



Learning for Life

09th September 2020 Issue 1

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to have all the children back this week and see their smiling faces in and around school.

A huge THANK YOU to you all for your patience and efforts with drop offs and pickups this week as we adjust to our new normal. I know there are some concerns about the Silver Street entrance, which we are working to address. We are still tweaking the systems to improve them each day but it was much swifter yesterday and today!

Please can I remind you that with so many children to get in the school gates it will really help if you can say a brief goodbye, drop and go so the paths are clear for the next class. I know everyone has been trying to help by being punctual but please don't arrive too early or it can clog the system too.

If you have alternative arrangements for picking up, for example due to a different parent collecting, please can you make sure that your child knows this too.

With the latest warnings from the Deputy Chief Medical officer, can I also request you observe social distancing whilst waiting in the queues. Of course, you can wear face coverings if it makes you feel more comfortable. We have a number of adults who have to be very careful for health reasons and need to drop their children off and we want to protect our whole school community.

Welcome New Parents and Children

We welcome to Willand School the parents and children who have joined us at the start of this term. I hope that you will enjoy being part of the Willand School community and we look forward to getting to know you. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know through the office or speak to your child's class teacher.

Family Support Advisor

As we welcome your children back to school this term this is a time for change for both children and parents/carers leading to a wide range of emotions for everyone.

If you would like someone to talk to please contact me via the school number, or on 07752396527 or via email crose@willand.devon.sch.uk

Clare Rose

Family Support Advisor.

Willand Word

Welcome to the first issue of the Willand Word for the new school year. Willand Word normally comes out every **Wednesday**. We use the Willand Word to let you know what is going on in school. It is an important method of communication and will let you know, for example, if clubs are starting or if there are any changes to planned activities. The WW will be sent electronically via the School Gateway system to your child's first contact. If you would like it emailed to another contact please let the office know. We will also try to send out any other letters to you on a Wednesday by email.

Class Assembly

There will be no class assemblies on Fridays at present whilst there are restrictions in place for adults on the school site. This will enable us to focus on the children's learning and getting them back into the school routine.

Glasses and PE

Due to Health and Safety, children are unable to wear glasses for PE unless they have a strap to secure them. As children will be coming to school in their PE Kits, we just wanted to remind you to pack a strap for children to have in their school bags or send the children to school with a strap on PE days as if they do not have one, they will be asked to remove their glasses.

Medicine Administered during the School Day

If you wish for your child to have medicine in school, including inhalers, would you please complete a Medical Form which can be downloaded from the Information Section of the website, or a copy can be obtained from the school office. We are unable to administer any medication that is not prescribed by a doctor. If your child requires medication such as antibiotics, you will need to bring this in to the school office each morning and collect it from the office at the end of the day. Please provide a medicine spoon. A reminder to those parents of children whose medication is still in school from before lockdown – this may need renewing and please complete a new form for this year and bring the medicine(s) in to the school office.

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Online Payments: <https://login.schoolgateway.com>

Safeguarding - From time to time the school may need to make referrals to Children and Young People's Services

Willand School Term Dates 2020-21

AUTUMN TERM 2020	
7 September 2020	Start of Autumn Term
23 October 2020	Non Pupil Day
26 - 30 October 2020	Half Term
18 December 2020	End of Autumn Term
SPRING TERM 2021	
5 January 2021	Start of Spring Term
15 - 19 February 2021	Half Term
1 April 2021	End of Spring Term
SUMMER TERM 2021	
19 April 2021	Start of Summer Term
3 May 2021	Bank Holiday
28 May 2021	Non-pupil day
31 - 4 June 2021	Half Term
23 July 2021	End of Summer Term

Swimming

At present we will not be swimming as the protocols required by the pool are unworkable for the children. We will, however, resume swimming as soon as we can because we think it is an important life skill.

Nuts

Please can we ask that you do not give nuts as a snack or in lunches due to some of our children having a severe nut allergy.

Photographs

A reminder that school photographs are on Thursday 17th September for Reception and Year 6 only this year.

Meet the Teacher

We are going to run a Meet the Teacher session virtually on Google Classrooms soon, which is our remote learning platform. This will enable you to see the teachers, hear a little about what the children will be learning this term, expectations for their year group, homework and PE. More details of how to view this will follow soon.

SIMS Lite and other Electronic Communication

You can use the SIMs Lite app to view and change details that we hold about your child and the Parents Evening system to book parents evening appointments, reserve places for older children at after school clubs and book places at parent workshops.

We also have a school Facebook page.

If you have any questions about any of these systems please contact the school office.

SchoolGateway

You can also use the SchoolGateway system to pay for items online, for example uniform, lunches and educational visits. Register for this at <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login> and download the SchoolGateway app from the app store or Google Play.

Free School Meals in Key Stage 2

A reminder to Year 3 (KS2) parents that their children no longer receive free dinners. If you think your child may be entitled to income-based free school meals in Key Stage 2, please complete an online application on the new Citizen Portal at

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

If you need further information please ask at the school office. You can pay for school meals online via the SchoolComms.

Lunch Menu for week commencing 14 September 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Grill	Italian Bolognaise	Roast Turkey Sage & Onion stuffing & Gravy	Homemade Sausage Rolls	Oven Baked Breaded Fish
Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Omelette	Quorn Nuggets	Cauliflower Cheese	Quorn Burger
Creamed Potato or Pasta Green Beans Peas Tomato Sauce	Pasta Sweetcorn Garlic Bread	Roast/Creamed Potatoes Fresh Carrots	Creamed Potato/Pasta Baked Beans or Peas	Golden Fries or Pasta Seasonal Vegetables Tomato sauce
Jam/Syrup Sponge & Custard	Tinned Mandarins & Ice Cream	Strawberry Jelly Tinned Fruit	Meringue Nest with Peaches & Cream	Iced Sponge

Best wishes

Anne Hawkins

Headteacher

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