

# Willowbank Weekly



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**Don't forget to order school dinners by tomorrow!**



## Sports Day

Many thanks to everyone who came to support Sports Day. We were very proud of the children's excellent efforts and sportsmanship. We hope that you enjoyed the new 'Olympic Carousel' in the morning. Many thanks to everyone who helped set up or take down the gazebos and benches, to all the staff for all the behind-the-scenes work and to Mrs Snow for her fantastic organisation of the

day.

## House winners

Congratulations to Chestnut house for winning the house cup. All children in Chestnut house can wear their own choice of t-shirt/ jumper on **Tuesday 18th July**.

## Transition Week

This Friday (14th July) will mark the end of the year in our existing classes. On Monday 17th July, we will begin our transition week in our new classes. We have many of the new teachers in for several days of the week.

Mrs Kyte and Miss Burgin: Monday / Tuesday

Miss Powell: Tuesday - Friday

On the days that your child's new teacher is not in, these classes will be covered by one of our existing members of staff.

Transition week offers the children the opportunity to become familiar with their new environment and classmates and to get to know their new teachers. It also provides an opportunity for staff to get to know your child; it gives us time to assess your child's strengths and areas for improvement in a variety of subjects, which helps us to plan carefully for the learning in September.

If you would like the opportunity to discuss anything with your child's new class teacher, please contact the office who will arrange an appointment.

From Monday 17th, could EYFS children wait at the wooden gate by Year 1 from 8.34.5am and could Year 1 children be taken to the steps on the main playground to enter Year 2 from 8.45am.



## Summer Reading Challenge

We were visited by Liz Porter of Cullompton library, who shared information about the Summer Reading Challenge at the library with us. This is a great, fun way to engage in reading over the summer. If your child takes part, please bring the certificate in after the holidays - we would like to take a group photograph for our Reading display board. Which class will have the most participants?



### Road Safety

As we approach the summer holidays, we have been thinking about how to keep ourselves safe. PCSO Jonathan Sims came to visit and explained how we can keep ourselves safe, particularly when we walk along the pavements and when we are in cars. We talked about the importance of making sure that we are always wearing

seatbelts.



### Trips

Years 1 and 2 are visiting Plymouth Aquarium on Friday. Year 6 are visiting Wildside. Please ensure that you have ordered a packed lunch from the kitchen if you require one. Your child will need plenty of water and sun lotion please. If the weather looks threatening, please provide a rain coat.



### Readers and School Volunteers

As we think about September, we would be keen to recruit some more volunteers to come into school to hear readers, to be a 'Secret Reader', to help in class or on trips. If this could be you, please contact the office to add your name to our volunteering list. You will need to have a DBS - we can give you the paperwork and arrange a brief

chat with Mrs Hulbert to discuss what might be involved.

**Our volunteers make such a difference to our school and to our children's learning. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped in any way this year.**

### Sporting news

42 children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 represented Willowbank at the Area Sports event held at Exeter Arena on Friday 30th June. We really pulled together as a team and as Taylor said-“it was all about communication”- we finished in a fantastic 4th place! This is our best performance for 10 years. Well done to all the children; everyone put in 100% effort. Thank you also to Mrs Lewis and Mrs Holbrook who were frantically scoring for all of the participating schools (12 in total) and for Mrs Shiach who volunteers with us. It was lovely to see so much parental support too. For those children who tried in the heats for the available places at school: well done for trying your very best.



All outstanding money owed for school dinners, breakfast club and trips must be paid by Friday 14th July. Thank you



### Go-Active

There are still some spaces available on the Go-Active summer holiday clubs. The sessions are £13.00 per child, per session. Payment must be made in advance when the slip is returned to the office, either by cash or by cheque-cheques are to be made payable to Go-Active please.



### Lunches

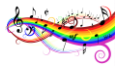
Please remember that if you miss the deadline for ordering school dinners online, we will no longer be able to order your child a school dinner and they will need to be given a packed lunch instead.

### After School Clubs

Please note, this is the last week for after school clubs unless they are run by Go Active. Therefore, there will be no school run clubs such as netball, football and coloring next week.

### Year 6 leaver's lunch

On Thursday 20th July we will be holding a special leavers lunch, this will result in a change to the advertised menu. The special menu is available to all children, not just those in Year 6. The menu is:



### Music

Caroline Clapp can offer piano lessons to children at Willowbank, please telephone Caroline on 07411243058 for more details.



Various pizza muffins  
Pasta and curly fries  
Or  
Hot dogs with baked beans  
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Ice cream sundaes



### Foundation

This week foundation were visited on Monday by a paramedic to talk about how they respond to 999 calls, which has led to a lot of bandaging in the role play hospital and frequent use of a stethoscope! We had created an ambulance out of very big boxes and made our own paramedic bags in case of emergency. We have also started off our Record of Achievement books, adding drawings, writing and photos from our Foundation year. These are added to at the end of each of our years at Willowbank - we hope that they will all be as enjoyable as this year has been :)

### Years 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 have been enjoying our last few days together and have been continuing to show all core values. We have enjoyed our year with all of you and look forward to seeing you grow as you move through the school. Well done to all children on Sports Day, you were amazing and demonstrated excellent team work. To celebrate we created our own acrostic poems, some are up on display in our corridor with pictures from the day. We will be celebrating our hard work with a Key Stage 1 party on the afternoon of Thursday 13th July

Reminder: - Trip - Your child needs to be in school uniform for the day. Children need to be in school at 8:30 as we need to be leaving promptly. We aim to be back at 3:45. We will keep the school updated if there are any changes. Please ensure your child has their lunch and drinks bottle in a backpack or bag they can carry. If you have ordered a lunch this will be ready at school.

### Year 3 & 4

This week we have been writing dragon stories. The children have really enjoyed creating their own characters, setting and plots and bringing these to life using all of the writing skills they have learnt to use so far.

Congratulations to the Y4 Maths Team who participated in the Maths Challenge at CCC – fantastic effort by all, resulting in a second place. Well done, Jonah, Nathan, Joseph, Hannah and Aimee!

We would like to wish all the children in Avocet, Heron and Kingfisher class successful transitions to their new classes. We have enjoyed learning with you this year and hope that you have a restful but fun summer holidays.

### Year 5 and 6

We are so proud of the children for their efforts with producing Pirates of the Curry Bean. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did. Year 6 are now beginning to prepare for the Leavers' Service, which will be held on Friday 21st July at 1.15pm.

We have also been completing our Pillowcase project - a project that helped us to think about weather-related emergencies and the things that we might want to take with us. This is a Red Cross project - you can find more details on The Red Cross's website. This is the perfect way to think about our transition week project - Celebrating Difference. We will be thinking about where members of our school community come from and learning more about these places.

### Diary Dates

July		
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>		Years 1 & 2 End of year party
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Years 1 & 2 trip to Plymouth Aquarium
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Year 6 trip to Wildside
W/B Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>		All classes move up to September classes
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm-6.30pm	Drama club performance
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm-1.15pm	Leavers lunch
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	1.15pm	Year 6 Leavers assembly
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>Last day of Term</b>
September		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Non Pupil day</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Back to school</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Individual Photos (Tempest)