



## **Dear Parents and Carers**

I hope you had a wonderful half term break. A reminder that it is World Book Day on Thursday which promises to be a great opportunity for us to celebrate the joy of reading. There are a number of competitions taking place, details of which you can find below. We are also sharing dates for the term ahead.

In staffing news, it is with mixed emotions that we announce that Mrs. Pearce is retiring from teaching at Easter. Mrs. Pearce is an amazing teacher who has dedicated over 20 years of her life to educating and inspiring children at Willowbrook. Whilst we will be very sorry to see her go, we wish her the very best in this exciting next stage of her life. Mrs. Pearce has been an integral part of our school community, known for her unwavering commitment, kindness and passion for teaching, particularly to our children with specific needs. We want to express our deepest gratitude for her years of service and dedication; I am sure you will agree that she will be greatly missed. This week we successfully recruited for Mrs. Pearce's class and we will now work to make the transition as smooth as possible. I will let you know the name of the new Hub teacher as soon as I can.

Have a lovely weekend.

## **Friends of Willowbrook**

You should receive your Mother's Day forms this week. If you would like to order, please fill out the form with your child's name and class together with how many gifts they would like to purchase.

This year, we are changing the way this is done. You will still need to pre-order and children will collect gifts after school, in a shopping room. This means siblings can come in together and we can make sure they don't pick the same gifts. Parents can wait outside the classroom while children come in. If your child is in after school club that day, we will make sure they get to come and pick a gift. We will not be able to accept money on the day as we won't have enough gifts. We will send out more details about this after half term.

## **Dates for your diary**

Tuesday 4th & Thursday 6th March – Parents' Evening

Monday 10th March – 1P Farm trip to Shillingford

Tuesday 11th March – 1S Farm trip to Shillingford

Tuesday 11th March – Y4 Trip to the Exeter’s RAMM museum

Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day & Exe Factor competition (details to follow)

Friday 28th March – Mother’s Day Cream tea, 2-3pm in the hall.

Monday 31st March – Year 1 and 2 Easter celebration at St Boniface Church, Whipton – 1.30pm.

Tuesday 1st April – EYFS Easter activities in the hall – 2.30pm

Thursday 3rd April – KS2 Spring Concert on the back playground 2.30pm.

### **World Book Day Competition – Create a Story in a Jar**

We are excited to announce a special competition as part of our celebrations for World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. This year, we invite children to create a story in a jar. They can choose a favourite book and represent characters, scenes or themes from the book using drawings, models or creative items inside a jar.

Please bring these jars into the school library any time before World Book Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> March. Our judging panel will select winners on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March and prizes will be awarded during Monday’s assembly on the 10<sup>th</sup> March.

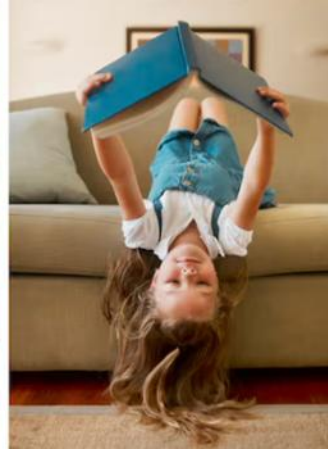


### **Extreme Reading Challenge for World Book Day**

We are inviting children – and staff – to take photos of themselves reading in extreme (but safe!) places, whether it’s up a tree, under a table or in an unexpected location. We’re looking forward to seeing the imaginative and adventurous places your children choose to enjoy a good book.

These photos will create a vibrant display in our school library. Prizes will be awarded for the most exciting and inventive entries on **World Book Day, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. You can either print the photos or email them to [willowbrook@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:willowbrook@ventrus.org.uk).

We can't wait to see your photos!



## Easter Celebrations

### **EYFS Easter**

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2.30pm, Reception and Nursery children would love to invite their parents in to take part in some Easter activities with them in the hall. We look forward to seeing you all there.



### **KS1 Easter Celebration at St Boniface Church, Whipton**

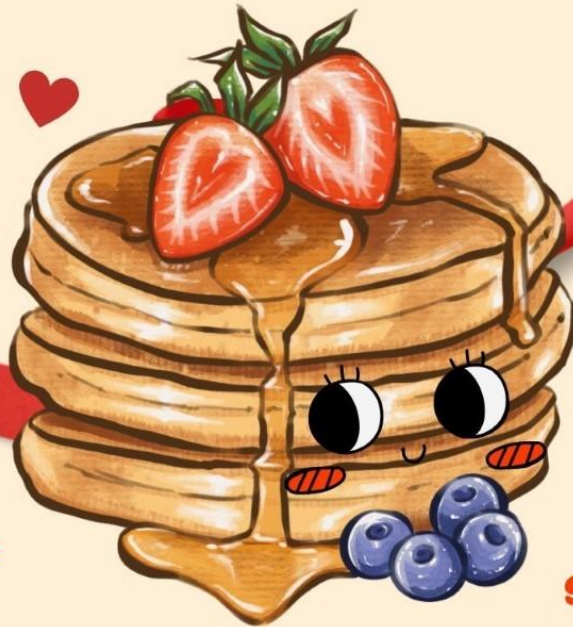
Year 1 and 2 are visiting St Boniface Church in Whipton to take part in an Easter celebration. This is an opportunity for children to learn about why Christians celebrate Easter which will compliment their learning in class. It will also be an opportunity for children to perform some of the songs they have been learning. We would love for parents of Year 1 and 2 to join us for this event. It starts at 1.30pm at St Boniface Church on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March. You will need to then collect your child from school after the service as normal. If you are able to help walk the children up to the Church then please let your child's class teacher know.

### **KS2 Spring Concert**

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing a Spring concert on our back playground, similar to our Christmas Carol concert. It will be an opportunity for the children to share some songs they have been learning and perform some poetry too. This will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2.30pm on the back playground. This will be weather permitting (keep everything crossed!) and we will let you know more details closer to the date.

# National Pancake Day

Tuesday 4th March



**Gluten Free**  
**Dairy Free**  
**Available**

**Strawberries**  
**Blueberries**  
**Bananas**  
**Toffee Sauce**  
**Strawberry Sauce**  
**Chocolate Sauce**  
**Honey**

**Normal Menu**

**Pancake Station for Dessert**

## Weekly menu – Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>
Chicken Fajita Wrap with Steamed Rice and Sweetcorn	Beef and Sweet Potato Sloppy Joe with Root Slaw	Roast with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Dartmoor Sausage Pasta Bake with Garlic Focaccia Bread and Salad Sticks	Chicken Chunks with Chips and Peas
<b>Vegetarian Meal</b>	<b>Vegetarian Meal</b>	<b>Vegetarian Meal</b>	<b>Vegetarian Meal</b>	<b>Vegetarian Meal</b>
Stir Fried Vegetable Noodles with Naan Bread and Sweetcorn	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges and Salad Sticks	Cheddar Cheese and Potato Pie with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Focaccia Bread and Salad	Vegetable Sausage Roll with Chips and Peas
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>
Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo
<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Chocolate Shortbread	Pancakes!	Carrot Cake	Jelly with Fruit	Lemon Drizzle Muffin