

Willowbank Weekly



www.willowbank.devon.sch.uk

28th March 2018

****New summer menu after Easter****



Easter service- Tomorrow

We are looking forward to our Easter service at St Andrew's church tomorrow at 2.00pm. Parents, Carers, family members and friends are all warmly welcome to join us for this service. We are in need, as always, for volunteers to help us walk the children to and from the church. If you can help, please meet us on the playground at 1.15pm; this would be very much appreciated.



Drama Club Production

Thank you to parents, family members and friends, for attending; it was a great success and we hope you all enjoyed watching.



Attendance

If your child arrives to school late, they must be brought to the office by an adult and they must be signed in.



Muddy boots

Please can we ask that children's wellie boots/footwear are cleaned after Forest school. This is to avoid mud falling off when children are putting them the next time and making a mess in school.



Finance

There are still some monies outstanding. Please clear any dinner money or breakfast club arrears via ParentPay as soon as possible.



After school clubs

We have a range of after school clubs available for all year groups for the forthcoming summer term, a sign-up sheet will be coming home with your child this week. Please return it as quickly as you can to avoid disappointment, as spaces are limited on some clubs.

Sammy B Street Dance

This club is being offered to pupils in Years 4, 5 & 6. Letters were sent out a week or so ago, but there are still spaces available. Please note that there is a fee payable for this club.



Reminders

We would like to remind parents that children are not allowed on the play equipment at the end of the day.

Please ensure all reading books are returned to school once they have been read.

Thank you

Mindfulness- 17th April

There are still spaces available. Please speak to Mrs Haddican or Mrs Ingram. Alternatively email jhaddican@willowbank.devon.sch.uk to book.

Foundation

This week we have been using Easter activities to support our learning in the classroom. We have been looking at estimating amounts and recording our ideas. We have been on an Easter egg hunt in the outdoor area, practising our tricky words and building words containing special friends. We have also enjoyed writing our own facts books about penguins and sharing them in class. Did you know that baby Penguins can float? They need to learn to dive under water to catch their fish! We hope that you all have a happy, safe Easter.

We have provided a list of tricky words that your child needs to recognise by sight. Please support your child in practising these words over the holidays. Please continue to add your family moments onto tapestry. The children enjoy sharing their learning in school.

Years 1 & 2

During our theme sessions, Year 2 are continuing to look after their sunflower plants and entering their observations into their plant diaries. They have also been learning about animals and the special features that they have to enable them to live in their habitats. Year 1 have been exploring what the word 'belonging' means and have discussed how ideas of family and community are reflected in their own lives. They will be representing their knowledge of the seasons through art. Within Maths, Year 2 children have been continuing their work on measure by reading scales and understanding tallies, pictograms and bar charts. They will begin focussing on money next term. Year 1 have been continuing to compare and order numbers. During English, classes been writing their own stories based on their shared texts.

Years 3 & 4

The children have worked so hard to learn their lines, songs and improve their acting skills. They have really entertained children in school, parents and family members. We look forward to the final show tonight. Please can children return at 5:30?

The children have worked hard this term. We wish you all a happy Easter break, and look forward to teaching you again after the holidays.

Years 5 & 6

We have been having great fun writing our quest stories, thinking about how to create atmosphere and how to use dialogue to add interest to our writing. In Theme, we have thought about how symbols are used and learnt about Hanukkah - thinking about how light is represented in different religions. The children who went to cross country represented the school well - well done!

We hope you have a fantastic Easter holiday. Enjoy reading and make the most of being outside!

Diary Dates

March		
Thursday 29th	2.00pm	Easter service St Andrews church
Thursday 29th		Last day of term
April		

Monday 16th	ALL DAY	NON PUPIL DAY
Tuesday 17th		First day of Summer term
Friday 20th	ALL DAY	Bags to School collection
Monday 23rd-Wednesday 25th		Year 4 residential to Wildside
May		
W/B 7th	No set days	KS1 SATs start
W/B 14th	Monday-Thursday	KS2 SATs
Thursday 17th		Summer Extravaganza lunch
Friday 25th	ALL DAY	NSPCC Non uniform day
W/B 28th		HALF TERM
June		
W/B 11th		Year 1 Phonics screening
Friday 15th	3.30pm	Summer Fayre
Thursday 26th		Summer Extravaganza lunch
July		
Monday 2nd (Friday 6th reserve day)	All day	Sports day
Wednesday 4th	6.00pm	Years 5&6 Production
Thursday 5th	6.00pm	Years 5&6 Production
Monday 9th-Wednesday 11th		Year 6 residential to Heatree
Friday 26th		Year 6 Leavers Lunch
Wednesday 25th	1.15pm	Year 6 leavers assembly
Wednesday 25th		LAST DAY OF TERM