

<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>
Cheesy Ham Pasta Bake with Homemade Garlic Focaccia Bread and Peas	Willowbrook Stacker Burger with Potato Wedges and Salad	Roast Pork, Roast or Creamed Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables with Optional Gravy	All Day Brunch with Sauté Potatoes and Baked Beans	Breaded Fish, 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>
Butternut Squash Risotto with Homemade Garlic Focaccia Bread and Peas	Vegetable Lasagne with Courgette Pasta, Potato Wedges and Salad	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake, Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables	Roasted Root Vegetables and Vegan Pesto Pasta Bake with Focaccia Bread and Salad	Homemade Veggie Nuggets, 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>
Peach Slice	Sticky Toffee Slice	Fresh Fruit	Raspberry Muffins	Cookie