

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:

Freddie H -Robin
Mark B-Starling
Ruby L- Siskin
Molly M- Linnet
Caden B- Dove
Jonathan W- Goldfinch
Lily L- Heron
Amy B- Avocet
- Kingfisher
Brooke S- Buzzard
Jaydan B - Hawk



Remembrance Day

We would like to invite children who belong to a Brownie, Guide, Scout, Cubs or Beavers group to wear their uniforms to school on Friday for Remembrance Day, but we would ask that sashes, however, are not worn.

This week all children across the school have been involved in a project run by Fudges wool and haberdashery shop, making felt poppies. These will form part of a display at the War Memorial in the town centre and at the memorial garden situated next to the library. Poppies will be on sale for a donation in playground for the rest of the week.



Children in Need 17th November

This year we will supporting this worthwhile charity be becoming spotty for money! Children in need is on Friday the 17th November, 2017. Children are asked to wear their school uniform but will be able to accessorise themselves in spots. You can wear spotty socks, spotty hairbands, Pudsey ears, face paints, scarfs etc. There is a suggested donation of £1 from each child on this day.

We will also be holding a cake sale after school on Friday. Donations of cakes for this would be gratefully received. We kindly ask for donations of Gluten Free and Dairy Free cakes too, please remember to clearly mark these. We thank you in advance for your support with this worthwhile cause.



Movember

Mr Duringer, Mr Keats (Go-Active) and Mr Reardon are growing moustaches in aid of Movember. There is a collection bucket in the school reception, if you would like to make a donation they would be very grateful. Thank you



Thank you

Thank you to all parents/carers who donated cakes to the cake sale. There are still some cake tins remaining. Please pop into the office to collect yours.

Lantern making

Every class has been or will be involved in a lantern making workshop within the school this week, ahead of the lantern parade through the town on Saturday 25th November from 4.30pm.

Go Active clubs



Go Active are again offering after school clubs to run this half term, up until Christmas. These are Multi Skills and Dodgeball on Wednesday for KS1 and Thursdays for KS2. It's not too late to secure your child a place on these exciting after school clubs. Please ask at the office for a letter if you have not already received one.



Coffee morning

Mrs Haddican, our new Family Support Advisor has arranged a coffee morning for Parents/Carers of our FS children on Tuesday 21st November 9.00am-10.00am in the school hall. Please look out for posters displayed around school. We look forward to seeing you there.



Polite reminders

Chewing gum-We politely ask that both children and adults refrain from bringing chewing gum into the school grounds.

Nuts-We are a nut free school because we have staff and children who have a severe allergy to nuts requiring the use of an Epi-Pen. Please do not send your child to school with nuts in their lunch box or as a snack.

Parking- Please refrain from parking in the coach bay and along the road outside of the school, especially on the zig-zag lines on the corner. This is for the safety of our children as well as yourselves. It also causes access issues for local residents living in Manitoba Gardens and the surrounding area.

Thinking about others- We have had a complaint from a parent of a child who was unable to access school via the pavement and therefore was forced to walk on the road to enter school as a group of parents were gathered on the pavements outside of the school, causing an obstruction. We therefore ask that you to be vigilant of children walking around outside school and allow them to walk on the pavement when they are entering school or the bike park, as it is dangerous for them to walk on the road.

Christmas cards-Late order

It may be possible for Miss Mogford to place a late order for Christmas cards. However we will incur a late order handling fee of £7.50 so we will only be able to place the late order if we have sufficient numbers to cover the cost.

If you have not yet returned your order please do so to the school office before the deadline of Wednesday 15th November. Any received after this will not be accepted.



After school clubs-Safeguarding your children

In order for us to ensure we are safeguarding your children, we need to know if there is an occasion on which your child is unable to attend an after school club that they have signed up for. Please inform the school office, either in writing or in person. Please do not inform your child's class teacher as due the morning rush messages are often not passed on. Between now and February half term no children will be allowed to walk home alone from an after school club because of the poor light.



PTFA Quiz night

The deadline for buying tables for quiz night is next Monday 13th at the end of the school day! If you would like a table, please come to the office and complete a form and pay your money. We will accept tables that are not full 3 and up. For full details please see our Facebook page.

Unfortunately the night can only go ahead if we can sell a least 9 tables.



Christmas Shoeboxes

If you would like to donate one item (not wrapped) or a shoebox to put the gifts in (wrapped in Christmas paper please) or an entire shoebox of gifts, please bring them into the school office. The deadline for donations is Friday 10th November.

The website for further information is:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Boots flu vaccines

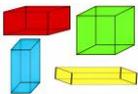
These will be taking place on Friday 24th November, (the time of which is still to be confirmed) Parents/Carers are welcome to be present at the time your child receives the vaccine. Foundation will go first and be followed by the next year group in order, up to, and ending with Year 4; we estimate each year group taking 30-40mins each. Therefore if you wish to be present we ask that you follow the timings as estimated, unfortunately we will be unable to telephone Parents/Carers to remind you.



Foundation

This week we have been thinking about skills that help us learn and linking it to a dinosaur theme. We have also been learning about 2D shapes, talking about their properties and using key words, vertices, edges, straight and curved. We are also going to be talking about the poppies that we made on Friday and learning what they represent. We are going to be reading the story, where do the poppies grow? By Hilary Robinson & Martin Impey.

Thank you for all the firework posts on Tapestry, we have enjoyed sharing them in class!



Years 1 & 2

This week, Year 2 children have begun exploring the story 'Wanted: a Perfect Pet'. They will be encouraging children to recognise expanded noun phrases and using the skills and knowledge that they have already learnt to talk about the text. The children will be focusing on learning how to write commas in a list. During Mathematics, the children have been looking at and describing 2D and 3D shapes using mathematical vocabulary. Year 1 children have been creating their own commands based on the 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. They will be choosing an animal of their own to wash and using verbs and nouns within their sentences to write clear instructions. During Mathematics, they are continuing to use number lines to solve addition calculations and solving worded problems using a variety of visual representations (number lines, equipment and drawings). We have all been learning our songs (and a few actions) for our Christmas play and would like to remind you that tickets are distributed on a first come, first served basis. At the moment, Thursday evening is very popular. This week children have been excitedly contributing to the creation of a Christmas lantern for the parade through the town centre.



Years 3 & 4

The children are working hard to develop their understanding of a written method to answer subtraction questions. They are also learning to estimate the answers to

enable them to notice when their answer cannot be right. We continue to use the short film, 'La Luna' as a focus, to enable us to practise writing skills, such as setting descriptions, paragraphing and dialogue. Soon the children will write stories based on the film, where they will put all of their skills into practise.

For Theme, we continue to focus on music from, 'The Planets.'

A reminder that homework is due in every Wednesday, thank you.



Years 5 & 6

In English, we have been writing newspaper reports and are creating a newspaper that we hope to publish in a couple of weeks full of events that have happened this year. We are continuing to develop our understanding of number in Maths - particularly developing our calculation strategies.

In Theme, we have begun learning about Earth and Space. We have investigated the solar system, thought about how scientific ideas about the solar system have changed over time and completed comprehension and maths Earth and Space challenges.

We have been very creative in the last two weeks - last Thursday we made poppies, thinking about Armistice Day. Today and tomorrow we are helping to create the Christmas willow lantern - please join us in the Christmas Lantern parade at the end of the month. We look forward to welcoming children at 5pm on Friday for the sleepover. Please collect you child on Saturday at 9am.

Diary Dates

November		
Friday 10 th -Saturday 11 th	5.00pm-9.00am	Year 5 & 6 Sleepover
Friday 17 th	ALL DAY	Children in Need- Spotty for money
Friday 17 th	7.30pm	PTFA Quiz night
Saturday 18 th	10.30am-12.30pm	Open Day for Parents of children Sept 18
Tuesday 21 st	9.00am-10.00am	Coffee morning for FS Parents/Carers
Saturday 25 th	4.30pm	Christmas lights switch on
Tuesday 28 th	2.45pm-3.10pm	Open afternoon for current Parents
December		
Tuesday 5 th	2.00pm	KS1 performance ' The Magical Christmas Puzzle'
Tuesday 5 th		Bags to school collection
Wednesday 6 th	2.00pm	KS1 performance ' The Magical Christmas Puzzle'
Thursday 7 th	5.30pm	KS1 performance ' The Magical Christmas Puzzle'
Friday 8 th	2.30pm	Christmas Fayre
Monday 11 th	2.00pm	FS Nativity
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Wednesday 13 th	2.00pm	Drama club production for children in school
Wednesday 13 th	6.00pm	Drama club production for Parents and families
Thursday 14 th		Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th	ALL DAY	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
January 2018		
Tuesday 2 nd	ALL DAY	NON PUPIL DAY
Wednesday 3 rd	ALL DAY	NON PUPIL DAY
Thursday 4 th		Start of Spring Term

W/B 22 nd		Parents Evenings
February		
W/B 12 th		HALF TERM

Cullompton Pre-school are holding their annual Christmas Bingo on Thursday 16th November at Cullompton Town Hall. Doors Open 6.30pm eyes down 7.30pm. Come along and enjoy the fun.