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Dear parents of children in Willow Class

Welcome to Willow Class. I am very pleased at how well the children are settling into our classroom routines after just a couple of days and showing their independence by sorting out their own possessions at the beginning and end of each day.

Please remember that now the children are in Key Stage 2, the school does not provide mid-morning healthy snacks. If your child would like a snack, I would be grateful if you could provide a healthy snack across the week.

Curriculum work this term will be mainly carried out through our topic 'The Rolling Stones', which covers the Stone Age period through to the Iron Age. The emphasis is on teaching the children skills which can then be applied in their learning. I am hoping to be able to take the children out on an educational visit to reinforce their learning.

During our formal and informal assessments during the term, Mrs. Knight, Mrs McKenzie or myself may flag up a child who could benefit from intervention for a short while. This may take the form of extra individual work or as a small group. If this happens to your child, then I will be in touch with you to let you know what the intervention is and for how long it will be happening. It does occur sometimes that further intervention may be necessary by other people or agencies and if this happens then I will be in touch with you for a more formal meeting. We believe interventions to be a positive step in your child continuing to make progress in their learning.

In PE, we are fortunate this term to have Mrs Bemand teaching the children on a Thursday afternoon. Shorts, navy blue PE t-shirt (these are available to purchase from the office) and trainers will be required as, weather permitting, the children will be outside. Another PE lesson will take place during the week. PE bags can be left in school each week and it would be helpful to have a tracksuit for the colder weather. Please name all clothing.

Reading folders should be brought into school on a daily basis with your child's reading book, reading record and HASP book inside please. The HASP book will be used for communication between you and us. I would be grateful if you could listen to your child read at home, making a note of the pages read in the reading record book. There is a list of questions in the back of the reading record book which can be used during shared reading. A page or two of reading will be fine followed by one or two questions. Please



make sure that you take every opportunity to discuss the book/story/pictures. This has been shown to greatly improve children's reading through the year. Class reading will also take place to enhance reading and comprehension.

Home learning will be set on a weekly basis to reinforce work carried out in the classroom. The recommended time for home learning is between 20 and 30 minutes per subject set, usually English and Maths. There may be occasions for topic work to be set which, including research, may take a little longer.

I ask that the home learning is completed and returned by Wednesday of the following week **at the latest**. This will give time for the teaching team to mark the work and a new task set.

Parent help to share in and support the home learning is encouraged and if you are in any doubt as to how the school teaches any area of the curriculum please feel free to ask.

Thank you, in advance, for your help in all of these areas and for the ongoing help and support in encouraging your child's learning during the coming term. The home school partnership is very important.

Mrs Carole Brannigan
Willow Class Teacher

Also:
Mrs Fiona Knight, Mrs Jenny McKenzie
Willow Class Team
