



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have had such a busy week in school, with Wildlife Champions working with Devon Wildlife Trust, our football teams out at tournaments and Year Two venturing out to Haldon on the only day when it did not rain! Catch up with all the exciting news by following us on twitter or visiting the school website.

Weather

The cold and wet seems to have really settled in, so please can you make sure that your children come to school with jumpers, coats and shoes that keep their feet dry. We want them fit and well for school and this will help, thank you!

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas dinner for Nursery, Reception, Yr 1 & Yr2 takes place on Tuesday 10th December.

The Christmas dinner for Yr3,4,5,& 6 takes place on Thursday 12th December.

N. B Please remember to **return your slip and payment by Friday 29th November** as the kitchen have to ensure they order enough food etc. We will not be able to accept late returns.

Reading

Thank you to all the families where children are reading five times a week. Looking at the reading data around progress, these are certainly the children who are making good progress. If your child is a reluctant reader there are loads of strategies that we can help with, so please ask. Try echo reading where you read a page and then they read the same page; this really increases confidence and the fluency of their reading.

We also have our first millionaires! There are two children who have read over a million words already since the start of the school term! Well done Harry M in year 5 who was our first millionaire, closely followed by Megan C in year 6

Skipping Ropes

We still have a few of the Skip2Bfit skipping ropes left for sale in the office until Friday 29th November. These are £5 each and could make a great Christmas present!

Charity

Thank you to everyone for supporting this great charity by coming to school in pyjamas for Children in Need. I must say it was very comfortable and the children had a lovely day and thought about the work they do for others and charitable giving in general.

We have also received some lovely letters from the Salvation Army and Devon Wildlife Trust to say thank you for raising money on our Rock Star day. Next Monday, 25th November, the Marine Conservation Society are coming in to school to talk to the children with a visiting author as a thank you for the money we raised for them and children will have the opportunity to buy a book for £6 and have it signed by the author.

Yr 6 SATS books

Study books for the Yr 6 SATS are available in the school office. There are 3 books costing £2 each or you can buy all 3 for £5. These are a great resource and help build up the children's confidence.

Lost Property

We have a pair of glasses handed in to the office – if you have lost a pair please pop in and see if they are yours!

After School Clubs

This is a reminder that all after school clubs finish on **Friday 6th December**. A new club letter will come out in the new year.

National Child Measurement Programme

Every year the school nursing team comes in to measure the height and weight of all Reception and Yr 6 children. A letter went out with Reception and Yr 6 children explaining about the programme.

You only need to sign up on line if you do not wish your child to take part. This must be done by 1st December.

Friends of Willowbrook School

The PTA has organised the following events in the run up to Christmas:

Film night for Yrs 1 & 2 – Tuesday 3rd December – 3.30 -5pm in the school hall. Tickets will be on sale for £4; bring your pyjamas and enjoy the film, hot chocolate, food and a gift.

Stories with Santa for Nursery and Reception – Friday 6th December – 3.30- 4.30pm. Tickets will be on sale for £4; receive a gift from Santa, hot chocolate and food.

Scout Post

We will be selling Scout Christmas stamps at the office until Friday 13th December. Stamps cost 30p each and all proceeds go to scouting.

Winter illnesses

It is that time of year when we all get coughs, colds and other unpleasant illnesses! The best way to help keep these bugs away is good handwashing. If your child missed out on their flu vaccination Virgin Care are running catch up clinics locally. You can call them on 0300 247 0082 to get the details of your nearest one.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 29th November

Last day for Christmas Lunch orders

Monday 2nd December

Non-pupil day

Tuesday 3rd December

Yr 1 & 2 Film night – 3.30 -5pm

Friday 6th December

Nursery & Reception Stories with Santa – 3.30 – 4.30pm

Tuesday 10th December

Nursery, Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Christmas lunch

Wednesday 11th December

Reception Nativity - 2.30pm

Thursday 12th December

KS2 Christmas lunch

Thursday 12th December

KS1 Carol Concert - 2.30pm

Friday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Run

Friday 13th December

Christmas Fair – 2-4pm

Tuesday 17th December

Nursery Nativity time 2.30pm

Weds 18th & Thurs 19th December

Reception Vision Screening

Thursday 19th December

KS2 Carol Concert time 2.15pm

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