

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.

Ruby - Robin
Phoebe – Starling
Lili-Mae – Linnet
Oliver – Goldfinch
Jayden – Heron
Harrison – Avocet
Kiya – Kingfisher
Dominykas – Buzzard
Mia – Kestrel
Callum – Hawk



Class photographs

Please can all children wear their school ties on Friday for their class photographs.

Academy update

As you will be aware the Governing Body made the decision to apply for Academy status and join First Federation Trust. Our application was submitted in January 2017. Unfortunately all submissions to the Department of Education have been affected by the recent general election and the process has taken much longer than we had anticipated. First Federation are very keen to support our school in moving forward and we are pleased that they were involved in the recent selection process for our new Teachers. We will keep you updated as soon as we have more news.

Staffing update

We had a very positive day yesterday and will be appointing 2 new teachers both with recent foundation experience. We will be able to give you more information as soon as their schools are aware.



British summer!

Finally, summer has arrived! Please ensure children have a sun hat, water bottle and sun cream on them before they come to school. We advise using one time application sun cream before school.

Sandals: - because our site has many steps, we expect all children to wear shoes which cover their toes and have straps. Some children have been wearing sandals over the last few days and we advise that they do not. If there is an exceptional reason for your child needing to wear sandals, please write a note to the class teacher explaining why. They should be neutral in color, have straps which secure them to their feet and wear socks.

Sunglasses: - we advise that all children wear sunhats with a peak or rim. if your child needs to wear sunglasses due to hay fever, please make sure the teacher knows.



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.



Facebook

As you may have seen recently, we have used our Facebook page to advertise our Summer Fayre. We hope to use Facebook more in the future to communicate with Parents/Carers and to share information with you, such as a link to newsletter every week that we would ask you to share, to enable our news to reach as many people as possible. Could we please ask parents refrain from posting negative comments, and instead speak to a member of staff at school to discuss your concerns.

Medicine in school

All medicine must be prescribed, even antihistamine: we want you child to take part and enjoy sports on the field, so please have this prescribed or come into school to administer, alternatively herbal remedies can be kept in school, please ensure these are named and are handed into the school office.

House winners

Congratulations to Ash house for winning the house cup. All children in Ash house can wear their own choice of t shirt/ jumper on Friday 23rd June.

Sporting news

Eight representatives from years 3 and 4 attended an athletics competition at CCC last Wednesday against 3 other local primary schools. It was close end result: we finished 4th, only just over 200 points behind the winners. Miss Eustace was extremely proud of how well they participated and their exemplary behaviour. Well done to Sienna, Mia, Isla, Lily, Nathan, Joseph, Lewis and Jayden. Congratulations to Mia for winning her category for the 400m race!



Lost property

There are a number of items that have been handed into the office in the past week or so, if you think any of the following belong to you, please collect it from the school office. A Trolls purse, a pale pink unicorn purse, a blue wallet with ROCKFISH and a crab on the front, 1 red fidget spinner, 1 green fidget spinner and a Noddy book.



Go-Active

There are still spaces available on the Go-Active after school clubs, please collect a letter from the office if you wish for your child to attend. Also please look out for information about summer holiday clubs coming soon.



Foundation

This week we have been finding out all about the Police service, including the various jobs they do to help us and the special equipment that they use. We have labelled drawings of police officers, written facts to go in a Non-fiction book and are enjoying making police helmets and police cars out of junk modelling materials. On Friday some police officers are coming to visit us in a police car, bringing all of their equipment with them!



Years 1 & 2

Years 1 and 2 have been making the most of the gorgeous weather this week. We have started a science experiment to investigate the best conditions for a plant to grow. Siskin and Linnet enjoyed their trip to Tesco where they learnt a lot about different fruits and vegetables. Why not ask us to see if we remember some facts. Please remember to have labelled drinks bottles, sun cream and hats.



Years 3 & 4

This week we have been writing our own non-chronological reports about a dragon that we created. Year 4 painted pictures of their dragons using water colours. We have been reading a dragon story about a girl who found a dragon in the woods and wanted to keep him as a pet. We are using this story to help us think about our sentence structure.

In Year 4, we have been researching railways and different types of trains. We played an online railway game which had Maths, Science and Coding challenges to complete.

Y3 have been learning about electrical safety, particularly in the home. Why don't you look for electrical hazards in your home?



Years 5 & 6

Year 5 has been enjoying investigating how to create atmosphere using the text: 'Where my wellies take me' and Year 6 children have been finishing and editing their short stories. In Maths, Year 5 has begun to learn how to add and subtract fractions, whilst Year 6 has been looking at solving fraction, decimal and percentage problems. Theme has been centred on electricity investigations and working on the forthcoming production - the singing is now well developed and has fantastic choreography.

Diary Dates

June		
Friday 23 rd	9.30am-11.30am	PCSO Jonathan Sims to visit Foundation Stage
Friday 23 rd	9.30am	Class photographs
Tuesday 27 th	9.15am-3.00pm	Year 6 transition to CCC (Enterprise day)
Thursday 29 th	9.00am	Avocet Class Assembly
Friday 30 th	9.15am	Year 5 Pizza Co challenge at CCC
July		
Tuesday 4 th		CCC Year 6 transition day
		Moving up into new classes day
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	Years 1 & 2 trip to Plymouth Aquarium

Friday 14 th	All day	Year 6 trip to Wildside
W/B Monday 14 th		All classes move up to September classes
Friday 21 st	1.15pm	Year 6 Leavers assembly
Friday 21st		Last day of Term
September		
Monday 4 th	All day	Non Pupil day
Tuesday 5 th		Back to school