

Thursday 17th September 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to the Willows School

It is lovely to see everyone back in School and to welcome our new starters.

The opening of the School has gone really well. Children have settled quickly back into school and we really appreciate your support in adapting to the new arrangements for dropping off and collecting children. We understand that things may not go smoothly all the time – if you have any concerns about how your child is settling in, then please come and talk to us.

Our **new school website** has been launched with a new name – <u>www.thewillowseyc.org.uk</u> – we have had to change the domain name but the more you visit the site, the higher our website will sit on the internet search listings. So please check it out. Also, **our Facebook page** is linked to the web page so please take a moment to browse our photos.

Attendance at School

The children have missed a lot of school time over the last few months and getting young children settled back into the routine of coming to School is very important. Corona Virus is still with us and probably will be for some time. **But your child's right to an Education is forever.** Please remember that if a child catches a cold and has a runny nose, they can still attend school if they are feeling generally well and don't have a raised temperature.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Orbell Headteacher

Extended Day Care

We are gradually introducing our Extended Day Care arrangements – **Breakfast Club will be starting back on Monday 21st September**. So that we can manage numbers, please email the school office to book a place for your child. Breakfast Club is open from 8am – 8.20am. Breakfast will not be served after 8.20am to allow time for children to enjoy their breakfast and get to class for 8.45am. Breakfast costs just \pounds 1.50 (50p for Pupil Premium children).







326 Club will be starting from Thursday 1st October. (as part of the gradual re-opening of Extended Day Care, we are offering a re-introduction to 326 Club for children who have previously attended and are therefore already registered).

If you would like to register your child for 326 Club from 1st October, please email the School and let us know which days you would like your child to attend and we will send you a Registration Pack. 326 Club costs £12 per session – you can book as many or as few as you need.

Tuck

Tuck is being re-introduced from **Monday 28th September** – but with a few changes. We are asking parents to pay for Tuck (30p per week) at the School office (rather than children bringing money into school) and that you pay in a block of half term, whole term or even the whole year. Money left over from last year will be carried forward (including year 2 leavers to younger siblings)

Pirate Lunch

On **Thursday 1st October we are having a Pirate Themed Lunch** for school children and nursery children who stay all day - get your spy glass out and look for the order form in your child's book bag.

Return it to the school office by Tuesday 22nd September so your child doesn't miss out.

From Monday 5th October, the children will be able to enjoy a wider selection of school dinners. Most parents returned their dinner order form before the School holidays, but we will send you a reminder of the menu by email. Whilst your child is in Reception to Year 2, they are entitled to a **Free School meal – don't waste time and money preparing packed lunches –** encourage your child to enjoy a school dinner prepared by our own chef, Hayley.

Please check your Contact Details

We have sent this newsletter by email as well as in your child's book bag. In future, newsletters will be sent by email. Please tell the office if you haven't received it by email. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their child's Data Collection Sheet with up to date phone numbers and email address. If you haven't returned it, please do so as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

- Monday 21st September at 8.00am Breakfast Club phone or email the office to book your child in
- Monday 28th September Tuck Shop 30p per week
- Thursday 1st October 326 Club starts please ask at the school office for a Registration form if you need extended day care.
- Week Beginning Monday 12th October Parent Consultations
- Friday 23rd October Friday 30th October Half Term



