

Invitation to Parents of children in Year R (Reception)

Throughout the year we will run a series of meetings for parents to learn how we are teaching your children to read and how you can help at home.

Our first meeting will be on Monday, 18th September @ 2:45pm in the school hall. This session will focus on how we will teach your child their first 16 sounds. If you are able to attend, please sign in at the school office, where you will be directed to the hall.

Please do not worry if you cannot attend any of these meetings in person, as all presentations and information will be recorded and uploaded to the Evidence Me online Learning platform.

Individual and Family Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 20th September.

If your child has PE on that day, please send them in with a polo shirt and sweatshirt so that they can wear them for their photo.

Cycling to School

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you that children who cycle to school, do need to have a cycle permit, which can be collected from the school office. Also, all bikes should only be stored at one of the 2 designated cycle racks and secured with a cycle lock.

Building Inspection

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated. The school has been checked and we are not affected by this decision as we **do not have RAAC** in any of our school buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.

PTFA News

A big welcome back to everyone and, also a massive hello from Willand School PTFA! It's lovely to see all the children and we cannot be more excited to start fundraising again!

Firstly, we would like to invite you to join us on **Wednesday 27th September at 8pm** via Zoom for our **AGM PTFA meeting**. We would love for you to join us and share any ideas that you may have! If you would like to discuss nominating yourself for a role please email us prior to the meeting to willandschoolptfa@gmail.com If you are new to the school and not sure how much time you can give, there's absolutely no pressure to take on a formal role, you can just register the fact that you're interested in helping out at future events. Joining our meeting is a fantastic way to meet new parents and find out more about how we can support the school, especially if your child has just joined. Meeting login details are as follows:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84179998375?pwd=Ljn3F438byNp0fbliUDKHIOeUyJY3R.1>

Meeting ID: 841 7999 8375

Passcode: 8Q2X76.

Secondly, your child will be coming home today with an envelope containing our September fundraising competition. Willand School PTFA would love a new logo designed by one of our talented pupils! Designs can be returned by September 29th in the envelope provided to your child's teacher with a suggested donation where possible of £1.

We are already planning fundraisers for the rest of the year and are very excited about the money we can potentially raise that will benefit every child at the school!

Thank you

Your PTFA Committee Team

Lunch Orders for Late Arrivals

If your child is going to be arriving at school late and would like a school meal, please always inform the school office of their meal choice before 9:30am.

Parent Parking

When parking at the start and end of the school day, please can parents be mindful of our neighbours in Gables Road; at times residents have been unable to safely pull-out due to parent vehicles either partially or fully blocking their view.

AUTUMN TERM 2023

28 th September	Uffculme School Open Evening for Yr 6 parents – 6pm-8pm
4 th October	Cullompton CC Open Evening for Yr5/6 parents – 4:30pm-7pm
12 th October	Parent Consultations
17 th October	Parent Consultations
20 th October	Harvest Festival
23rd-27th October	Half Term
MONDAY 30 th October	Non-Pupil Day
17 th November	BBC Children in Need Day
21 st November	Open Afternoon for 2024 Reception intake
5 th December	Y1&2 Play Dress Rehearsal
6 th December	Y1 & 2 Play 1.30 pm 5.30pm
7 th December	Homework clubs finish
8th December	Reception Classes Christmas Celebration 9:30am
11 th December	Reception & KS1 Party
12 th December	KS2 Party
13 th December	Christmas Lunch
15 th December	End of Autumn Term

SPRING TERM 2023

2 nd January	Non-Pupil day
3 rd January	Start of Spring Term
8 th January	Homework club starts
1st & 6 th February	Parent Consultations
12 th -16 th February	Half Term
7 th March	World Book Day
TBC	Arts week
28th March	Homework club finishes End of Spring Term

SUMMER TERM 2023

15 th April	Start of Summer Term Homework club starts
13 th -17 th May	Year 6 KS2 SATS
26 th May	Non-pupil day
27th May – 31 st May	Half Term
12 th June	Willand Welcome
17 th June	Dartmoor Residential week
25 th June	Sports Day
28 th June	Reserve Sports Day /Homework Club Finishes
12 th July	Reports out
15 th July	Teachers available for parents
17 th July	UKS2 Play Dress rehearsal
18 th July	UKS2 Play
TBC	Certificate Assembly
22 nd July	Leavers Party
23 rd July	Leavers' Assembly
24 th July	End of Summer Term

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 18 September

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni pizza	Italian Bolognese	Roast Turkey with sage and onion stuffing	Sausages	Fish Fingers
Cheese pizza	Quorn chicken noodles	Cheese and Onion Pasty	Quorn sausages	Vegetarian Fingers
Potato Wedges/ Pasta Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Spaghetti Garlic bread Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Roast/Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Pasta/potato waffle Baked Beans/ Peas Salad Bar	Chips / Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato sauce Salad Bar
Meringue nests, peaches and cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Lemon cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Cheese and crackers or Smoothie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate cake and chocolate sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Homemade Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce, cheese, beans or tuna JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna WRAPSWITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese				

EVENTS

Please see the noticeboard outside the school office for the following events

DadFest 2023, 22nd – 24th September. Beryl's Campsite, Beeson. Festival for Dads and their children. For further details please visit www.dangerousdads.org.uk or see Parent Information Board.

Please note that we are unable to check on the validity of the companies or the people running the schemes, and if those working with children have the correct police checks.

Keep safe and keep well

Anne Hawkins

Headteacher

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