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**First week in school – well done and thank you!**

Dear Parents and Families,

At the end of your child's first full week in school, I'd like to wish a warm welcome to you and your child to our school community. Even though it's early days, it's clear that most of the children who have joined our Reception classes have settled well into school life. Sometimes it takes a bit of time for some children to adjust to big changes to their routine however, the reception staff team and myself have been really impressed with their resilience and eagerness to join in.

**Communication to and from school**

By now you should have received and set up your **Tapestry** account and information about setting up a Parent Pay account. **Please ensure that you activate your Parent Pay account** as the system is used to send emails from school and also allows you to make meal booking choices for your child's school dinners, book and pay for clubs, trips etc.. Please note that school meals are not chargeable until your child is in Year 3. [Parent Pay is the main system we use to communicate with parents so we don't want you to miss out on important information.](#)

Under normal circumstances, you would have had a few opportunities to come into school to see our engaging classrooms and facilities before the children start school, however due to the covid restrictions, we have not been able to offer this just yet. We still want you to feel part of your child's school experience so would like to remind you that our school website includes lots of information and pictures about our school.

**Parents Information Sessions**

Reading and Maths are very important parts of our curriculum and we know how keen you will be to support your child in making the most progress in this important year of their education. To support you with this, we have arranged some information sessions for parents and we encourage you to join them if you can.

**Read Write Inc Phonics** with Miss Burgen (Deputy Headteacher and Literacy Leader) on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 3.20pm and 4.30pm (both sessions will be the same, further details to follow)

**Early Maths and number** with Mrs Brown (Reception teacher and Early Maths Champion) on 14<sup>th</sup> of October at 3.30pm.

**Phone calls from the class teachers to provide an update about how your child has settled into school will happen w/c 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

The Reception team and I hope that you can join these sessions because feedback in past years has shown that they have been very useful to parents.

If you would like to speak to any member of our team, please contact the Office Team on the [admin@willow.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:admin@willow.doncaster.sch.uk) or the Teachers on the [receptionhomelearning@willow.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:receptionhomelearning@willow.doncaster.sch.uk) email address.

I look forward to getting to know you and your child really well during their time at Willow. Should you have any questions about the school, please visit the 'Parents' section on our website, which has lots of essential information.

The website has a 'Translate' button at the top of the homepage so the it can be translated into many languages. <https://www.willowprimaryschool.co.uk/>

Yours Sincerely  
Mrs Sumner,  
Headteacher

