



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7th July 2023



Message from Mrs Branton

I am sure you will all join me in sending a massive thank you to our wonderful PTFA ladies and their volunteers for all their amazing efforts and hard work in organising the school fayre, they really did do a fantastic job! There were a great variety of stalls and activities from bouncy castles, to pond dipping and cup cake decorating. Both the infant and junior dance displays were very entertaining and Miss Cox even took a turn in the stocks and was absolutely soaked from head to toe by the end of it! The event was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all, a great success raising a massive £2300!



What an amazing sports day we had today! Thank you to all the parents and carers that were able to come along and join us for lunch on the field and to support and cheer on the children. All the children showed great determination and perseverance in a wide range of races, making it a memorable experience for us all. Thank you again to our PTFA ladies for organising the medals and ice pops, they were a very welcome treat!



A very exciting Friday morning, when our very first group of children got to choose a book from the new vending machine. Children who have read every single day and recorded it in their reading records had a raffle ticket put in to their class jar. Miss Cox, Miss Albiston and the School Council team went to EYFS, Year 2 and 3 this morning and picked out a raffle ticket from the class jar and the lucky child selected got a token to choose a book of their choice from the vending machine. The school council members also got to choose a book as a thank you for all their hard work this past academic year.

A huge well done to all the Cherry class children that applied to become School Ambassadors, all the applications were of an extremely high standard and the decision was not an easy one! After a rigorous application and interview process, I am delighted to share with you that we appointed Neha and Samuel as the new Willowbrook Primary School Ambassadors and Hope and Nathan as the Willowbrook Primary School Inclusion Ambassadors. We also appointed our House Captains: for Earth we have Scarlett and Harrison; for Water we have Liam and Leo; for Fire we have Luke and Honey; and finally, for Air we have Isabella and Ilana. Well done children, I have every confidence that you will be very successful in fulfilling your new roles.

As we are now only 3 weeks away until the end of the academic year, I would like to highlight the parent communication that was sent out earlier this week, with details of the Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge, this is a really good way of keeping your children engaged with reading over the summer holidays. We know from the past that children who have taken part in the challenge have really enjoyed it. This year's theme is Sports - Ready, Set, Read! Further information can be found at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

As the end of term is approaching, please can I ask you to check your school money accounts and clear any arrears. Lots of links have been put on the school website with information on various events and activities going on over the summer holidays, please click on the News and Events – Community News tabs and also the parent coffee morning tab. Finally, following a complaint from a resident, please can I remind you that the car park of the flats next to school is private property and parents should not be using it to park at drop off and pick up times, thank you for your understanding and co-operation. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.

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Science in the News

Cherry Class have been learning all about forces this half-term, including gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. They have carried out practical investigations to determine the link between weight and mass, using Newton meters for the first time. They have also experimented with different materials to see which one would create the most friction and therefore be the most effective material to use as a brake pad for a tricycle.



Chestnut class have recently planted sunflower seeds. They have been looking after their plants extremely well, remembering it needs water, sunlight and air to grow! 🌻

Mrs Cirdei

Science Co-ordinator



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Tuesday 18th July at 1:30pm

We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Afternoon on Tuesday 18th July at 1:30pm. You are invited to come along to see your child's work and visit their new classroom. Please note, not all new class teachers will be present as they are working in their current schools. For those families that are able to attend, the main playground gates will open at 1.25pm (the bottom gate will not be open). Please collect your child/children from their classroom door as if it was normal pick up time. Once you have collected your child/children you will then go through the school hall to access their classrooms. The PTFA will be in the hall selling items, so please say hello. We also hope to have our uniform supplier Red Oak Roller present in the hall. Once you have finished looking at your child's work, you will be able to take your child/children home. You will need to exit via the school office. If you are unable to attend the Open Afternoon you can collect your child at their normal pick up time. If you want your child/children to go home with another family, please contact the school office to provide permission.



School Reports

School reports will be available for collection by parents at the open afternoon. If you are unable to attend the open afternoon, you can collect your child's report from class staff at the end of the school day. For anyone not able to collect their child's report on Tuesday 18th July, they can be collected from the school office on Wednesday 19th July. Due to the sensitive nature of the reports, they cannot be handed to the children. If you wish another adult to collect your report on your behalf, please contact the school office as written consent will be required.



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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Richie, Daisy and Teddy



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Reception

giant

Key Stage 1

Whitebeam – conjunction

Chestnut - precious

Key Stage 2

Pine – disheartened

Oak – instruct

Cherry – pandemonium

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Willowbrook PTFA



All funds raised by Willowbrook PTFA are used to provide a great school experience for the children and we are pleased to share that we have supplied lots of new books for the school library, enriching the children's learning.

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Childrens Lunch Menu

WK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 10 th July 2023					
Main Meal RED	Cumberland Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Sticky Glazed Chicken	Creamy Pesto Chicken with Fusilli Pasta	Breaded Fish Fingers
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegan Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy (Ve)	Vegetable Chilli with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (V)	Vegetable Pasta Bake (V)	Vegetable & Bean Stuffed Pitta Pocket (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta with Tomato & Lentil Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Peas (Ve)	Steamed Carrots (Ve)	Spicy Potato Wedges (Ve) & Coleslaw (V)	Pan Fried Leeks (Ve)	Chips & Baked Beans (Ve)
Cold Option	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich
Dessert	Apple & Carrot Flapjack (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Cherry Cornflake Cake (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)
(V) suitable for vegetarians (Ve) suitable for vegans & vegetarians Salad Bar available daily					



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Following a report from a parent on what could have been a very nasty accident on in Rosen Crescent, I would like to again appeal for volunteers so that we can get the '3PR Parking Scheme' back up and running. Please see the important information below on how the scheme works and contact Trudi in the school office if you are able to help. The safety of your children at drop off and pick up times is paramount but we can't run the scheme without your support!

WE STILL NEED LOTS MORE VOLUNTEERS TO GET 3PR BACK UP AND RUNNING



Dear Parents and Carers,

Pre Covid, with the help of our regular parent and child volunteers we were able to run a '3PR Parking Scheme'. Some of you may have seen the large green 3PR alien mascot that sits in the school office.

By following the 3PR 3 parking rules we are able to create a 3PR Zone in Rosen Crescent, which in turn reduces the traffic and congestion, which unfortunately builds up at drop off and pick up times.

We encourage the children to enter the 3PR zone by foot and in doing so they are rewarded with a token that they collect from a bucket each morning. The token is then taken to their class and put in a collection box. Each half term we have a count up of the tokens to see which class is our 3PR winners. They will be presented with the 3PR cup by the Alien himself in assembly.

How do we create the 3PR Zone?

This is where our regular team of parent/carer 3PR volunteers come in.

There are several ways in which we can achieve this: -

- Asking our families to walk, cycle or scoot to school.
- Our volunteers will be visible in their high viz tabard and present at the start and end of the school day to encourage anyone parking in the zone to move on and find a parking spot away from the zone.
- Then finally, we would like to be able to go back to offering a drop off point. The drop off point would be available each morning from 8.35am. Parents can drive to the allocated point in Rosen crescent, where one of our volunteers will help your child/children out of the car, leaving you free to drive off and not have to worry about finding a parking spot. Your child/children would then be walked safely down to their classrooms with one of the volunteers.

The 3PR team of volunteers seems to have worked best when we were able to have lots of volunteers covering one morning or afternoon session each. During the morning session your own child/children will be able to be part of the team by holding the buckets from which the children collect their tokens.

Morning volunteers will be required from 8.40am until 9am and afternoon volunteers from 3pm to 3.15pm.

Please contact the school office if you are able to volunteer and together let's work on making a safer environment with less traffic and congestion for the children.

Thank you for your support

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Diary Dates

Please note dates and times are subject to change, please check the weekly newsletter and the website for updates. Thank you.

	SUMMER TERM 2023
Date change due to class assembly-Moved to next academic year.	Parent Coffee Morning – Trauma Perceptive Practice
13 th July	Year 5 and 6 show
14 th July	MAD Education – Military Action Day for Hawthorn Class
14 th July	End of year disco infants
14 th July	End of year/leavers disco juniors
18 th July	Joint KS1 and KS2 Dance Club show for parents 9:15am to 10:15am Parent mail will come out nearer the time re clothing
18 th July	Open Afternoon
21 st July	Leavers assembly 9:15am
21 st July	Last day of the school year



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Easy ways to support us



We are registered with Give a Little to accept online donations direct to our charity account.

Donate here:

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

We understand that times are tough, so we're extremely grateful for your support

YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS

We're facing financial challenges too
If you can, please help our fundraising

Please support our lottery

Just £1 a week

WIN up to £25k

To support your school, go to:
yourschoollottery.co.uk/play
and search for: **Willowbrook Primary**

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older

The Your School Lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

There is a Willowbrook Supporter winner every week!

All you need to do is register and set up a direct debit for your weekly ticket and a chance to win.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

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SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 1ST JULY 2023
12pm - 3pm

RAFFLE
FOOD & DRINK
GAMES
INFLATABLES
STALLS

ROSEN CRESCENT CM13 2TU

PLEASE SEE OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR MORE DETAILS

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We sell discounted Southend Adventure Island ride vouchers. £18 each
Online payments and pick up at school or locally

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SEND Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent/carer or family member of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

Do you have questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available in Essex?

Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please come along and see us at the Roadshow. You can meet groups and services such as:

- Essex Family Forum
- SENDIASS
- Representatives from the Education Teams
- SEND Navigation Leads
- Local Support Groups

The roadshow is a drop-in event with no need to book. There are four locations to choose from across Essex:

- Tuesday 4 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **West Essex** - Saffron Walden Town Hall
- Thursday 6 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **Mid Essex** - Maldon Town Hall
- Tuesday 11 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **South Essex** - Nevendon Centre, Wickford
- Tuesday 18 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **North East Essex** - The Princes Theatre, Clacton

For more information on who will be there please follow the link.

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/send-local-offer-roadshows>

At each roadshow there will be a session with a Peer Educator (parent/carer with lived experience of Autism) from 10-11 titled 'An Introduction to Autism'. If you would be interested in attending one of these sessions please email peersupporthub@essex.gov.uk.

We also hope to have Peer Educators available at the roadshows to answer questions and share experiences and signpost to resources.

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