

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:

Elliott P-Robin
Lyra L-Starling
Max G- Siskin
Rosie H- Linnet
Amelie M- Dove
Morgan N- Goldfinch
James N- Heron
Isabelle - Avocet
Joshua C- Kingfisher
Samir S- Buzzard
Chloe B - Hawk



Where in the world do I come from?

As many of you are aware, one of our aims at Willowbank is to enable children to be confident local, national and global citizens. We have children with links across the globe which we would like to use to help us all learn more about the world. As a starting point could you use the map (coming home with your child today) to show where in the world you come from, please complete it even if all of your family comes from the UK. Please return the map, once completed to your child's class teacher before half term, so that we can work on a display.

Whole School open afternoon

We would like to invite Parents, family members and siblings to our Whole School Open Afternoon on Tuesday 17th October. Please see the below excerpt, taken from our school handbook for further details.

Open Afternoons

The school will, at least termly, open its doors for parents, carers and families to share the learning of their children. The following timetable will be in place:

14:30 Parents will enter the school via reception and sign in

15:10 The class teacher will request that all visitors vacate the classroom and leave the school via reception in order to collect their children from the playground or outside Y1 as usual. *Only in exceptional circumstances and by prior arrangement will children be permitted to leave the school at this time.*

Parents will be expected to know in which class their child is and who the teacher is in that class in order that directions can be given, if required. Teaching staff will be present in their classrooms to explain children's learning. Occasionally, a display of the children's work will be set up in the school hall or other communal area. If a parent or teacher has any individual queries or concerns about a child, these should be discussed privately away from other parents and children. It would be appropriate to ask the teacher for a meeting at some point rather than discuss these in the classroom when the teacher needs to be available to care for the children.

If parents have more than one child to visit, siblings may accompany them to other areas of the school but all children must be returned to their own classroom prior to 15:10.

The Senior Leadership Team will be in attendance around the school and Prefects will be stationed at various locations within the school to assist if required

CALM at HALF TERM

Calm and creative fun for families at Cullompton Community Centre on Tues 24th Oct. Our half day workshops give parents and children time to use their creative skills and learn some calming tips to help everyone enjoy a happy holiday!

Book your CALM and CREATE workshop at Eventbrite or contact Helen@openmindsdevon.co.uk for more information. Only £15 per family for making, mindfulness and me time!

Secondary school applications

There are still a number of 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.



Harvest Collection

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). 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.



Illness reminders/information

Sickness and diarrhoea-Children suffering from this must remain away from school for at least 48hrs after the last bout.

Impetigo- Public Health England guidelines state that a child or adult with impetigo should remain away from school until the sores have dried up, or treatment has been continuing for at least 48 hours. Once either of the above has occurred, the child is deemed non-infectious and can therefore return to school.

Push bike free to a good home

We have been given a child's push bike that is free to a good home. The bike is suitable for a child in Key Stage 1. If you are interested, please see Miss Mingo



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 their 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.

Donations needed!

We are in need of donations of craft materials such as, colouring crayons, wool, stickers, etc for our children to use during lunchtime. If you have any craft materials that you no longer require and you are happy to donate to us, please drop them off at the school office. Thank you.



PTFA News

Halloween discos-Please note the date change****

Wednesday 18th October

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

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

The hugely popular Halloween discos are back! Time to get spooky! 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.

Allergies Our discos are run by parent volunteers so it is hard guarantee that children do not buy things they should not. Because of this, we have decided to trial a new system. We have purchased wrist bands on which parents can write their child's allergy. Helpers will look for wrist bands when serving children. If your child has an allergy, please collect a wrist band from the office BEFORE the disco, write their allergy on it and then place the band over your child's clothes so it is easily seen. If you can help at the discos please let us know via the school office, or speak to member of the team or Miss Mogford

Bake sale

We would like to run a cake sale on the last day of term. We would appreciate any donations of Halloween themed (or not!) cakes. If you would like to let us know a suggested sale price please add a little note. We will also be selling some Halloween themed novelties so please come along and have a look-again, if you can help please let us now. If we have many hands we will be able to set up more stalls at different areas around the school.



Foundation Stage

This week we have been learning to recount the story of 'The Little Red Hen' from memory, using actions to help us. We have also been exploring numbers up to five. How many different ways can you make this number at home? Parent contributions on Tapestry have been fantastic; we have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating these in class. Thank you!



Years 1 and 2

This week, as part of their English work, Year 2 children have been on a disgusting sandwich hunt. After finding the sandwich, they wrote super sentences using adjectives. Year 1 children have been learning about what a sentence is, this has helped us to remember to use full stops and capital letters more often (when writing.) During Mathematics, Year 2 children have been continuing to develop their addition and subtraction skills. Year 1 children have been linking their knowledge of more and less to comparing lengths. On Monday, Year 2 children baked some delicious bread, made observational drawings and shared ideas about the dangers found in a kitchen, during the Grow, Cook and Share activities. Year 1 children are looking forward to participating in these activities on Thursday. Please can you remind your child that reading books and reading logs should be brought to school every day. Inside the back cover of your child's reading log we have placed some ideas which will help you to develop the different skills related to reading.



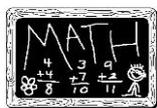
Years 3 & 4

We are delighted with the theme homework which has already been returned, and look forward to discussing it with each other on Friday.

In English, the children have really enjoyed reading the letters different animals have written to Dr K Fisher about their problems e.g. a giraffe having a long neck. The children will put into practice aspects of grammar they have been taught, when they write a letter from a hedgehog.

In Maths, the children have been identifying which strategy would be most suitable to answer different addition questions, as well as developing written strategies.

Years 5 and 6



In English, we have begun our newspaper unit. We have analysed newspaper reports, thinking about the features that they contain. We are particularly focusing on how to improve our sentences, using a range of varied openers and conjunctions and how to use reported and direct speech.

We have created our Viking tapestries based on the Bayeux Tapestry. We used a mixture of fabric pens, felt applique and embroidery. These will be arriving in the hub area soon! We are also creating non-chronological reports about the Vikings, using all the facts that we have collected.

Next week, we will be creating different breads and soups –please check that you have returned the form about food allergies and notify your class teacher if your child has an allergy or intolerance that we need to be aware of. If you would like to come in on Monday or Tuesday afternoon to help us cook, we would be grateful of any support.

****DATE CHANGE* the Year 5 & 6 sleepover will now be held on Friday 17th-18th November, this is 2 weeks later than originally planned due to it clashing with fireworks displays in and around Cullompton.***

Diary Dates

October		
Tuesday 17 th	2.30pm-3.10pm	Whole School Open afternoon
Thursday 19 th	3.30pm	Expectations meeting Years 2& 6
Friday 20 th	1.45pm	Harvest Festival St Andrews Church
W/B 20 th	All day	Road safety week
Monday 30th	All day	NON PUPIL DAY
November		
Wednesday 1 st -Friday 3 rd	All day	Life Education Bus- All years
W/B 13 th		Anti-Bullying week
Friday 17th	All night	Year 5/5 sleepover
Friday 17th		PTFA Quiz night
Saturday 25 th	TBC	Christmas lights switch on
Tuesday 28 th	2.45pm-3.10pm	Open afternoon For current Parents
December		
Tuesday 5th	2.00pm	KS1 performance ' The Magical Christmas Puzzle'
Tuesday 5th		Bags to school collection
Wednesday 6th	2.00PM	KS1 performance ' The Magical Christmas Puzzle'
Thursday 7th	5.30pm	KS1 performance ' The Magical Christmas Puzzle'
Friday 8th	2.30pm	Christmas Fayre
Monday 11th	2.00pm	FS Nativity
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