



# Willowbank Weekly



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29th March 2017



## **Easter Service-This Friday!**

We hope you can join us at St Andrews Church at 9.30am on Friday 31st March for our Easter Service. Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to walk to and from the church with us. More would be welcome, so if you are able to help, please be ready to leave school at 9.00am, after morning registration-kindly wait in the main playground.



## **House points rewards-Tomorrow!**

On Monday we held our termly House point's assembly and found out that Oak was the winning team for this half term. We would therefore like to reward all children in Oak, for earning so many house points by allowing them come to school wearing a jumper/t-shirt of their choice, on Thursday 30th March. Well done Oak!

## **Term dates**

The term dates for 2017/2018 are now available to view in the school reception and on the school website, please follow this link [http://www.willowbank.devon.sch.uk/website/term\\_dates/150577](http://www.willowbank.devon.sch.uk/website/term_dates/150577)



## **Reading Evening**

We are delighted to announce that the next Reading Evening will be held on Thursday 20th April, from 5-6pm.

There will be a reading hunt around the school; Miss Waite (who is also a librarian) will be available in the library to talk about books (ask her if you are looking for some inspiration about new authors) and several reading sessions from staff throughout the hour, as well as reading dens where you can just enjoy a book together. Everyone is very welcome - please feel free to bring siblings who don't come to Willowbank.



## **Homework Club**

In response to many requests for help with homework we are introducing a homework club. This will be held on Wednesday evenings from 3.30 – 4.00pm. We are inviting anyone to drop in to these sessions with their parent / carer.

Pop along at 3.30 to the dining hall and library; tea, coffee, squash and biscuits will be provided (drinks to stay in the dining hall). Children will be able to work at tables in the dining hall and library. You will be able to read and select new books in the library, laptops will be available for research, practising times tables or playing other educational games.

If you have a question about some homework, Miss Mingo and Mrs Hulbert will be available to help.



## **Foundation**

What a fabulous day we had yesterday at Pennywell farm! We enjoyed holding the micro pigs, lambs and a variety of pets. We loved feeding the hungry lambs, goats and deer. We learnt lots of interesting facts about animals and caring for them. We are now using this experience to write a recount. Thank you to all of the parent helpers - hope you weren't too exhausted! Photos to follow on Tapestry.

We will be finishing the week thinking about the Easter story and the true meaning of Easter. Have a fabulous holiday and remember to keep us up to date with home learning through Tapestry!



### Years 1 and 2

We've been really busy this week in Year 1 and 2. We are coming to the end of the Naughty Bus story so, we've been thinking about different modes of transport and all the naughty things it might get up to. We've carefully planned the journey for the vehicle, thinking of the questions, exclamations and

adjectives that we're going to include in our story. We can't wait to start writing. We also became newspaper reporters, writing a report about the event of the Great Fire of London.

We will be sending home the SATS pack this week, so please check your child's book bags; we'll also put the document on the school website for you to access. When you read with your child, please make sure they are noticing and pausing at full stops.

We would like to invite Year 1 Parents to a phonics screening workshop on Wednesday 19th April, 2017. This will provide clarity of how the phonics screening works. It will also provide you with ideas that you can be doing at home to continue to support your child. Please continue to read with your child over the Easter holidays to build their fluency and understanding of the book. Happy Easter!



### Years 3 and 4

We have had a wonderful time preparing for our Firebird play. Thanks again to all of you who came to watch it, and for supplying costumes and learning lines. We are really proud of the performance, and of the many children who have really risen to the challenge and shown us a different side to their personality.

Next term, we shall be basing much of our work on a story called Gregory Cool. This unit will focus on the use of speech in writing. The book will also inspire our theme topic, which will examine the trade routes of sugar, and look at where it is produced and how it gets distributed around the world. There may be less sugar in kit kats, but in Years 3 and 4 we're sweet enough anyway.



### Years 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 are enjoying an action-packed survival week as the culmination of their survival topic. We went to visit the site at Barratt's Homes on Tuesday - many thanks to Mike Tate for organising this for us. We were able to stand in the partially built new Scout hut and learn how structures are designed and built. We saw the different stages of house building and then got to see inside the show

homes to see the finished result. This trip enabled us to see numerous jobs and trades, helping us to think about what we might aspire to do as a career when we get older.

In school, we have been immersed in a real survival test - we have been excited about team building activities, including orienteering, den-building and fire-lighting. The children would like to say a big thank you to Miss Mogford for helping us with this. This is helping to put all the skills that we have thought about this term into practise. The range of home learning that we received showed how inspired the children have been with this theme - thank you to everyone involved in supporting the children with their learning this term.

Next terms theme across the school is 'How does it get there?'

### School dinners



On Friday 31st March, we are having an Easter lunch. The main course choice will remain the same but, there will be a change to the advertised pudding choice, and the children will have Easter nests. The summer term menu is now available on ParentPay; dinners can now be booked now for the summer term.



### **CVSA Cross Country**

On Monday some children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 represented the school at the CVSA Cross Country event, which took place at Killerton. Well done to the children who took part; we finished 11th. It was a great team effort- Many of our children came in the top 20.



### **Red Nose Day**

Thank you to all of the children, parents and staff that supported Red Nose Day at Willowbank. We will let you know the amount raised in due course. Thank you to the parents and staff for their donations of cakes and biscuits for our cake sale. We are always inundated with people wanting to buy them so we are very grateful that we have a dedicated group of parents who send things in. Much appreciated.



### **Entry to School**

We have staff on duty at the black and white gates in the morning to meet and greet children, parents and carers and to be available if you have any questions or queries. Please be aware that your children remain your responsibility until they have entered the school building or until the bell rings at 8.50am, when the teacher collects them from the playground. We ask all children to be careful and make sure they walk in and out of school. All of our school community needs to feel safe, and children running or on bikes/scooters need to take care. May I also take this opportunity to remind parents that the bank by Crow Green is private property and should not be played on. Please also ensure that your child does not play on the banks near the black gate. Younger children need to be supervised at all times by their parent or carer.



### **Children's Safety**

Some of you may be aware that an 11 year old boy was approached on his way to school in Honiton on Tuesday. We are making you aware so you can guide your children to remain vigilant.



### **Goodbye Mr Broomhead**

As most of you will be aware this Friday is Mr Broomhead's last day with us. What a great send off the Firebird production will be. We thank him for all he has brought to Willowbank in his time here. We wish him all the very best in the future.



### **Lost property**

Theo, from Heron class, has lost a boys Blue Nike trainer, size 2 it has a silver tick on the front and silver CR7 written on the back, please can you check children's PE bags and at home to see if you have it by accident. Thank you

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very happy Easter, hopefully with lots of sunshine! We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Wednesday 19th April.

### Diary Dates

<b>March</b>		
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm & 6.00pm	Years 3 &4 production of 'Firebird'
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Easter Service at St Andrews Church
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	12.15pm	Easter lunch
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>		Last day of Term
<b>April</b>		
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>		Non Pupil day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>		Start of Summer Term
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>		Years 1 & 2 Parents Phonics screening workshop
<b>May</b>		
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Online safety talk for Parents with PCSO Jonathan Sims
w/b Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 SATs week
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Half Term
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>		Years 4&5 Grenville
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> -Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 Heatree
<b>June</b>		
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>		Summer Fayre
<b>July</b>		
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>		Sports Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>		Last day of Term



## Willand Tennis Club ~ **Junior** Tennis Coaching

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April until 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Subscriptions for the year to include coaching £60  
(This includes free use of courts)\*

Sessions run from 4.30 pm 8.30 pm depending on age/ability  
approx. 45 mins

Groups consist of 6 – 8 children  
**Call Charlie 07341 826633 or Paul 07722118703**

For further details see Willand Tennis Club Website/Facebook  
\*Some restrictions apply to Court availability see website/fb for full details