

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.

Molly M-Robin
Jayden M-Starling
Harry R-Linnet
Ellie G-Siskin
Freya C-Goldfinch
Ryan C & Verity W-Heron
Rowan S-Avocet
Whole Class-Kingfisher
Rebecca M-Kestrel
Gary H-Hawk



Online safety

Following on from our online safety sessions recently held for Years 5, 6 and staff, we would like to advise you to very closely supervise your children in their use of YouTube, which is linked to Minecraft and other potential links. If you have any concerns please feel confident to come in and talk to us.



No Nuts!

Willowbank aims to practise a nut free policy although we recognise that this cannot be guaranteed. Many measures are put in place within our school to reduce the risk to those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive. We aim to protect children who have allergies to nuts yet also help them, as they grow up, to take responsibility as to what foods they can eat and to be aware of where they may be put at risk.



Job vacancy - Mealtime Assistant

We are looking for someone enthusiastic, reliable and punctual. You may be required to develop opportunities for pupils in addition to supervising meal times and supporting good behaviour. We need someone who can be called upon to cover any staff shortages and could be working Monday to Friday 12.00-1.15pm as

required.

An application form is available from www.willowbank.devon.sch.uk alternatively, telephone 01884 33473 or email admin@willowbank.devon.sch.uk Please apply by noon on the closing date of 17th May 2017. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. And expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS disclosure is required for this post.



After-school clubs

Mrs Hulbert is unable to run the football club this week; therefore there will be **NO** football club this Friday.

We will be offering a holiday club for the May half term, with Go-Active. Please look out for letters coming home soon. Please may we remind you that payment must be made prior to the club and the slip must be handed in with payment to secure your child a place?



Sainsbury's Active kid's vouchers

We have already collected lots of vouchers but the more we can collect the better! Please can you ask grandparents and other family members to donate their vouchers which enable us to purchase play and sports equipment for the school. The deadline for vouchers to be handed in is 30th June. Thank you for your support.



Lost property

Charlee-Mai in Year 3, (Avocet class) has lost her green cardigan with her "Honest" badge on it; please may we ask you to check at home and in bags in case you have picked it up by accident. If you find it, please hand it into the office or return it to Charlee-Mai.

Summer BBQ lunch-18th May

It is our school Census on Thursday 18th May, the amount of funding the school receives is dependent on the amount of children eating school dinners on this day. Therefore a dinner will be cooked for all children including FS, Y1, Y2, to ensure the school benefits from as much funding as possible. We would like all children to sample a school dinner, but if parents are concerned then they can also send their child in with a pack lunch.

Children in FS, Y1 and Y2 will not be charged for their dinner; however children in KS2 are still required to pay as usual. Please see the menu below, which is available on ParentPay.

Summertime BBQ Lunch in a bag

Beef burger in a bap with cheese, salad or relish (optional)

Or

Chicken nuggets

Or Cheese and Onion pasty (V)

All served with

Lattice potatoes and salad sticks

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Fruit frubes

Assorted cookies and cakes

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Prizes for lucky cups



Foundation

This week the children have continued to be excited about mini beasts. We have been writing interesting facts about bugs and beetles, recording subtraction calculations involving wiggly worms, and making natural insect pictures



Years 1 & 2

This week in Year 1/2, we have been looking at the journey from Wool to Jumper, it has been really interesting. Did you know you can make around 8 woolly jumpers from 1 fleece? The children have been sharing their findings from their home learning with class, too. Some children went to the wool museum and talked about what they saw. We would like to thank you for sharing. We have also been focussing on newspaper reports and are now working towards writing our own.

Year 2 SATS are next week. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. Your children have worked incredibly and continually hard up to this week, and have shown real commitment to their learning. We would like to encourage all children to enjoy their weekend and have fun playing outside with friends and family.



Years 3 & 4

We are excited to let you know, that as of this week, Years 3 and 4 have the pleasure of undertaking PE in the school field. Please ensure your child has their PE kit available in school every day.

On Tuesday, Heron and Kingfisher class enjoyed their first cricket session with Mr Bayliss of Cullompton Cricket Club – this will be happening every Tuesday morning for the rest of the month. We have all been busy learning about fractions in our maths lessons – perhaps you can practise fractions at home using food such as: pizza, cake, oranges and whatever else takes your fancy.

Years 5 & 6



We have been incredibly proud of the way Year 6 children have approached their SATS this week. They have all come in and tried their best, persevering all the way though, and showing real teamwork to each other before and after the papers. We all thoroughly enjoyed bacon and eggs - often in the sunshine outside - and the chance to play together before school.

Year 6 hoodie orders have gone home - please could we have all orders and payments back by Thursday 11th, at the latest.

Year 5 are fresh from their exploits at Grenville House and in school activity week - please see the website for the Grenville photos. They continued the adventures with a trip to the library on Tuesday, which they really enjoyed.

Years 5 and 6 have been continuing to investigate the history of chocolate and are beginning to think about their chocolate product; we will be designing packaging to go with this. Home learning projects are due in on Wednesday for a sharing afternoon with the class - please ensure that these are brought in by Wednesday morning.

Year 6 Dates

There are several dates coming up that relate to Year 6. Dates in bold apply to all Year 6 children.

22 – 26th May: Heatree Residential or Activity Week in school

5th June: Year 6 Bike ability – if your child is involved, you will have received a letter

7th June, 14th June and 21st June: Extra Transition mornings to CCC begin – if your child has been invited to this, you will have received a letter this week.

27th June: Enterprise day at CCC – Children come to school as normal, we will then take the children to CCC for 9.15am and will return at 3.00pm for the end of the school day.

4th July: Year 6 transition day to new schools

5th July: SEN coffee morning at CCC for parents – 10am – you will have been invited to this if it applies to you

6th July: Sports Day

7th July: Reserve Sports Day

10th / 11th July: Year 5 & 6 Production – 6pm on both evenings – tickets will be available soon

14th July: Y6 Leaver's trip to Wildside – more details to come soon, but there will be no cost to this trip

21st July: Leaver's Service – 1.15pm in school

Diary Dates

May		
Wednesday 10 th	3.30pm	Years 1 Parents Phonics screening workshop
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
Monday 29th – Friday 2nd		Half Term
Monday 22 nd -Friday 26 th		Year 6 Residential to Heatree
W/B Monday 22 nd		Year 6 Activity week in school
June		
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