

URGENT NOTICE OF SCHOOL CLOSURE

AS you are aware, there is currently an amber weather warning in place as storm Ciaran moves towards Devon. An amber warning presents a risk to life, but there is also a large amount of uncertainty about this weather front which means it could increase to a red warning overnight. The combination of wind, rain, and the storm moving over warm sea waters increases risk of very high wind speeds, flooding and trees falling. Devon County Council have asked all staff where possible to work from home, and for schools to strongly consider closing. Based on this information, we have made the decision to close the school tomorrow to ensure the safety of the whole school community. We appreciate this may put parents and carers in a difficult situation, but ultimately, we will not compromise the safety of our pupils, their families, and our staff.

Change to Friday's Menu

Please note that Friday's menu will now be Chicken Curry, Naan Bread and rice or Macaroni Cheese.

KS2 Exeter University's Enrichment Programme - Attendance

For KS2 parents - if your child has been successful in gaining a place on Exeter University's Enrichment Programme, please can you complete an Absence Request form for the relevant days.

Flu Immunisation Friday 24th November

All children in the school are being offered the flu immunisation on Friday 24th November. To register your child for this please click on the following link <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: DV113114. Registration closes on 22nd November and **children will not be able to receive this without your prior consent.** If you have any concerns, please contact them on 01392 342678.

Children in Need



- Friday 17th November

At their recent meeting, the School Council have planned to fundraise for this year's 'Children in Need' in the following ways:

- **Non-School Uniform** Children can wear non-school uniform on Friday 17th November.
- **Popcorn Snacks** Small bags of plain popcorn will be available for sale in the playground during snack time at a cost of 20p per bag.

This is a date for your diary - if you would like to donate, it will be most welcome on the day.

Year 1MP

You will have noticed that Mrs Montgomery has not been in school this week, this is because she has been called for Jury service. During her absence, Mrs Phillips will cover 1MP class as much as she is able.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

From tomorrow, Poppies will be available to purchase in class for a small donation.

There is also a selection of appeal goods - wristbands, reflector key rings and metal badges available from the school office.



Harvest Thank You

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our harvest collection.

Willand Food Panty and Cullompton Foodbank were both extremely grateful for all the items given.

Admissions policy for 2025-26: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2025-26. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposals which are based on policies for this year and next year and have your say.

Our proposed policy is on our admission page [weblink?] and you can see all policies at

<http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>. Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements.

The consultation runs until 12 January 2024. Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March next year. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the school.

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PTFA News

We hope everyone had a lovely half term! You have definitely all been busy, crafting away as we have had some amazing "Spooky Spoons" entries!! 118 so far!! I mean WOW!! We were hoping to be able to announce the winner in this weeks Willand Word but we believe we may be missing a few entries, so we just want to make sure everyone's hard work doesn't go unrecognised!

Please don't forget that your Xmas4Schools paperwork needs to be returned by Friday 3rd at the latest. Unfortunately, there is no room for late entries as the paperwork needs to be posted to the company first thing Saturday morning! There are some spare sheets in the office if you do need one.

We are planning on opening ticket sales for the Dis-Glow shortly... don't forget this is on November 17th and will be split into 3 discos according to your child's year group. If you are interested in volunteering at the disco, please contact us at willandschoolptfa@gmail.com.

Now that Halloween is over it's time to start thinking about Christmas... we still have a few places at our wreath making classes hosted by the very talented Bee Happy Flowers. A few of us attended wreath making for the first time, last year and we are all very excited to enjoy this festive event with you. Please contact willandschoolptfa@gmail.com to book.

Lastly, we want to thank everyone for the enthusiasm shown towards last months tuck shop! We brought enough stock of some items to last several events so it's hard to work out the exact amount we raised but we were all really pleased with how well it went and loved seeing so many excited children! Please let us know if you have any ideas of items we should be selling.

Don't forget there are still several open committee's roles within the PTFA! If you would like to get involved, please contact us via the PTFA email or grab one of us on the school run and we would be more than happy to discuss how you can get involved.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.
Your PTFA Team

EVENTS

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

Devon Junior Chess Championships U18 and U9/U11
Saturday 2nd December @ 9:30am, Teign School, Kingsteignton TQ12 3JG . This event is for players of all standards; **it is suitable as a first tournament for less experienced players.**

Entry Form: <https://devonjuniorchess.co.uk/events>
For further information please use the following link:
<http://www.englishchess.org.uk/safeguarding-children-policy/>

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

Diary

AUTUMN TERM 2023

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| Friday 3rd November | PTFA Xmas4Schools Artwork Deadline |
| Friday 10 th November | 5ML Class Assembly |
| Friday 17 th November | BBC Children in Need Day 4W Class Assembly |
| Friday 17th November | PTFA "Dis-Glow" |
| Tuesday 21 st November | Open Afternoon for 2024 Reception intake |
| Friday 24th November | PTFA Festive Wreath Making Course – 7pm-9pm |
| Tuesday 5 th December | Y1&2 Play Dress Rehearsal |
| Wednesday 6 th December | Y1 & 2 Play 1.30 pm 5.30pm |
| Thursday 7 th December | Homework clubs finish |
| Thursday 7th December | PTFA Festive Wreath Making Course – 7pm-9pm |
| Friday 8 th December | Reception Classes Christmas Celebration 9:30am |
| Monday 11 th December | Reception & KS1 Party |
| Tuesday 12 th December | KS2 Party |
| Wednesday 13 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Friday 15th December | End of Autumn Term |

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 6th November

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Pepperoni pizza | Italian Bolognaise | 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 | | | | |

Keep safe and keep well
Anne Hawkins
Headteacher

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