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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a fantastic start to the term and the children have been so happy to catch up with friends and staff. We have welcomed several new families as well as new staff. The new families have commented on how friendly everyone is so thank you to everyone for making them feel part of our Willowbrook Community.

Tapestry for Nursery/Reception

Tapestry is the online learning platform that we use in Reception and Nursery, to keep parents up to date on important information, as well as documenting your child's learning journey through the Foundation Stage. The children also love that parents can share pictures and information about home, which they can then share with their friends. Please can parents regularly check Tapestry as this is our main form of communication. If you do not have Tapestry set up and your child is in Reception or Nursery, then please let the class teacher know; we will be happy to support you.

Invitation

We would like to invite the Reception children and their grown ups to a 'Space Event' next Wednesday (10th January). Children will need to be collected as normal but are welcome to return to school at 4.30pm (when it is dark!) to enjoy some space activities, share some hot chocolate and toast marshmallows. Unfortunately, we do not have enough to share with siblings so please only bring the child that attends Reception. Exceptions can be made for small babies.

We will be finished by 5.30pm. Due to the nature of the event, all children will need to stay with their grown ups but it will be a nice event to share together and supports the children's learning.

Please meet at 4.30 at the entrance to the school field. There is no need to wear school uniform...warm clothes and wellies are the best!

Year 6 Parents

There will be a meeting in the hall on Friday 12 January at 3pm prompt to share the plans for the residential visit to London. Only parents of children going on the residential need attend.

After School Clubs

Letters have gone home this week! Please return the form by **Wednesday 10th January** We will then let you know which clubs have been allocated to your child by **Friday 12th January** via email. The clubs will start on **Monday 15th January** for 4 weeks until February Half term and then the following 4 weeks up until **Friday 22nd March**. There will be no clubs

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in the final week of the Spring term. You will receive a text message for each club that your child has gained a place for. **If you do not receive a text, your child has not got a place this time.**

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A reminder that there is an under-fives group on a Friday morning in the Community Room. It is a friendly group of parents and starts after school drop off. Come along with your baby or toddler and they will have a chance to meet other children, play with a range of toys and do some singing or rhyme time and have a snack. There is no charge, just come and have some fun.

COMING SOON - ROCK AND POP MUSIC LESSONS!

Exciting news! We are welcoming Rocksteady Music School to Willowbrook. It's an incredible opportunity for the children to learn to play their favourite songs in their very own band with a choice of drums, keyboards, electric guitar, bass guitar or vocals. Lessons will take place every week during school time but the cost of lessons will need to be paid by parents (more information to follow!)

As well as learning new musical skills, lessons also help the children with their confidence, wellbeing, social skills and teamwork. These fun and inclusive lessons are taught by highly trained, professional musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of music. At the end of each term each band will perform a concert for the school and their families, so you can see how far they have come!

Here's what you need to know:

- All instruments are provided
- No musical experience necessary
- Suitable for all ages
- Most lessons take place during school time
- Your child will learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills
- You'll receive regular online updates via the Rocksteady Parent Timeline
- There's a money back guarantee for the first month
- You can cancel at any time.

To introduce the children to Rocksteady, workshops will be held in school on Thursday 11th January, giving them a chance to try out the instruments and learn all about being a musician in a band.

Please look out for a letter from Rocksteady, which your child will bring home with them after their workshop or visit bit.ly/parent-sign-up to sign up.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Brunch with Saute Potatoes and Baked Beans	Beef Burger in a Bun, Wedges and Peas	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Fresh Veg Medley	Ham and Cheese Carbonarra, Garlic Focaccia Bread and Mixed Salad	Breaded Fish, Chips and Baked Beans or Sweetcorn
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Spring Vegetable Frittata, Saute Potatoes and Peas	Quorn Sausage, Wedges and Beans	Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Tomato and Basil Pasta, Garlic Focaccia Bread and Mixed Salad	Cheese and Bean Pasty, Chips and Baked Beans or Sweetcorn
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
Muffin Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Shortbread Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Fruity Jelly Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Cookie Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt