

# Willowbank Weekly



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**Don't forget to order school dinners during the summer holidays!**



## **Thank you!**

As summer approaches, we would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard for the children this year. Achievements extend from the academic, to the sporting and the creative arts and to the numerous fun and fundraising exploits of the PTFA. There have been many highlights – residential trips, sporting events, productions, discos and WOW learning days. Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported with these – they are the moments that our children will remember long after they have left primary school.

At this time of year, we pause to reflect on the year that has passed and say goodbye to staff who are moving on to pastures new. Miss Eustace, Mrs Bundy and Mrs Best have contributed so much to the children of Willowbank over the years – we are extremely grateful for all their energy, passion and enthusiasm. Miss Fitzsimmons, Mrs Sanders and Mr Gardener have played an important role at Willowbank this year. Thank you for everything you have done – we wish you every success in the future.

We are excited to wish Mrs Snow all the best as she goes on maternity leave - we look forward to seeing her and her family in the autumn.

We would like to wish every child in Year 6 good luck as they move on to new adventures. We are incredibly proud of their achievements; they have worked so hard in school, but also enjoyed trips to Wildside and Heatree, activity week, taken part in our Harvest, Christmas and Easter services, performed in Pirates of the Curry Bean, competed in lots of sporting events and much, much more. Good luck in the future!

We are looking forward to September – we are joined by Mrs Kyte, Miss Burgin, Miss Hayman, Miss Broomfield, Miss Powell and Mr Durringer. We also welcome some additional TAs to join the team – Miss Murray, Mrs Hayston and Mrs Shiach. The team are already working together and we are very excited about the year ahead.

Have a happy, safe summer holiday. We hope that you all enjoy a restful break. School begins on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Pirates of the Curry Bean**

Last week saw the Year 5 /6 production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. The children performed magnificently – we were very proud of every child's participation. We hope that you enjoyed the shows – well done Years 5 and 6!

### **Drama Club Production**

On Monday, the Drama Club gave their last performance of the year – it was a great Trojan tale that was thoroughly entertaining! Well done to all the performers and a huge thank you to Mrs Holbrook to all her work with drama club this year.

### **Transition Week**

We have enjoyed working in our new classes this week. It is a chance for the children to become familiar with their new classes, classrooms and teachers. We hope that this week enables everyone to be more confident in their new surroundings and look forward to September.

Our Year 6 pupils have enjoyed thinking about their move to secondary school and enjoyed receiving their leaver's books from Jo Kiel and Ed Hobbs of St Andrews church today.

### **Gate**

We are aware that it can become quite congested around the main gate at the beginning of the day. The white gate is opened from 8.40 to alleviate the congestion; classroom doors and the gate to Year 1 are opened at 8.45. We would ask that, if you are queuing for Year 1, you move right down the path. We are investigating options to make this system work more effectively – thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



### **Uniform**

Children moving up from Foundation to Year 1 are required to wear a tie as part of our school uniform. These can be purchased from the school office for £3.00.



### **Sainsbury's Active kid's vouchers**

Thank you to all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who collected and donated their vouchers, these have now been counted, processed and used to purchase some new play equipment.



### **Outstanding monies**

Please can any outstanding money from lunches, breakfast club and school trips be paid using ParentPay before the end of term. Thank you

### **Years 1 & 2**

Well done to all the children on a fantastic and smooth transition this week. We have all enjoyed meeting you and getting to know you all. We hope you have all enjoyed it too! You have all worked incredibly hard over the year and so we wish you a happy and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing you after the summer.

Thank you to all those who helped on our school trip on Friday. The children were amazing and we are so proud of how they represented the school.

### **Years 3 & 4**

The children in Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed meeting their new class teachers during transition week, and have settled into their new classes well.

### **Years 5 and 6**

Years 5 and 6 have enjoyed their transition week. We are really proud of how well the children have adapted to their new classrooms and the effort that everyone is putting into their work. Over the holidays we would recommend lots of reading and practising times tables. Have a safe, fun holiday – we look forward to working together in September.



### Summer Reading Challenge

We were visited by Liz Porter of Cullompton library, who shared information about the Summer Reading Challenge at the library with us. This is a great, fun way to engage in reading over the summer. If your child takes part, please bring the certificate in after the holidays - we would like to take a group photograph for our Reading display board. Which class will have the most participants?



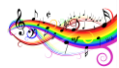
### Road Safety

As we approach the summer holidays, we have been thinking about how to keep ourselves safe. PCSO Jonathan Sims came to visit and explained how we can keep ourselves safe, particularly when we walk along the pavements and when we are in cars. We talked about the importance of making sure that we are always wearing

seatbelts.

### After School Clubs

Look out for our new program of fun and engaging afterschool clubs coming home to you in September.



### Music

Caroline Clapp can offer piano lessons to children at Willowbank, please telephone Caroline on 07411243058 for more details.

### Diary Dates

July		
W/B Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>		All classes move up to September classes
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm-6.30pm	Drama club performance
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm-1.15pm	Leavers lunch
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	1.15pm	Year 6 Leavers assembly
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>Last day of Term</b>
September		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Non Pupil day</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Back to school</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Individual Photos (Tempest)