

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:

Dulcie J-Robin
Noah H-W-Starling
William B- Siskin
Tyler J- Linnet
Ava C- Dove
Lucas H-W- Goldfinch
Danny H- Heron
Oliver W- Avocet
Erin T- Kingfisher
Kiya G- Buzzard
Daisy W- Hawk



Halloween discos-TONIGHT!

FS, Years 1 & 2: 5.45pm-6.45pm Cost £1.50

Years 3 to 6: 7.00pm – 8.00pm Cost £1.50.

Fancy dress is optional, but please can we remind parents that this is a children's disco and that costumes should be age appropriate.

All children will need to be collected by an adult due to the evenings being darker.



School office news

Have you seen our new noticeboard which is in the form of a sheep? This was kindly donated to us by the Town Council and will be used by the school office staff to display Parent/School information such as dinner menus, term dates and news. We hope you will find this useful.

We are no longer able to accept the old style £1 coins

Please check you school dinner bookings on ParentPay, as the Halloween and Christmas menus have been added which may affect what you have ordered.



Harvest

This year we will be collecting for People Matter Food Bank; they are most in need of tinned meat, tinned vegetables, jars of pasta sauce, jars of coffee and toiletries such as tooth brushes, toothpaste, soap and shampoo. They have plenty of soup, baked beans, tinned spaghetti and pasta at the moment, thank you for supporting such a wonderful cause. The whole school service will be held at St Andrew's church on Friday 20th October at 1.45pm. You are warmly welcomed to join us for this celebration.

The children will be leaving school at 1.00pm and will return to school after the service to then be collected in the normal way at the usual time. We ask that no children are collected from the church.

If you or any Grandparents, Aunties, or Uncles are able to help walk the children to and from the church we would be very grateful, please meet at the school playground (we will open the gate) for 1.00pm. We cannot guarantee that you will be able to walk with your own child's class; you will appreciate that the most important thing is having enough adults walking alongside the children to ensure their safety.



Secondary school applications

There are still 7 Year 6 children without a secondary school application having been made for them. Parents have until 31st October to make the application, either by using the online system www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline, or by contacting My Devon, the customer service centre on 0345 155 1019 to request an application form.

If you miss the deadline, you risk not getting a place at your preferred school.



Extra-curricular activities

We know lots of children take part in extra-curricular activities including girl's football.

If your child takes part in any extra circular activities, we would love for you to share this with us. Miss Grose celebrates this in assembly.

Donations needed for Forest School!

We are in need of donations of children's umbrellas, logs and branches of any size, guttering and piping and planks or off cuts of wood. If you have any of the items and you are happy to donate to us, please drop them off at the school office. Thank you.

PTFA Bake sale

This Friday after school in the hall, we look forward to you purchasing lots of cakes!



Foundation Stage

This week we have continued to learn the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and we enjoyed sharing this with parents on Open Afternoon. We have discussed the morals of the story. They children have said phrases like "sharing is caring" "I will help you" and "share if you want to be shared with."

We have also been exploring how many different ways we can make the number five so that the children have an in depth understanding of what five looks like. For example, $5 + 0 = 5$, $4 + 1 = 5$, $3 + 2 = 5$, $2 + 3 = 5$, $1 + 4 = 5$ and $0 + 5 = 5$. We have discussed that the total does not change because we have not added or taken any away.



Years 1 and 2

Wow! Our first half term seems to have flown by. Within their English lessons, Year 2 children have been continuing their work on the 'Disgusting Sandwich'. Following their "disgusting sandwich hunt" last week, the children have written some brilliantly descriptive narratives. Year 1 have been learning what action verbs and are also beginning to understand that '-ed' and '-ing' can be added to show when something has happened. This has lead to some very energetic English lessons. During Mathematics, both Year 1 and 2 have been practising their addition skills and using a variety of methods to problem solve. Our Grow, Cook and Share days were really successful and the children are already looking forward to baking again.

When we return after half term, the children will be making their own vehicles as part of the theme sessions from shoe boxes. Please could we ask that if you have any shoe boxes and similar sized boxes that you no longer want could your child bring them into school.



Years 3 & 4

In English, the children have written some really interesting letters from Dr K Fisher to an animal explaining a problem they think they have, eg. Why ladybird's smell with their feet, why bees sting. They really challenged themselves to include technical vocabulary and a range of sentence types.

In Maths, the children have continued to improve their understanding of addition and have engaged in discussions when errors arose.

For those parents who were able to come in for open afternoon, thank you very much. The children were proud to share their work with you.

Enjoy the half term break. We are looking forward to our new topics after half term.



Years 5 and 6

This week we have been composing our newspaper reports about a 'fake' satellite crash. We have thought about the features of a report, including headlines, direct and reported speech and varied sentence openers. Year 5 has been developing their column addition - they have costed a flying machine! In Year 6 we have been developing our use of BODMAS to calculate accurately.

Next term we will be investigating space and light - if you have any skills to help us, please speak to your class teacher.

Light Night

GAMES~SNACKS~CRAFTS~FUN~PRAYER

An evening to celebrate LIGHT!

Tuesday 31st October: 5.30pm-7pm

School years R-6 @ The Walronds

Booking is essential and places are limited

NO COSTUMES please

To book fill in a form or contact Carrie on 33249 or at

carrie@standrewscullompton.com

We wish you all have a happy and restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back at school on Tuesday 31st October.

Diary Dates

October		
Thursday 19 th	3.30pm	Expectations meeting Years 2& 6
Friday 20 th	1.45pm	Harvest Festival St Andrews Church
Monday 30th	All day	NON PUPIL DAY
Tuesday 31 st		Halloween lunch
November		
Wednesday 1 st -Friday 3 rd	All day	Life Education Bus- All years
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	ALL DAY	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
January 2018		
Tuesday 2nd	ALL DAY	NON PUPIL DAY
Wednesday 3rd	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