

Willowbank Weekly



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14th March 2018

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:

Joseph T - Starling

James H - Robin

Max C – Siskin

Bobby H – Linnet

Taylor-Ryan W – Dove

Lucy D – Goldfinch

Isla T - Avocet

Zara P - Heron

Caden G - Kingfisher

Aimee C - Buzzard

Ben B and Rehanna H– Hawk



Easter service

We will be holding our Easter service at St Andrews church on 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 help, please meet us on the playground at 1.15pm; this would be very much appreciated.

Easter egg competition - Wednesday 28th March

We will be running a 'decorate a hard-boiled egg' competition. We will be inviting children to be creative with their egg using patterns or decorate it so that it looks like a person or an animal of their choice; it is completely up to them. Bring your hard-boiled egg, clearly labelled with your child's name, class and whether they are in Beech, Oak, Chestnut or Oak to their class teacher. They will be displayed in the hall throughout the day and House Points and prizes will be awarded for the most creative egg.

Easter egg hunt - Wednesday 28th March

It's not too late! We are still accepting slips and money throughout the rest of this week. Every child should have brought home a slip which needs to be returned with a £1, if they would like to take part. Spare slips are available from the office.

Sport relief

This year's Sports Relief campaign is "The Nations Billion Steps Challenge".

To support this Willowbank children will "STEPS, STEPS STEPS". This challenge is for our whole school (adults included) to do as many steps as they can. We suggest a donation of £1 for a child's contribution to Sports Relief.

World Book Day

Thank you to all those parents who supported their children in dressing up, it was such an exciting day for the children.

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

Reminder

We would like to remind parents that the Year 6 Maths clubs starts at 8.15am. Some children are arriving as early as 8.00am; this makes the registration of breakfast club children difficult for Mrs Hayston, and could cause errors to occur. If you need to drop your children off as early as 8.00am because of work, then we would ask that your child attends breakfast club first before then going to Maths club. Breakfast club costs £2; there is no need to book and children can choose from a variety of food options.



No Nuts

We would like to remind you that we are a nut free school. Please do not send any nuts or nut based foods in with your child for snack or lunch. Thank you

Head lice

Just to remind parents/carers to check your child/ren regularly for head lice. If any live lice are found please apply treatment. It is also important to remove any eggs attached to the hair to ensure they don't later hatch! Any hair beyond shoulder length should be tied up in a ponytail or plait.

End of Financial Year

Please pay all outstanding breakfast club and school dinner arrears in full, no later than 23rd March. Thank you

Childcare vouchers

Please visit the websites below to find information on how to claim for childcare vouchers from Edenred <http://www.childcarevouchers.co.uk/> or Sodexo <https://uk.childcare-vouchers.sodexo.com/>

These can be used for breakfast club.



****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.

Bags to school - Friday 20th April

The Bags to School Bags will sent home before Easter. Please drop them off outside of the hall door, but not before Thursday 19th due to a lack of storage for them in school: they won't be accepted if they get wet!

Uniform – Update

We are progressing in the search of finding a new supplier of our school uniform; we are expecting samples later this week. If these are to the standard we are looking for then we will progress quickly, and are aiming to have uniform available before the Easter break.

Mindfulness - Parent Workshops

We are very pleased to be able to offer three mindfulness workshops with Helen Wilson from 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.

E-schools App

We know many Parents have already downloaded the e-schools app, but if you haven't already we encourage you to do so. We use the text messaging service to communicate a lot, and these aren't always 100% reliable. If you have the app, the text will come through as a notification and therefore more reliable.

CASUAL SUPPORT STAFF TO COVER MATERNITY LEAVE

Catering Assistant to cover maternity leave

Willowbank School is a school with 299 children and a high uptake of school dinners. Our dinners are freshly prepared on site to a high standard. We are looking for someone to work alongside our existing team in the kitchen, with immediate start until end of the summer term.

Duties will include: Assisting the Catering Manager in the preparation of food, cleaning of the kitchen and service of food and to be involved in the promotion of the service to attract the maximum number of customers.

Basic food hygiene and experience of catering is desirable but not essential as full training will be given to the right candidate. 4 hours per week across 5 days. Some heavy lifting may be required.

If you are interested in applying for this position, the application form is on the link on our school website. Please apply by noon on the closing date of Wednesday 21st March 2018.

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. Previous applicants need not apply again.

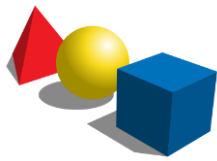


Foundation

This week we have been talking about animals that live in the cold. We have explored building igloos using sugar cubes. We have also talked about ice and different facts and discussed what we know about it and what we would like to find out. We have been developing our understanding about how to ask a question and thinking about how we can find out information using books and the computer. We are going to be learning about penguins this week, learning facts and creating a class fact book to put in our book corner.

In maths we are going to be talking about sequencing events and looking at the life cycle of a penguin. We are also going to be comparing the different sizes of penguins.

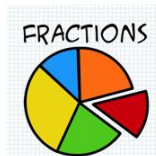
Please can you ensure that children bring their book bags to school every day along with their reading record and guided reading book? This allows books to be changed and each set of book returned ready for the next group.



Years 1 & 2

Last week, children in Year 1 and 2 had a fabulous World Book Day. The children in each year group spent time with each other sharing the book that inspired their costumes. Year 2 also decoded secret messages and wrote about why their character would be a great secret agent. During their theme sessions, Year 2 have continued to care for their sunflowers and have begun writing a diary to record how well it is growing. Year 1 children have learnt how to measure capacity. They have also explored the similarities and differences between different seasons. During Maths, Year 2 have been working on shape and measure. They have played a variety of games which involve naming the correct shape through the clues given. Year 1 children have been using their number facts to solve problems involving money. During English, Year 2 have explored the school in order to find the best place to hide a lion and wrote about what makes Willowbank special. Year 1 have learnt about the '-un' prefix and learnt actions to help them recall their shared story.

If you missed the SAT's information meeting this week, don't worry. We have put the slides onto the website and will be handing out any handouts on Friday.



Years 3 & 4

World book day was a great success. The children had the opportunity to read anywhere within the hub when they heard the beat of the drum. They clearly enjoy reading a wide range of books.

The children continue to work hard to learn their scripts and words to the songs. The letter about tickets was sent home with the children yesterday.

Within English, the children are really demonstrating their skill of persuasion by writing a letter to persuade people to join the RSPCA.

In maths, we continue to focus on fractions and shape with a focus on reasoning. The children are becoming more confident in drawing images to support their understanding.

Congratulations to Heron Class who are the winners of the 'Most Words Read' competition for this week.



Years 5 & 6

This week we have finished our fantastic beast non-chronological reports. They look fantastic; feel free to come in and admire them! We are now in the midst of

writing persuasive texts about Willowbank, using modal verbs and persuasive phrases.

We have had a maths-focused theme week - concentrating on shape, space and measure. Ask us about angles!

The Year 6 SATs meeting is on Thursday at 3.30pm in Hawks. If you can't make the meeting but would like information, please contact the office and we can send you the PowerPoint slides.

Thank you for the amazing world book day costumes- we had a great day persuading people to read our favourite books!

Diary Dates

March		
Monday 12th	3.30pm – 3.50pm	KS1 SATs meeting
Thursday 15th	3.30pm – 3.50pm	KS2 SATs meeting
Wednesday 21st	6.00pm	Drama club Production
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	ALL DAY	Easter Egg Competition
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Wednesday 28th		Easter egg hunt
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		KS1 SATs start
W/B 14th		KS2 SATs
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
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
Wednesday 25th	1.15pm	Year 6 leavers assembly
Wednesday 25th		LAST DAY OF TERM

Cullompton Pre-school

Are seeking to appoint a

Pre-school Assistant

This post is temporary until the end of the Summer Term 2018

We are looking for an enthusiastic and caring individual to work within our established staff team. This is an excellent opportunity for an unqualified person to gain some experience in an Outstanding Early years setting with a view to a possible future career and qualification.

Minimum Requirements

- A desire to work with children
- Punctual, reliable and flexible
- To be considering an Early Years career / relevant qualification
- High regard for our confidentiality and safeguarding policy
- Must be able to work as part of a team

The vacancy is

Monday 9.00am - 12pm

Tuesday 9.00am - 3.30pm

A total of 9hrs

There may also be additional hours available to cover for staff sickness and training.

Salary Details : £7.50

More information and a job description are available from the office.

Cullompton Pre-school are committed to safeguarding children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. **You will need to produce an enhanced DBS for the post.** References will be taken up. Any job offer is

made solely on the successful candidate passing all aspects of our safer recruiting process.

Closing Date: **Thursday 22nd March 2018**

Short listed candidates will be notified by Friday 23rd March 2018. Interviews will take place on Tuesday 27th March 2018. As part of the interview process candidates will be asked to prepare a 10/15 minute activity of your choice to share with the children. You will also have time to look around the building and meet with the other staff team.