

Willowbank Weekly



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Don't forget to order school dinners by tomorrow!

Learner of the week

Well done to the following children for being presented with a Learner of the Week certificate.

Ava D–Robin

Miley M– Starling

Henry S– linnet

Dylan P– Siskin

Lily O– Heron

Bailey B–Avocet

Dominic W– Kingfisher

Nathan R- Buzzard



Fidget spinners

During the last two weeks many people have asked whether these are banned. At the moment of writing I do not expect to see them in classrooms, but children can have them whilst on the playground.

We have not had any significant problems with them whilst on the playground. The children have been enjoying them and playing with them sensibly so I am happy for them to stay, on the understanding that we will not use teacher or TA time finding them, mending them or sorting out conflicts.

We ask that any brought in have their initials and class clearly marked on them in durable pen. I am aware that the press are promoting them as useful to the classroom, however if your child has a need to use a fiddle toy in class, this will already have been discussed with you and something will already be in place.

Staffing news

Some of you may have noticed that Mrs Jaworski has been around school this week, we are very excited that she has been and will continue to do some keep in touch days and will be returning from Maternity leave in July for 3 days per week.

We are very pleased to announce Miss Gibbs has secured a permanent position with us from September, and we have also appointed a teacher from Cornwall who will be based in KS2 from September.



Badges

There have been 3 lost core value badges handed into the office; please collect from the office if you believe they belong to you.



Netball Club

Netball club will now finish at the later time of 4.30pm, starting from next week.



School dinner orders

We have been using the ParentPay online booking system for some time now and hopefully you are now confident and able to see the benefits. As you are aware the lunches have to be ordered in advance, this allows our kitchen to order the correct quantity of food the week before, thus reducing wastage and ensuring your child has the meal you have ordered. During this period and to ensure the system embeds, we have made allowances and accepted lunch orders or changes, after the Thursday cut-off point. However this causes implications for the kitchen and therefore when we return after half term we will no longer be able to accept any changes or late orders after the cut-off point, unless it is a real emergency e.g. Family medical emergency. If your child has not had a lunch ordered, we will be contacting parents and asking that a packed lunch is provided.



Donations

Miss Mogford would be grateful for any donations of flower pots for Forest school; we will be making small bug houses over the coming weeks, starting on Friday. Thank you.



Foundation

This week we have been on a snail trail! Following on from our learning about mini-beasts and the children's obsession with snails, we have created pasta snails and made multi-tactile repeating patterns on a snail shell. We have been continuing our learning of addition using a counting on from a given number method and by the end of the week we will have written a snail trail adventure.



Years 1 & 2

The children have been learning all about Wool. Today we have been learning to finger knit. It is really tricky. We watched a video and then followed the instructions. Your child might be able to show you how to do it. We have also created Wanted posters for the Wolf in Little Red Riding Hood. There have been some amazing character descriptions.



Years 3 & 4

Do you remember how you felt when you visited somewhere new? This week, the children have been writing about a character, Lennox, coming to the London for the first time. We have used Google Earth and Maps to find famous London landmarks such as, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and Houses of Parliament, which has helped with our story writing.

Reminders:

Keep encouraging your child to practise their maths skills, particularly their times tables and division facts.

We hope to be going to the field next Wednesday for P.E. so please ensure your child has their P.E. kit, including appropriate footwear. Also please provide labelled sun-cream and hat for sunny weather as last week it was very hot.



Years 5 & 6

We were incredibly proud of the way all our Year 6 children took their SATs. They all tried their best and worked really hard. Well done! Year 6 are now looking forward to Heatree or their activity week. Children going to Heatree need to meet in the hall on Monday morning at 8:50am where we will be collecting money, sweets and medicines. Please don't forget a named carrier bag with your purse to keep any purchases safe. Years 5 and 6 have been taking part in a Science week, investigating materials and their properties. We experimented to find the best material to create a box to transport chocolate, preventing it melting! We have also learnt how chocolate makes its journey from the tree to Cullompton, including investigating the impact of different amounts of cocoa in chocolate.

Cullompton Community College are inviting Parents/Carers of children, who are currently in Y6, with special educational needs (or those who have a general interest) in attending their SEN parent working group on Wednesday 5th July at 10.00am.

Diary Dates

May		
w/b Monday 15 th		Year 2 SATs
w/b Monday 15 th		Years 5 & 6 Science week
Thursday 18 th		School Census-Summer BBQ lunch
Friday 19 th	9.00am	Buzzard Class assembly * Cancelled*
Monday 22 nd -Friday 26 th		Year 6 Residential to Heatree
W/B Monday 22 nd		Year 6 Activity week in school
Monday 29th – Friday 2nd		Half Term
June		
Monday 5th		Back to school
Saturday 10 th		Summer Fayre
Wednesday 14 th	2.30pm-3.10pm	School open afternoon
Thursday 15 th	TBC	School Disco
Friday 16 th	All day	Outdoor classroom day
Wednesday 21 st	9.30am	Class Photographs
Tuesday 27 th	9.15am-3.00pm	Year 6 transition to CCC (Enterprise day)
Friday 30 th	9.15am	Year 5 Pizza Co challenge at CCC
July		
Thursday 6 th		Sports Day
Friday 7 th		Reserve Sports day
Monday 10 th	6.00pm	Years 5 & 6 Production
Tuesday 11 th	6.00pm	Years 5 & 6 Production
Friday 14 th	All day	Year 6 trip to Wildside
Friday 21 st	1.15pm	Year 6 Leavers assembly
Friday 21 st		Last day of Term

