



Learning for Life

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URGENT! Year 6 Secondary School Applications

With the deadline creeping up (31st October 2019), please could we remind parents of Year 6 pupils that you need to apply using the online system www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline You can contact the My Devon customer service centre on 0345 155 1019 if you require any help. We would advise applying as soon as possible. Applications should be returned to the Admissions Team before the **31st October 2019. WE ARE INFORMED THAT LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE OFFERED A PLACE AT A SCHOOL AT THE EXPENSE OF AN APPLICATION WHICH WAS ON TIME. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU SUBMIT AN APPLICATION BY THE CLOSING DATE.**

Class Assembly

Year 4C are holding their class assembly on Friday at 2.45pm. Children in this class can wear home clothes on that day.

Unfortunate Series of Heating Events

Thank you all for your patience yesterday and sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused. On Monday we had the bizarre coincidence with all three independent heating systems failing for different parts of the school for different reasons despite the fact that they had been working before half term. We have had heating engineers, plumbers, control panel specialists and heating flushing specialists all trying to get the three systems up and working again. It was not confirmed that we would have hot water until 4.30pm. The hire company could only confirm the heaters could be delivered before school this morning at 4.40pm which is why a decision could not be made until late afternoon. The contractors have all been extremely helpful and made us their priority to ensure that we were only closed for one day. The result is that we had managed to get the boilers in the original school building and in Key Stage 1 working and we have hired powerful fan heaters for the six classrooms that have no heating until the problems with the other boilers can be properly resolved. We would like to thank all the contractors and fan hire company for all their help and expertise.

Y3 Wildside

We were very disappointed that we had to cancel the visits for Year 3 today and on Friday. We took this decision as we had not received voluntary contributions from over 25% of the pupils and our budget cannot continue to support such large shortfalls. Thank you to all those parents who have sent in contributions, you will receive a refund shortly.

Years 5/6 Maths Parent Session

Years 5 and 6 are holding two sessions for you to come and sit with your child/children and play some maths games. This will be a great opportunity for the children to show you their maths skills and for you to see the range of activities that the children do at school in relation to maths. These sessions will be held on Monday 11th November at 3pm and Wednesday 13th November at 9am – parents/carers or other adults can choose to come to whichever session suits them best. Please sign in at the office if you attend. We hope you will be able to join us!

Parental Involvement Meeting

Just a reminder that Foundation Stage parents are invited to a meeting on parental involvement. We recognise that parents and teachers have a lot to learn from each other and together we can really help to support and extend your child's learning. The meeting will be held on Thursday 31st October at 9.15am.

Life Education Bus

From the 4th November to the 8th November Willand School will be welcoming the Life Education Bus. It is a specially equipped classroom that provides an unforgettable experience for children whilst contributing to our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship curriculum. All children will be participating in fun, interactive and age appropriate programmes that will range from healthy eating at Key Stage 1 to how to cope with bullying and peer pressure at Key Stage 2. We would like to invite you to join the parent workshop on Thursday 7th November from 3.05 to 3.30pm to find out more about what the children will be experiencing

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

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is fast approaching, and exciting plans are being put together, we are planning for a lovely evening full of festive fun. Santa will be making an appearance and we will be selling tickets nearer the time to see him. We will be selling hot food on the evening and have lots of fun games planned. The raffle tickets will be sent out in book bags soon, and we would encourage you to sell these if you can. There are some fantastic prizes already donated, including a voucher for a Christmas tree, family panto tickets, a family meal at the Waterloo Cross, and lovely hampers plus much more....

For all of this to happen and for funds to be raised to help the school we do need your help. If you can help on the day of the fayre either with setting up, clearing up or helping to run a stall during the event we would really appreciate it. All the stalls will be using tokens again, more details soon of how to order, so there need be no concerns about handling money. If you can help please email willandschoolptfa@gmail.com or contact us via the Facebook page.

It would be great to get all the slots filled soon.

Winter PE Kit

Now that the weather is colder, please can you ensure children have some warmer kit with them – jogging bottoms or leggings and a sweatshirt.

Public Consultation

You are invited to review the proposed admission arrangements for state-funded schools in Devon and the home-to-school transport policy for Devon County Council for the academic year 2021-2022.

To view the policies, visit

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements or call My

Devon on 0345 155 1019 for a paper copy. The consultation is open from 1st November 2019 to 3rd

January 2020

Odd Sock Day

On Tuesday 12th November we would like to ask all children to wear a pair of odd socks to school. This event is to help us participate in Anti-Bullying Week, which is a national annual event that shines a spotlight on ways to prevent and deal with bullying. The theme this year is 'Change Starts With Us'. Children will be taking part in a range of activities to learn more.

School Prospectus

We have recently made the school prospectus more user friendly. As the website has lots of information on it, the prospectus is now shorter and just has the important information. If you would like to have a look there is a copy on the website and in the School Office.

Labelling Clothes

To make sure that we can return any property that your child misplaces could you please ensure that all uniform, PE kits and shoes are labelled. Also as drinks bottles and snacks are put into trays, they need to be labelled so that everyone receives the correct items at break-time.

Poppies

Year 6 children will be selling poppies on the KS2 playground at the end of the day from tomorrow until next Friday 8th November.

Events

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

Uffculme Secondary School Craft Fair on Saturday 16th November – 10am-4pm. All proceeds go to PTFA. Free entry and over 100 stalls.

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.

Menu Change for 31st October

Please note that there is a menu change tomorrow – the option will now be chicken curry or macaroni cheese with broccoli and sweetcorn. Dessert will be meringue nest with peaches and cream.

Lunch Menu for week commencing 04th November 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork Meatballs	West Country Beef Burger in a Bap	Roast Gammon with Pineapple	Chicken Fajitas Wrap/Tortilla Chips	Fish Fingers
Quorn Balls	Vegetarian Burger in a Bap	Cheese & Onion Pasta	Vegetarian Curry	Cheese Wheel
Spaghetti Sweetcorn	Potato wedges or Pasta Baked or Green Beans	Roast/Creamed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy	Rice or Pasta Mixed Vegetables	Golden Fries or Pasta Seasonal Vegetables Tomato Sauce
Sticky toffee pudding & caramel sauce	Chocolate Cracknel & Apple slice	American Pancake & Ice Cream	Angel Delight & Tinned Fruit	Iced Sponge

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

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