



Dear Parents and Carers

Virtual Book Fair

A big 'thank you' to all those parent/carers who bought books. We will receive 26 free books from the sale of the virtual book fair books which will be a fantastic addition to the school library for everyone to enjoy.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for making this day fun for the children. We raised £268 which we have sent off to the charity.

Reading

There is some amazing reading going on! We have three word millionaires already and two more pupils 'on the brink'!

In a comparison with figures from this time last year (before pandemic became a word in everyday use) there were 22 pupils who had read 250,000 words or more; this year there are 30. Eight pupils had read more than 50,000 words; this year ten have. So the news on pupil reading this year is really positive!

School Places

Admissions are open for Reception for children who need a school place for September 2021. There is a lovely little film about the school on the front page of our website for people to look at, as we cannot offer tours in person as we usually would. There is also plenty of information about the admissions process and how to apply. If you know anyone who needs a place, direct them to our website!



A reminder that even if you are in our nursery, you still need to make an application as it is a different process and being in our nursery does not guarantee you a school place.

Christmas

Obviously things will be a little different this year but we are still trying to find some fun things for the children to do. The Early Years are planning Nativity Plays which will be posted on Tapestry for parents to see. The staff are cooking up a virtual carol concert, and we will still be having Christmas dinners with the children and making classrooms festive.

On **Friday 11th** we will be having **Christmas jumper day** and a Santa Run. Sadly parents will not be able to join in the **Santa Run** but Miss Stanbury has organised this event so that every class can still take part on a one-way route so that bubbles do not mix! All children will be given

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a Christmas hat to wear to go with their Christmas jumpers. Parents are very welcome to cheer us on along the route (see map).

This year we are asking for donations to the Exeter Food Bank which does amazing work with local people. Please bring any donations into school to the classroom.

Non-Pupil Day

A reminder that the school will be closed to pupils on Friday 4th December

Mask Competition

Your children will bring home a competition to do at the weekend to design a mask. The winner will get a prize and we will make the masks for staff to wear on the 11th when we do the Santa Run! All entries in by Monday morning please.

Friends of Willowbrook

Elfridges - we will be running a Christmas shop where children can choose a gift for parent/s, grandparents or careers. A gift list will be sent to the classes for the children to pick which gift they would like to buy and we will get the gift wrapped and ready for them to take home. You can buy the gift using our website www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwillowbrook or by asking your class teacher for a form. We have done this for Mother's and Father's Day and the children really enjoy choosing a gift for their special person.

Gifts from Santa - unfortunately Santa can't visit us this year, although he is hoping to send a video message to the children, but we are able to do gifts and a personalised letter from him, again you can order this through our website or getting a form from you class teacher.

Raffle - we are currently collecting prizes for a raffle so please keep an eye out for that.

Christmas cards are still available online so if you haven't already please check them out.

www.mychildsart.co.uk/order

Username: Willowbrook

Password: T26RhdKt

Monday 30th	Tuesday 1st	Wednesday 2nd	Thursday 3rd	Friday 4th
Beef Bolognese bake with pasta twists and cheese and garlic bread	Sausages, baked beans and croquettes or chips	Pepperoni and ham pizza with sweetcorn and potato wedges	Roast chicken with roast potatoes, vegetables, stuffing and gravy	NON-PUPIL DAY
Vegetarian Bolognese bake with pasta twists and cheese and garlic bread	Veggie sausages, baked beans and croquettes or chips	Margherita pizza with sweetcorn and potato wedges	Roast Mediterranean vegetable parcel with roast potatoes, vegetables, stuffing and gravy	SCHOOL SHUT
Rhubarb and raspberry crumble	Shortbread with fruit slices	Banana and oatmeal muffin	Raspberry jelly and fruit	
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