

# Willowbank Weekly



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

### Head lice – Please read carefully!

It is your responsibility to detect and administer treatment for head lice to your children. We would like you to check your child for head lice once a week using a nit comb which are available from the local chemist (see pictures below)

Detection and **effective ongoing** treatment of head lice is key to reducing the outbreaks.

If you still find live lice after you finish the treatment either its failed or there has been a re-infestation. If the treatment failed you'll usually find lice of all stages but a re-infestation will have fewer lice if discovered quickly. You'll need to treat again.

Always follow up any treatment method as directed by the instructions on the product you're using. Even with treatments that are claimed to kill head lice after one application, the Department of Health suggest checking for lice again after three to five days, and again 10 to 12 days after using the treatment. This is because not all the eggs may be killed by the first application. If you choose the conditioner-and-nit-comb method, repeat this at regular intervals until all the nits and lice have gone. Regularly combing through your child's hair and checking will help prevent a reinfestation.



This is what to look for



live lice



Nit Combs



### Easter service

We will be holding our Easter service at St Andrews church next Thursday 29th March at 2.00pm. Parents, Carers, family members and friends are all warmly welcomed 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.

### Donations of Easter baskets required

If anyone has any leftover baskets that they no longer need after Easter, Miss Mogford would be grateful to have them for Foundation. Thank you



### Books

We would like to thank MOTO group for their generous book donations. Thank you also to Miss Moore for overseeing this. The books received this year will be used by our KS1 children.



### Please turn off your engines!

Following a complaint from a concerned parent to the Environmental Health Team, we would like to ask parents to switch off your car engines when parked outside of the school, its unpleasant for our children to breathe in exhaust fumes and is also bad for our environment. Thank you

**Take care-** We would like to remind parents once again to please take care when driving/parking outside and around the school. Children are small and hard to see so please keep your speed to a minimum and avoid any unnecessary manoeuvres (such as reversing up the road or going up onto the kerb).



### Lego

Mrs Haddican would be very grateful of any donations of Lego. Thank you



### Lost property

Keira C, from Dove class has lost her school cardigan. It is size 7-8 yrs, and has a pink sticker with her name on inside it. Please can you check to see if your child has it by mistake?



### **\*Change of date \*Fundraising for NSPCC - Non-school uniform day Friday 25th May**

As we previously told you, in order to support the excellent work of the NSPCC, we would like to hold a non-uniform day on Friday 25th May and would like to suggest a contribution of £1 to wear clothes from home to school on this day. The date has been changed due to a clash with the Easter service.



### Afterschool clubs

We will be offering a fresh set of after school clubs for the summer term, please keep an eye out for the signup sheets that will be sent home soon.

**There will be NO gardening club next week**, due to Mr Boatman being absent on that day. Group 2 will start on the first Tuesday back after the Easter holidays. Children will need old clothes, Wellie boots and gloves if possible.

**Unfortunately we have had to cancel Football club this week, this is due to Mr Duringer being unavailable.**

### Mindfulness - Parent Workshops

We are very pleased to be able to offer three mindfulness workshops with Helen Wilson from [www.openmindsdevon.co.uk](http://www.openmindsdevon.co.uk). Many of you will know of her excellent work in school already. The workshops will include:-

- \*the brain science behind the angry or anxious brain
- \*breathing practices for calming children
- \*tools and strategies for managing tricky times

\*calming bedtime routines

The sessions will be held Tuesday 17th April, Tuesday 24th April and Tuesday 1st May 7pm to 8.15. The cost per session is £10 directly to Helen on the night.

If you would like to sign up for these sessions or would like any further information, please speak to Jackie Haddican at the white gates in the morning (not Weds) or pop into the office.



### Foundation

We hope you all enjoyed the snow day. It was lovely to see more pictures added to Tapestry and other activities.

This week we will continue to look at penguins, talking about the different names and how they look different. We will explore drawing and talking about facts we know. We will also look at eggs which will support other aspects of our learning in the class. We

are also taking part in sport relief steps. This involves each child doing 20 steps a day to work towards a class total.

Please make sure that book bags come to school each day along with reading books and reading diaries.



### Years 1 & 2

During their theme sessions, Year 2 children have been exploring the places where animals live and how they survive in that area. Year 1 children have been learning more about the seasons and extending their understanding of capacity by measuring how much rice is needed to fill a variety of containers. During English, Year 1 children have been matching interesting adjectives with pictures of dinosaurs, dinosaur eggs

and other objects that feature in our shared text 'Rex'. They will use this to write sentences with well-chosen adjectives and then begin to create a class version of 'Rex'. Year 2 have been creating and writing expanded noun phrases with the help of 'Malcolm the Monkey'. Malcolm decided to hide somewhere in school and children had to describe possible hiding places. Malcolm was found and enjoyed listening to children's writing. During Maths, Year 2 have been focussing on measure and using appropriate units to measure correctly. Year 1 have been comparing numbers using less than and more than symbols. (<>)

### Phonics Workshop

Just a reminder that on Tuesday 27th March 2018, Miss Mingo and Mrs Kyte are holding a phonic screening workshop for Year 1 parents. The information has been sent out in a letter and completing the slip at the bottom and returning it will help us to provide enough handouts for those attending.



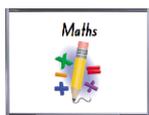
### Years 3 & 4

The children have been working hard to show the progress they have made with persuasive writing, by writing letters to explain why children should join our school. The children will present them neatly and they will go up on the Writing Window displays soon. Please come and have a look at them once they are up.

The children are practising their play ready to show next week. Tickets will be sent home tomorrow. There may be spare tickets available, if you haven't returned your slip yet.

The children are improving their understanding of fractions. If there are opportunities at home to practise fractions that will help. E.g. when you cut a piece of pizza into 6 equal parts, If Mum has 2 pieces what fraction of the pizza does she have?

Congratulations to Heron Class who are the winners of the 'Most Words Read' competition. They have won for 3 consecutive weeks. Well done.



## Years 5 & 6

This week we have begun our fiction unit; we are considering how to write from two different viewpoints and how to use imagery to create character and settings. In Maths, we have been considering how to improve our fluency in calculation skills. We are beginning to think about Easter and consider how why it is important

to Christians.

### Diary Dates

<b>March</b>		
W/B 26th March	ALL WEEK	Autism Awareness Week
Monday 26th	2.00pm	Year 3 & 4 performance dress rehearsal
Tuesday 27th	6.00pm	Year 3 & 4 performance
Wednesday 28th	9.00am	Rosette Assembly ( invited Parents Only)
Wednesday 28th	ALL DAY	Easter Egg Competition
Wednesday 28th	6.00pm	Year 3 & 4 performance
Wednesday 28th		Easter egg hunt
Thursday 29th	2.00pm	Easter service St Andrews church
Thursday 29th		Last day of term
<b>April</b>		
<b>Monday 16th</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>NON PUPIL DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>		<b>First day of Summer term</b>
Friday 20th	ALL DAY	Bags to School collection
Monday 23rd-Wednesday 25th		Year 4 residential to Wildside
<b>May</b>		
W/B 7th	No set days	KS1 SATs start
W/B 14th	Monday-Thursday	KS2 SATs
Friday 25th	ALL DAY	NSPCC Non uniform day
<b>W/B 28th</b>		<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>June</b>		
W/B 11th		Year 1 Phonics screening
Friday 15th	3.30pm	Summer Fayre
<b>July</b>		
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
Wednesday 25th	1.15pm	Year 6 leavers assembly
<b>Wednesday 25th</b>		<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>