

The
Willand
Learning for Life

2nd October 2019 Issue 4

Special Meal: Fish and Chips Thursday 3rd October

Tomorrow we are having our special menu of fish fingers and chips or cheese wheels as well as all the usual pasta pot and jacket potato options. This meal is available to all pupils and is free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Government funding, in relation to free meals for these children, is based upon the number of pupils who eat a meal on this day. **Please help us by encouraging your child to have a school lunch.** Please note: Friday 4th October's menu choice will now be chicken fajitas or vegetarian curry.

Class Assembly

Year 6S are holding their class assembly on Friday at 2:45pm. Children in this class can wear home clothes on that day.

Parent Consultations

We wish to welcome you to the parent consultations taking place on Thursday 3rd October and Tuesday 8th October. For this event, all main children's entrances will be open for parents to come to the area where their child is based in class. Year 4C may wish to enter at the Year 5 and 6 entrance. Foundation parents please use the Foundation doors and then turn right into the Year 3 and 4-shared area, go through the double doors into KS1 and turn left to wait in the warm in the Role Play Area outside the classrooms. For those who are new to the school, your child is actively invited to attend with you. Please feel free to take the opportunity to look around the school at the beautiful art work that the children have created.

New Home School Agreement

As part of our participation in the Leading Parent Partnership Award, we have updated our Home School Agreement. This is a document which shares the commitments we make to each other as parent, pupil and school to support your child's education. The new versions for Key Stage One and Key Stage Two are attached to this email for your perusal prior to coming to the Parent Consultations. We will then have a paper copy for parent and pupil to sign and the class teacher will sign it on behalf of the school. A copy will then be sent home later for you to keep once we have had chance to photocopy them.

Curriculum Overviews

An electronic copy of the Curriculum Overviews will be sent home shortly and a paper copy will also be available at Parents Evening for parents who wish to know how to further support their child or children in each year group. This outlines the main focus for areas of study in each curriculum area and provides helpful hints of things to talk about or do at home or when out and about this autumn. In Foundation the children receive one each half term as the curriculum is more flexible and includes topics the children initiate and wish to explore in their learning.

Parking

Once again, we have had a complaint from one of our school neighbours about parking and I understand there have been some comments on the local Facebook page. **Please have consideration for those who live near the school and refrain from parking in front of their drives and access. Our neighbours need to get to work, doctors and other appointments and are becoming increasingly frustrated and upset. We have a number who are saying that they will be contacting the police.**

PTFA School Disco – Friday 11th October 2019

The school disco will take place on Friday 11th October. KS1 from 16:30-17:30pm and KS2 17:45-18:45pm. Tickets can be purchased from the school reception from Friday 4th October and are £2.50 each. Please make sure that your child's name is on the back of the ticket, together with an emergency contact number, before you arrive. Entry and exit for the KS1 disco will be the KS1 DOORS, KS2 disco will be the KS2 DOORS. Please ensure that your child does not come with too much money, as they will be responsible for looking after it. No notes, please! Please look out for updates in next week's Willand Word as there will be info about the food available and disclaimers regarding face painting!

PTFA – Match Funding

Do you or your partner work for a company that takes part in the match funding scheme? It's worth checking with your boss. The full list of companies is on the PTFA Facebook group. This is a really important way of boosting our funds! Please ask me if you have any questions. Thanks. Becky Strong. Becky.Strong1@hotmail.co.uk

Contact us: Telephone: 01884 820367 / 829463 **Website:** www.willand.devon.sch.uk **Email:** admin@willand.devon.sch.uk
governors@willand.devon.sch.uk lunches@willand.devon.sch.uk absence@willand.devon.sch.uk
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

Welcome New Parents! – PTFA

It was lovely to meet some new parents at our coffee and cake welcome meeting yesterday afternoon. What a great response with around 10 new parents coming along!

Raise TWICE as much for Willand School PTFA this week!

Just use #easyfundraising to shop with Argos, ASOS, Secret Escapes, Lakeland, Look Fantastic, Uber Eats and many more. It's the easiest way to help us raise funds! Visit: <http://efraising.org/dDQY2Ddjz>

Voluntary Contributions Explained

You will receive a separate email today about the voluntary contribution, which the PTFA have asked us to send on their behalf. Please read this as it explains why we ask for them and how they are calculated.

Christmas Fayre Planning

Our planning (and social) event will be held at the Halfway House Pub on Thursday 3rd October from 7:30pm. New parents and carers most welcome! We will be in the back room with some nibbles!

Eco-School

You may have noticed that during the summer holidays we had solar panels installed on the roof. We are thrilled that in less than two months we have already saved £153 and reduced our carbon footprint. So far we have produced 3043KWh of electricity, saving 1734Kg of CO² from being released into the atmosphere. We are expecting to save approximately £1400 a year and the solar panels will be paid for in 10 years. Devon County Council are also replacing our 1948 lighting system during this academic year with LED lights as part of the capital upkeep of their maintained schools. Together we are hoping that these two improvements will lead to greatly reduced electricity bills. We are also continuing to focus on our recycling; children and staff are all encouraged to save and sort their waste. The Green Team of children collect the paper waste daily from the classrooms and offices. Following our work with Sally Jackson, Future Resources Devon Education Officer, Mid Devon District Council collect the food waste from the school and kitchen. We always welcome your suggestions on how to improve as an Eco-school.

Child Protection Policy

The Child Protection Policy is available via the school website. At any time parents are entitled to have a copy of this policy. In the policy it explains the responsibilities of staff members with regard to child protection procedures.

Read all about it!

As the nights begin to draw in and there is an autumn nip in the air we are all getting back into routines after our summer.

All classes, except foundation, now have reading books. Foundation will be receiving their books soon but are still learning their sounds at the moment. Please can I implore you to read with your children both hearing them read and read to them. Or if they are older encourage them to read independently, maybe as part of their bedtime routine. It is the single most important thing that we can do to support our children's learning across the curriculum.

Flu Immunisation

We have been informed by Virgin Care that the immunisations will not take place on 7th October as they are still waiting for the supplies to arrive. It has been rescheduled for 10th December. If you have not registered your consent but want your child to have this immunisation the link has been reopened and can be found at <https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon> If you would like to speak to someone rather than going online then you can give consent by phoning 0300 247 0082.

Late Arrivals

The whistle goes at 8.55 am so that children can start school promptly in class by 9.00 am. We would like to remind parents that any child arriving after 8.55am should come in through the school office to ensure that they are recorded on the register and that their lunch option is taken. Please can you help your child to arrive on time.

Inhalers

If you have informed us that your child is asthmatic, can you please ensure that we have an inhaler in school for their use. If your child no longer requires this medication, please let us know so that we can update their record

Dogs on School Grounds

Can we please remind you that only assistance dogs are allowed to enter the school grounds.

80's Disco

Tiverton Services (MOTO) have arranged an 80's disco night at Willand Football Club on 12th October 2019, 7:30pm – midnight. This is in aid of raising money for MOTO in the community and in partnership with Help for Heroes. For MOTO to be able to raise money for charities and schools with the books and grants they need to raise as much money as possible each year. There will be retro sweets on sale, glow sticks, glow bands and a raffle. £5 donation at the door and fancy dress is optional.

Contact us: Telephone: 01884 820367 / 829463 **Website:** www.willand.devon.sch.uk **Email:** admin@willand.devon.sch.uk
governors@willand.devon.sch.uk lunches@willand.devon.sch.uk absence@willand.devon.sch.uk
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

Events

Please see the noticeboard in the KS2 playground for the following events

South West Athletics Academy – A fantastic opportunity for young children to try Athletics at Exeter School on 10th November. For more information www.sw-athletics-academy.co.uk

Willow Tree Dance and Theatre Arts – performing Wind in the Willows from 14th to 19th October at The New Hall. Tickets are on sale from Twyford Copy and Print and online at www.ticketsource.co.uk priced at £12.50 for an adult and £8.50 for a child.

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.

Lunch Menu for week commencing 7th October 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Grill	Lasagne	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding	West Country Sausage	Salmon Bites
<i>Quorn Dippers</i>	<i>Vegetarian Lasagne</i>	<i>Quorn Sausage</i>	<i>Cheese Quiche</i>	<i>Vegetarian Pizza</i>
Creamed Potato/Pasta Sweetcorn Peas Tomato sauce	Garlic bread Mixed Vegetables	Roast/Creamed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy	Creamed Potatoes or Pasta Baked Beans or Peas	Golden Fries or Pasta Seasonal Vegetables Tomato Sauce
Flapjack & Custard	Orange Jelly Tinned Mandarins	Fruit Smoothie or Cheese, Cracker & Apple Slice	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce	Oat Cookie Fruit juice

Baked potatoes with cheese, beans, cheese and beans or tuna. **Pasta Pots** with Italian tomato sauce, chicken and sweetcorn, cheese or tuna. Salad bar, fresh fruit salad and yoghurts are available daily

Best wishes

Anne Hawkins

Headteacher

Contact us: Telephone: 01884 820367 / 829463 Website: www.willand.devon.sch.uk Email: admin@willand.devon.sch.uk
governors@willand.devon.sch.uk lunches@willand.devon.sch.uk absence@willand.devon.sch.uk
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