

The  
**W**illand  
**Learning for Life**

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#### Class Assembly

Year 6S are holding their class assembly on Friday.

#### Public Health Warning

As we move into the winter months, Public Health Devon have advised us that they are expecting a significant spike in people succumbing to COVID and flu. We therefore ask that if your child is unwell and experiencing symptoms of either of these infections that you please keep them at home until they no longer have a temperature and are feeling better. If they test positive for COVID, the recommendation is that children should be kept at home for at least three days after the day that they took the test. Last winter, the school was heavily impacted by COVID with almost every member of staff and many children away, which caused further interruption to the children's education. If we can reduce the rate at which these infections spread amongst the whole school community, it would help enormously. We have a number of vulnerable children and adults within our school and we also wish to protect them.

Please see the attached poster for advice about when you should keep your child off school.

#### Mrs James

Mrs James' will not be in school again next week as she is still caring for her son following his operation.

#### Odd Socks Day and Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, we would like to ask all children to wear a pair of odd socks to school. We will be using Odd Socks Day to celebrate what makes us individuals and also our families special and unique. The children will learn that others' families, either in school or in the wider world, sometimes look different from their family, but that they should respect those differences and know that families are characterised by love and care. Children are welcome to bring in or email their teachers a family photograph to show and share with their class on the day if they wish.

Odd Socks Day marks the start of our Anti-Bullying Week (14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November), which is a national annual event that shines a spotlight on ways to prevent and deal with bullying. The theme this year is 'Reach Out'. Children will be taking part in a range of activities to learn more.

#### Phonics at home

To help parents/carers further support children at home to learn phonics, we have started sending home some video links. These speed sound lesson videos are for your child to watch and join in with at home. The lessons will enable you to see how we teach phonics in school and allow children at home to practise and consolidate what they've been taught. Children in Reception and Year 1 will have links shared via Evidence Me. Children in Year 2 who are still progressing through the Read, Write Inc phonic programme, will have their links posted on the Year 2 Google Classroom site. Learning videos will be posted on a Friday. Any questions, please ask.

#### Summer Reading Challenge

Please could any children who took part in the Devon Libraries Summer Reading challenge bring their certificates in this week for a photo. Miss Hawkins also has had some delivered from Tiverton Library to present to children.

#### Admissions Policy – Important Change for Willand School

The next consultation will take place between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023. **This will consult on the proposal that Willand School will be in the catchment areas for both Cullompton Community College and for Uffculme School and will be a feeder school for both.** It will also include its normal round co-ordinated admissions scheme, in-year co-ordinated admissions scheme, Education Transport Policy and the admissions policies for individual schools in Devon for 2024-25. Responses must be submitted in writing: Senior Policy Officer, Room L60, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD, or by email: [schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk)

#### Celebrating Achievements

If you and your children have had a shared achievement, please let us know. This could be cycling a long way, learning a new skill or baking a beautiful cake together for example. We would like to share your success with the school.

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## Dress up for Children in Need - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

The School Council would like children to come dressed up on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> November for Children in Need. They can wear any costume they like or come in colourful non-school uniform. Any donations will be gratefully received.

The school Council would also like to run a toy and book sale after school. It will be held in the school hall or outside depending on the weather. We would appreciate toy and book donations for this. Please could these come into school on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of November and children take them straight to Miss Ruffle in 2R. You may be able to pick up some Christmas presents!

## Let's Talk Mid Devon - residents' survey 2022

Mid Devon have just launched their [residents' and budget setting survey for 2022](#), which will run until 15 December.

## Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homemade Chilli Con Carne	Oven Baked Sausages	Roast Turkey, Sage & onion stuffing	Homemade Sweet and Sour Chicken	Salmon Fingers
<i>Chicken Goujons</i>			<i>Chicken Fajitas</i>	
<i>Vegetarian Chilli</i>	<i>Oven Baked Vegan Sausages</i>	<i>Cheese &amp; onion Pasty</i>	<i>Sweet and Sour Quorn Chicken</i>	<i>Margherita Pizza</i>
Quorn Dippers			Quorn Chicken Fajitas	
Rice or Pasta Green Beans Salad Bar	Mashed Potato/Pasta Baked Beans Peas Salad Bar	Roast/Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Pasta or Rice Tortilla Chips Mixed Vegetables Salad Bar	Chips or Pasta Garden Peas/ Sweetcorn Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Homemade Golden Sponge Pink Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Homemade Chocolate Cracknel Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Raspberry Jelly & Fruit Cocktail Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Ice Cream and Pineapple 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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