

Willowbank Weekly



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Happy New Year to you all! 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:

Freddie F-Starling
Noah S-Robin
Olivia-May L- Siskin
Jayden M- Linnet
Charlie M- Dove
Mantas N- Goldfinch
Elliot B-Avocet
Tommy M- Heron
Freya C-Kingfisher
Esme B-Buzzard
Jayden B- Hawk

Maths evening coming soon 6.00-7.00pm in the next few weeks-keep an eye out for more information to follow soon.

Whole School open afternoon

We would like to invite parents, family members and siblings to our Whole School Open Afternoon on Monday 5th February. Please see the below excerpt, taken from our school handbook for further details.

Open Afternoons

The school will, at least termly, open its doors for parents, carers and families to share the learning of their children. The following timetable will be in place:

14:30 (or later) Parents will enter the school via reception and sign in

15:10 The class teacher will request that all visitors vacate the classroom and leave the school via reception in order to collect their children from the playground or outside Y1 as usual. *Only in exceptional circumstances and by prior arrangement will children be permitted to leave the school at this time.*

Parents will be expected to know in which class their child is and who the teacher is in that class in order that directions can be given, if required. Teaching staff will be present in their classrooms to explain children's learning. Occasionally, a display of the children's work will be set up in the school hall or other communal area. If a parent or teacher has any individual queries or concerns about a child, these should be discussed privately away from other parents and children. It would be appropriate to ask the teacher for a meeting at some point rather than discuss these in the classroom when the teacher needs to be available to care for the children.

If parents have more than one child to visit, siblings may accompany them to other areas of the school but all children must be returned to their own classroom prior to 15:10.

The Senior Leadership Team will be in attendance around the school and prefects will be stationed at various locations within the school to assist if required

Residential payment deadlines

Wildside deposit deadline has now passed; you can still book a place for your child, however please do so as soon as possible as the final balance is due by 1st February.

Heatree (July) deposit deadline has also passed, however you can still book your child a place if you wish.

The deposit for the Heatree residential in September (current Y5 children) is due by 1st February.

Author Visit

On Thursday 18th January, Billy Bob Buttons will be visiting Willowbank and leading workshops for KS2 in the afternoon. There will also be an opportunity to meet the author and to purchase books. We hope that this will provide to be a really inspiring afternoon with an opportunity for children to find out what life is like as an author and to ask questions.

After school clubs

These start or have started this week, you should have received a text informing if your child has been given a place in a club. If you have not received a text but have returned the booking sheet, please speak to Mrs Ingram in the office.

Lost property

We have a large amount of lost property still unclaimed, amongst it is: a Blue Regatta waterproof coat age 5/6, blue HI Gear waterproof coat age 5/6, a pair of size 6 Karrimoor trainers, a pink and black Slazenger PE bag and over 10 hoodies. Please come into school to check if you think they belong to you.

PTFA

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd January at Padbrook at 7.30pm, everyone is welcome. We would love to see some new faces join us.

Welcome Back Lunch

It is our school Census on Thursday 18th January. The amount of funding the school receives is dependent on the number of children eating school dinners on this day, therefore a special lunch will be cooked for all children in all year groups, 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 send their child in with a packed lunch. This has been well attended in the past, and children enjoy the special 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.

*****If you have already ordered a lunch for this day, it will have been cancelled by ParentPay as the menu has been amended, therefore you will be required to rebook.***

Menu

Chicken goujons or veggie burger in a bap or cheese wheels, all served with potato crisps, spaghetti hoops and sweetcorn or salad.

Followed by strawberry and chocolate mousse with shortcake fingers

Yoghurt and fresh fruit



School uniform availability update

We have contacted Tesco and they have informed that the school sweatshirts in the sizes that currently unavailable will be back in stock at the end of January/start of February.

Parents Evening

These will be held on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February- more information to follow.

Parking

Please be mindful of parking outside of the school as some Parents/Carers with mobility issues may need to park nearer to school, but are unable too.



Valentine Disco

This will be on Wednesday 7th February; the disco will cost £1.50 per child.

Foundation, Years 1 & 2 is 6.00pm-7.00pm

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 is 7.15pm -8.15pm.

If there is anyone who can DJ for us we would be very grateful, please let Miss Mogford or the office know if you can help.

Thank you

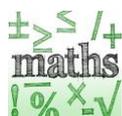
Thank you to the parents who have donated guttering and cardboard boxes to Forest School.



Foundation

Welcome back, we hope that you all had a good Christmas. This week we have enjoyed hearing about the different things children experienced during Christmas and their favourite presents!

This week we are looking at how to keep healthy, we will also be using fairy tales to support our learning. In Maths, we will be talking about different strategies to support our counting, and developing our reasoning skills using sentence stems that we will send out on Tapestry.



Happy New Year! From Years 1 and 2.

The children have settled in well to the new term. They have already begun their new theme of 'Walking in the Footsteps of Giants' by asking questions about castles together, learning about and labelling the different features of castles. During Maths, Year 1 children have been using their knowledge of tens and ones to become familiar with a number square and recognise patterns in numbers. This includes finding out 1 more/less and 10 more/less than given numbers. They have been encouraged to describe the numbers with the words: 'most', 'least', 'more', 'less', 'equal'. We will be sending a 100 square home in your child's Home Learning book for you to reinforce their learning at home. Year 2 have been learning about multiplication. They have been using arrays to help them to solve worded problems and have been encouraged to make links between previous learning and new. During English sessions, Year 1 children have been practising their knowledge of sentences through the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. They have learnt about the suffixes '-er' and '-est' and how they change the meaning of

words. Year 2 children have started focussing on the different parts of a story through the book 'The Story Path'.

If you have any unwanted school clothes that your child has grown out of, we would really appreciate them. We are hoping to build a collection of items so that we are prepared if your child requires a change of clothes during the day.



Years 3&4

Welcome back, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas.

The children are working extremely hard with their new maths topic- division. They are learning what division means and are using various images and resources to illustrate the different problems.

A Winter's Child is a superb story which we are using as a focus for our narrative work. The children will be improving the structure of their own stories, as well as using a range of rich vocabulary within their work.

'In the footsteps of giants!' is the theme for this half term. We are focussing on Ancient China. As an introduction, this week, we will be finding out about life in China.

I am delighted to inform you that we are going to get TT Rock stars for our pupils. This is a great programme where children can learn their times tables. Children will be given information about this soon.



Year 5 / 6

Welcome back! We have begun our new theme – In the Footsteps of Giants: Ancient Greeks. On Thursday and Friday, we held two Year 5 / 6 wow days to begin our topic.

We went on an airplane to Greece! We got stuck in a vortex and landed in Ancient Greece. Using the captain's computer, we were able to investigate what life was like outside. Then we were told the Greek myth Icarus: The boy who flew too high. King Minos burst into the classroom hunting Daedalus.

After we interviewed him, he asked us to design him a new labyrinth. We then designed a new creature to place into the labyrinth.

Have a look at the website to see some examples of our descriptions or pop in and look at the display in the hub.

Year 6 have changed the format of home learning slightly – please see the explanatory note in the home learning books. Please note that Year 6 home learning will be given on a Monday and is due in on the following Monday.

Diary Dates

January 2018		
Tuesday 2nd	ALL DAY	NON PUPIL DAY
Wednesday 3rd	ALL DAY	NON PUPIL DAY
Thursday 4 th		Start of Spring Term
Thursday 18th		Welcome back lunch-School Census
Thursday 18th	1.15-3.25pm	Author visit to KS2
Tuesday 22nd	7.30pm	PTFA meeting
February		
Monday 5th		Whole school Open Afternoon
Wednesday 7th		Valentines disco
W/B 12th		HALF TERM
Wednesday 21st		Parents evening

Thursday 22nd		Parents evening
March		
Thursday 29th		Last day of term
April		
Monday 16th	ALL DAY	NON PUPIL DAY
Tuesday 17th		First day of Summer term
Monday 23rd-Wednesday 25th		Year 4 residential to Wildside
May		
W/B 7th		KS1 SATs
W/B 14th		KS2 SATs
W/B 28th		HALF TERM
June		
W/B 11th		Year 1 Phonics screening
July		
Monday 2nd (Friday 6th reserve day)	All day	Sports day
Monday 9th-Wednesday 11th		Year 6 residential to Heatree
Wednesday 25th		LAST DAY OF TERM