

23rd October 2020



### **Dear Parents and Carers**

At last we have made it to half term! I realise that this will feel very different if you are in Years 1 and 5 but we are really looking forward to seeing you back in school. A huge thank you for your patience over the last few weeks. It has been a real learning curve for everyone and we have kept the safety procedures under constant review so that we are adapting to advice as it changes. Thank you for your support with this. I hope that you all have a lovely half term break with your families.

### **Dates**

Just to confirm – half term is for one week only and the children return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November as we have a non-pupil day on Monday.

### **Bridge**

I am sure you will have noticed that the bridge for the new cycle path is now in place! The workers have started to fill in the site on the school field and will start to put back fencing etc. The road will remain closed until the end of the year but I believe that the footpath will be re-opening before that.

### **Year 2**

After half term we have Devon Wildlife Trust coming back to work with us doing outdoor learning with the children. Next half term they will be working with Year Two, so the children will need to bring in a change of clothing on a Thursday so that they can get changed at lunchtime. This needs to be wellies and waterproofs and old clothes that might get mucky! We don't let the weather stop us!

### **Twitter**

Thank you so much to all those parents and families who are supporting the children with learning at home. It has been fantastic to see some great examples of this on our twitter feed. If you have something to share, just tag in @Willowbrook\_Exe and we can retweet it!

### **Not gathering**

A polite reminder that we all need to be avoiding gathering in large groups. This has been a bit of an issue by the school gates in the back playground. Please make sure that if you are waiting for someone, you stay well clear of the gates so that people can come and go freely, thank you.

### **School dinners**

I am attaching the school dinner menus in this email. We review the menus almost weekly at the moment and are carefully watching what the children like and do not like. We have a firm favourite in chicken burgers and chips at the moment! The menu needs to be different at the moment as the children are eating in their classrooms and we are trying hard to get a balance between a really good hot meal and not getting the carpets covered in gravy.

### **Outdoor Shoes**

So that we can keep year group bubbles separate, we are still using the field. If it is your year group's turn for the week, please can the children bring in wellies or boots, thank you.