



Dear Parent/Guardian,

What a fantastic half term this has been, which has culminated in two carol concerts, nativity performances and a wonderful Christmas Fair. The engagement from parents and carers in all of these events has been truly wonderful – thank you.

It has been a very busy eight weeks and I have found myself looking through our school Twitter page at all we have achieved...

Curriculum

We are well underway with implementing our new curriculum. I have been really impressed with the passion and interest children have shown in the subjects studied. Please continue to show an interest in your child's learning as we find those little conversations you have at home really encourage their natural curiosity.

Times tables and Spellings

Many of our younger children who are yet to learn their tables are busily developing their addition and subtraction skills using 'Numbots' and are doing so well! TT-Rockstars continues to be a real strength for the school with many children improving their 'Rock Statuses'. We have also just won a group battle against a few other local schools – well done to all the children! Mrs Ellor's Spelling Bee has also been a great success this term, with many new champions proving that hard work really pays off! Please continue to practise the spellings in the front of your reading diaries.

Values

We've had a big focus on our school values of Friendship and Teamwork this term. Next term we are going to be thinking about our value of 'Excellence'. We really want every child at Willowbrook to strive to be their very best!

Reminder: Applications to start school in September 2020

The admissions process for starting school in September 2020 opened on 15th November 2019 and closes on 15th January 2020.

For further information, see the School Admissions webpages at: www.devon.gov.uk/admissions

Thank you and Merry Christmas

Finally I wanted to thank all the parents, carers and staff at Willowbrook School for working together in the mutual interest of our wonderful children. When we pull together as a community, great things happen! I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and enjoy lots of quality time with your loved ones.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 20th December

Last day of term

Wednesday 8th January 2020

First day of Spring Term

Friday 6th March

Reception Height & Weight programme

Friday 13th March

Year 6 Height & Weight programme

Change of date: Please note Monday 4th May is no longer a Bank Holiday and school will be open as usual. The Bank Holiday has been moved to Friday 8th May.