

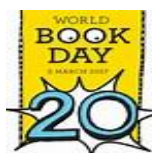
# Willowbank Weekly



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



## World Book Day

It is World book day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we would like to invite children to dress up as a character from their favourite book-the children need to be able to talk about the character and hopefully bring the book to school. At times during the day the whole school (adults included) will drop everything and read. In the afternoon classes will focus on books. We invite you in at 2.30pm-3.10pm to come into the classrooms, read with small groups of children and just enjoy books in a relaxed atmosphere. Older siblings can join you in younger sibling's classes if they wish. Years 5 and 6 will be in the hall.



## Foundation

We returned to school after the holidays to discover that our room had been transformed, and now features a pet shop and vets role play area. Inspired by the children's love of animals, we are now learning all about pets! We have been looking at data handling; using bar graphs and tally charts and counting & using the corresponding numeral. We are furthering our understanding of shapes, discussing their properties, and will be hunting around the school looking for shapes in the environment. We are looking forward to having some exciting visits from the staff's own pets, so that we can be experienced pet handlers before we can take on the responsibility of looking after a class pet!



## Years 1 & 2

Welcome back!

This week we have been introduced to our new Theme, 'The Great Fire of London.' We look forward to finding out more about this significant event and hope to have a visitor come into school to enable us to experience something of what it was like in 1666.

We are also sending out a new home learning sheet on Thursday. Keep up the fantastic learning; we have all been impressed with the commitment and care towards their tasks and the quality of their work.

We will be making birds' nests in forest school on Friday. Please could children bring in a small box of any shape or size for the activity. We will also be having a camp fire with marshmallows (weather depending!) If you would rather that your child does not have any marshmallows please let their class teacher know before Friday.



## Years 3 & 4

The children in Years 3 and 4 are getting very excited about the work this half term. As well as the play and story writing based on The Firebird, all of the classes are reviewing Fractions in maths, while Kingfisher will be introduced to decimals. We are still in the process of casting for our forthcoming play and we will let the children know about the main parts soon.

We are thrilled with how much reading is taking place in Years 3 and 4. It is World Book Day next week, so we want to know about the authors and books that the children love. We already know the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series is very popular, but have the children heard of Mr Gum, Beast Quest or

Captain Underpants, or even Jaqueline Wilson? Michael Morpurgo is still a firm favourite with children of all ages too.



### **Years 5 & 6**

Year 5 and 6 have begun the half term with a Wow Day to begin our topic about 'How do humans survive?' We took part in lots of different experiences to learn about survival: cracking codes, building balloon-powered cars; measuring how far our paper aeroplanes could fly; solving number mazes, and launching geysers.

During the half term, we will also be blogging about our learning following the adventures of Beck Granger. Please log into Beck's blog and feel free to leave comments.

<https://willowbank201756.edublogs.org>

If you have any survival skills and would like to come in to enrich our learning, please speak to one of the Year 5 / 6 teachers.

### **Respect Core values assembly**

On the last day of term we held our Core values assembly where children for each class were recognised for being respectful. The children were:-

Robin class - Bobby John B, Lilly Jay H and Riley S  
Starling class - Tyler K, Sophie A and Jake C  
Linnet class - Marley C, Jack O, Myiah-Marie B and Lois P  
Siskin class - Phoebe S, Spencer H, Amelie M and Caden B  
Goldfinch class- Jack H, Poppy T, Freya C and Oliver W  
Avocet class - Emily R, Rowan S, Lily L and Sienna  
Heron Class - Isobel K, Jacob B, Isla T and Lilly O  
Kingfisher class - Zachary S, Kiya G, Alex T and Aimee C  
Buzzard class - Olivia B, Izzy S, Oliver P and Elliot R  
Hawk class - Euan, Lauren K, Pheobe H and Alex P  
Kestrel class - Alex P, Scarlett A, Keelan U and Liam J

Wear your Respect pin badges with pride!



### **Dental Survey**

On Friday 3rd March the Northern Devon Healthcare in partnership with NHS are coming to school to carry out a dental survey for children aged 5 on this day. 30 children in total are needed for the survey; so far we have only received consent from 17 children. If you happy for your child to take part in the survey please return the consent form to the school office by the end of this week.



### **Parents Evening**

We are excited to be using a new online booking system on e-schools for the forthcoming Parents evenings which are being held on Tuesday 7th March and Thursday 9th March, Appointments will be available to book from 7pm on Monday 27th until 3rd March. More information to follow.



### **Road Safety**

The PCSO is coming to talk to the children about road safety in assembly on Friday; this will then lead onto the school council trying to raise awareness at the beginning and end of each school day. We remind you all that no car should be stopped on the zig zag lines. It stops the children from having a clear view.



### Lost Property

Max, in foundation, has lost a pair of grey school trousers (following Forest school on the last day before half term.) They are named; please can foundation Parents check at home to see if they may have them by mistake. A pearl effect necklace, a model aeroplane and beige motif sweater aged 7-8 years were left behind after the Valentines disco. If you think any of these may belong to your child please collect from school office.



### Footwear for Indoor Gymnastics and PE

If for any reason your child cannot take part in gymnastics/or PE bare footed can you please write to inform their class teacher. Also please keep sending in long sleeved tops and warm leggings/ tracksuit bottoms for PE outside.



### After School Clubs

Reading club has now finished, but all other clubs are still running as normal. We still have places available on the Go-Active Archery and crossbows, striking and Fielding and Street surfing clubs. If you would like to book your child a place, please collect a form from the school office.

### Blingo!

Tickets will be on sale from the school office from Thursday 23rd February. Doors open 7.30pm eyes down 8.00pm. Look out for posters around school for more information. (Please note that this is for adults only.)

### Wanted!

Do you have any unwanted colouring books lying around at home? If so, our lunchtime colouring club would be very grateful to make use of them. Please drop them into the school office.



### Cake sale

On Friday 24th February, some pupils from CCC will be holding a cake sale after school. This is in support of the "tenner challenge" that they are taking part in at school. Look out for posters around school soon.

**Family Photo Session** - Little Stars photography will be coming into Cullompton Pre-School on a Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 from 9.30 am and will be available to take photographs of your children either individually, in a group or as a family. This is always a very popular event and appointments are open to everyone - Please contact Cullompton Pre-School on 01884 35018 to book an appointment.

### Diary Dates

February		
Friday 24th	9.00am	Road safety talk with PCSO
Friday 24th	3.25pm	Pupils from CCC "tenner challenge" cake sale
March		
Thursday 2nd	All day	World Book Day
Thursday 2nd	2.30pm-3.10pm	Parents to read in classes for World Book Day
Tuesday 7th	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 9th	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parents Evening

Friday 10th		Mother's Day Gift Stall
Friday 17th		Mother's Day Gift Stall
Tuesday 21st	1.50pm & 6.00pm	Drama Club performance for KS2 and Parents
Friday 24th	All day	Red Nose Day
Friday 24th	Doors open 7.30pm-Eyes down 8.00pm	Blingo!
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
<b>May</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>		
w/b Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 SAT's week
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Half Term
<b>June</b>		
Saturday 10th		Summer Fayre
<b>July</b>		
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>		Last day of Term