

Willowbank Weekly



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1st November 2017

Don't forget to order school dinners by tomorrow!

Foundation Unit Open Days

Do you have a child who will turn 4 before 31st August 2018? If so, we would like to invite you to attend our Open Days on Saturday 4th November and Saturday 18th November.

We will give you information about how to apply for a place through Devon County Council. All school admission requests need to be made on-line by 15th January 2018.

Please see the attached poster for more details.

Head teacher note

Welcome back from half term. Thank you to those who have sent their maps back, it is not too late to return them.



House point Winners

Congratulations to Beech house who are the winning team with a grand total of 844 house points this half term. All children in Beech house may wear a non-school uniform top of their choice on Thursday 2nd November all other items of clothing to remain as normal school uniform.



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/>



Lost property

Keira T in Avocet class has lost her school cardigans, which are named. Please check at home to see if your child may have picked them up by accident.



No Dogs

We politely remind you that dogs are not allowed within the school grounds at any time.

Life Education mobile classroom Wednesday 1st-Friday 3rd November programme synopsis

Taking Care of myself (30 minutes) Age: 3-4 years – Nursery Children find out how their bodies work and how to keep clean and healthy. They explore the need for a healthy diet, sleep and exercise.

Harold the giraffe is introduced and the children help him to feel happy about his first day at nursery.

All About Me (45 minutes) Age: 4-5 years – Reception

Children find out how their bodies work and explore the importance of personal hygiene, healthy food, sleep and exercise in looking after their bodies. The safe use of medicines is introduced.

Through Harold's visit to his Grandparents they explore feelings, how to deal with them positively and the role friends and family play in their lives.

My Wonderful Body (1 hour) Age: 5-6 years – Year 1

Children find out about keeping their bodies healthy and safe. They explore the need for a healthy balanced diet and discuss the safe use of medicines. Harold's friends Kiki and Derek are introduced providing opportunities to explore the importance of friendship, consider how feelings can be hurt and think of strategies for making up when friends fall out.

Feelings (1 hour) Age: 6-7 years – Year 2

Children further explore the way their bodies work, keeping themselves healthy, and safe storage and use of medicines. Alternatives to medicine such as a good night's sleep, water and exercise are discussed. They consider causes of different emotions and explore the management of feelings.

Through helping Harold and his friends they identify ways of dealing with situations involving teasing and bullying.

Meet the Brain (60-75 minutes) Age: 7-8 years – Year 3

Children find out how the brain sends and receives messages through the nerves. They consider medicines as drugs and discuss their safe use and storage. The effects on the body of smoking and drinking alcohol are introduced. Qualities of friendship and skills needed to be effective in relationships with peers are explored.

It's Great to Be Me (75 minutes) Age: 8-9 years – Year 4

Children start to consider how organs in the body work together as systems to provide the body with energy from food, water and oxygen. They discuss issues concerning the safe use of medicines and develop an understanding of some of the key risks and effects of smoking and drinking alcohol. They explore friendships and peer influence; recognising the importance for individuals to make their own decisions and take responsibility for their own safety and behaviour.

Friends (75-90 minutes) Age: 9-10 years – Year 5

Children explore physical and emotional needs, recognising that these change according to circumstance. They discuss ways of categorising drugs and develop critical thinking skills in relation to smoking, alcohol and medicines. They consider risks associated with smoking and alcohol and emphasis is placed on the fact that most young people do not take these risks. They explore the influence of friends on decision making and identify and rehearse assertiveness skills.

Decisions (75-90 minutes) Age: 10-11 years – Year 6

Children review their knowledge about the body and explore emotional needs. Basic laws on drugs are discussed and they develop critical thinking skills in relation to legal/illegal drug use including tobacco, alcohol, cannabis and solvents. They explore behaviour patterns within peer groups, risks in relation to alcohol and identify strategies for managing these risks. They identify activities which are popular among young people that are less risky than recreational drug use.

Quiz Night

Our fab wine and cheese quiz night is back for another year! Time to get your thinking caps on and join us on the evening of Friday 17th November in the school hall. Tables are £60 (maximum 6 players per team). Only £10 each!

On every table of 6 there will be a sharing platter of meat, cheese, bread, pickle, crisps and 2 bottles of wine.

Tickets are on sale NOW from the school office. Please note, you will need to pay at the time of booking to secure your table.

Previous quiz nights have proved popular so it is recommended that you book quickly.

This event is for 18+ only



Foundation

This week the children in Foundation have enjoyed talking about their half terms with their families. We have also started talking about why we celebrate bonfire night and how to keep ourselves safe. We would love to share pictures of your child being safe around fire and when using sparklers over the weekend. We are visiting the Life Education bus on Thursday (Robin Class) and Friday (Starling class)



Years 1 and 2

We are starting the new half term with a busy week. During English lessons, Year 2 are creating their own stories based on the book, "The Disgusting Sandwich".

Children are excited to use their knowledge of adjectives and other skills to make sure their story is interesting. Year 1 are practicing using the suffixes '-ed' and '-ing' in their own writing based on the story "How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth". During Mathematics, they will be using number lines to solve addition calculations and be introduced to the idea that problems can be solved using a variety of visual representations (equipment and drawings). Year 2 will be finding the total of 2, 2 digit numbers and answering worded problems by recognising if addition or subtraction is needed. We have been working with other classes in creating felt poppies for Fudges Wool and Haberdashery. These will become part of a display of poppies for remembrance in November. We are also welcoming the Life Bus . . . and a giraffe called Harold this week. The Life Bus is an interactive mobile classroom designed to help schools deliver their health promotion and citizenship programs. Parents are able to learn more about the work of the Life Bus during a parent workshop on board the bus on Thursday from 3.30 to 3.50. Learning songs for or Christmas performance will be starting very soon and we will be sending home letters with more information shortly.



Years 3 and 4

Welcome back, we hope you all had a wonderful break.

The focus for the first two weeks of Maths will be developing mental and written strategies for subtraction, as well as consolidating understanding of addition.

A short film, 'La Luna' will be the stimulus for the next English fiction unit. There will be a focus on using dialogue effectively within a story.

Our theme, 'To infinity and beyond!' begins with an exciting focus on music, 'The Planets.'

There is a change to the spellings being sent home weekly. They will now be linked to the focus of the spelling lessons for the week. More information will be given in the homework information sheet which will be in the children's Home Learning books on Friday.



Years 5 and 6

This week children in Years 5 and 6 have baked bread and made different types of tomato soup investigating the effects of different herbs. We then designed our perfect menu. Our new topic 'To infinity and beyond!' we will be looking at earth, space, light, forces and electricity.

Clarification about Holidays

We are unable to authorise time off during term time unless there are extremely exceptional circumstances. If a child misses a lesson it means they do have a gap in their learning. If a child is absent for more than 20 days we will be talking to the education welfare officer about attendance including consideration of formal actions.

Diary Dates

November		
Wednesday 1 st -Friday 3 rd	All day	Life Education Bus- All years
Thursday 2 nd	3.30pm-3.50pm	Parent/Carer session Life Education
Saturday 4 th	10.30am-12.30pm	Open Day for Parents of children Sept 18
W/B 13 th		Anti-Bullying week
Friday 17 th		PTFA Quiz night
Saturday 18 th	10.30am-12.30pm	Open Day for Parents of children Sept 18
Saturday 25 th	TBC	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'
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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	9.30am	Christmas service at St Andrews Church
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.