

Morning Drop offs

With the rising numbers of Covid cases locally, we are keeping our procedures under constant review and we have noticed that there is congestion at about 8:40 in the morning on the school drive. Teaching Assistants arriving by car have been requested to arrive before 8:45, which is already 15 minutes before their start time, when the drive is then closed to them. A number of parents are arriving very early for drop offs which is causing congestion and compromising social distancing. Can we remind all parents to arrive no earlier than five minutes before their drop off time. This will allow each bubble to enter the building without parent's safety being compromised by a lack of space. 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.

Parent Governor Election

There is a vacancy for a parent governor on our school's governing body. Please see the attached letter, which gives full details about becoming a governor. Nominations must be returned by 12 noon on 2nd November 2020.

Google Classrooms

If you have a year group specific question or problems with logging in or passwords please use the following addresses:-

Year 6 year6@willand.devon.sch.uk
Year 5 year5@willand.devon.sch.uk
Year 4 year4@willand.devon.sch.uk
Year 3 year3@willand.devon.sch.uk
Year 2 year2@willand.devon.sch.uk
Year 1 year1@willand.devon.sch.uk
Year R yearr@willand.devon.sch.uk

Year 5 and Year 6

Cullompton Community College will be releasing an "Open Evening" video on their website before Monday 19th October 2020.

Early Reading at Willand School

At our school, we use a synthetic phonics programme called *Read, Write Inc.* to teach your children to read. As we are not able to have our usual parent meeting to explain the programme, Mrs James, KS1 Co-ordinator and Early Reading Lead, has created a short video for you to watch to find out more about it. You will find this on the stream on Google Classrooms for Years 2, 1 and Foundation. If you have not already logged into Google Classrooms please go online and have a look. We hope that you find it useful.

PTFA Update:

A new academic year and a warm welcome to the new children & parents to the school! We hope that the transition was a smooth one and hear that the children settled into Reception well. We have just had our annual AGM meeting at the end of September and are looking for some new volunteers. Our newsletter should be out next week and if you would like to know more about what we do, please check out and join our Facebook page 'Willand School PTFA' or email us at willandschoolptfa@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming you!

PTFA – Christmas Cards

As we have limited fundraising options this year, the PTFA are organising Christmas cards, mugs and calendars etc. with the children's art work on.

The forms will be sent home in plastic wallets (one per child) on which they should do their drawings/collages etc. Reception children and Year 2 will be designing theirs in school. Please check the list of do's and don't's first!

The artwork must be returned to school by Monday 2nd November at the latest. Please use the plastic wallet provided so work will be kept in pristine condition.

Once processed, you'll be able to preview your child's art work and order directly from the supplier's website. Payment is direct to the supplier. The school will receive a percentage of the monies spent.

Any questions to: willandschoolptfa@gmail.com, or Joanna Jacobs.

School Lunches

Could you please ensure that any money owing on your lunch account is cleared and that any meals are paid for in advance. Thank you.

Village Hall Car Park

It has been brought to our attention that people are driving too fast in the village hall car park. Can you please make sure that you drive and park sensibly making sure that you do not block others in. Many thanks.

Non-Pupil Day Friday 18th October

A reminder that next Friday 23rd October is a Non-Pupil Day.

Mealtime Assistant – Casual help

We need help when we have staff absences. If you would be available to work as a mealtime assistant would you please contact the school office and let us know your availability. Thank you

The Neighbourhood Planning Group would like villagers' opinions

Do we have enough pathways and cycleways serving Willand residents?

If you think that the existing provision is not enough then do you have any ideas however general or specific.

The number of opinions they receive will influence the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, which must represent the views of our village. This will have a strong influence on Mid Devon.

Let them know by email to npg@willand-pc.org.uk If you post a response on Facebook they will do their best to see it, but they are certain to take account of all email opinions.

Full information about the neighbourhood planning process and work so far can be found on the web-site <https://www.willand-pc.org.uk/> - then follow the link at the top of the page to 'Neighbourhood Plan'.

Events

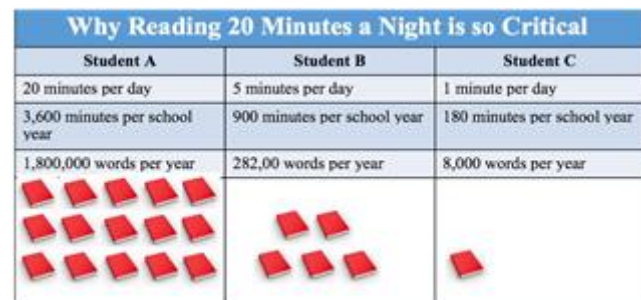
Tiverton Museum

Join the search for Wally with your family at Tiverton Museum this October. Pick up an activity sheet and get a spooky bookmark if you do! Add to the fun and come dressed up – either as Wally or with a Halloween theme! Entry as part of normal admission (priority to pre-booked tickets through the museum's website). Trail runs until 31st October and the museum will have extended opening hours for half term.

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.

Reading

Now the children are back in to school routine, please can you help your child to complete their reading at home. Regular reading is the single most important way to support their learning across the whole curriculum.



Lunch Menu for week commencing 19th October 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
West Country Beef Burger in a Bap	Pepperoni Pizza	Roast Pork Apple Sauce & Gravy	Harry Ramsden Fish
Vegetarian Burger in a Bap	Cheese Pizza	Cheese & Onion Pasty	Vegetarian Bites
Potato Wedges or Pasta Baked Beans Or Peas Tomato Sauce	Potato Wedges Pasta Sweetcorn	Roast/Creamed Potatoes Fresh Carrots	Golden Fries or Pasta Seasonal Vegetables Tomato sauce
Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce	Angel Delight & Tinned Fruit	Blackcurrant Jelly & Tinned Fruit	Oat Cookie

Best wishes

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