



## Learning for Life

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### Covid Cases

You will be aware that there have been several cases of Covid within school recently and with high numbers in the wider community, we would suggest that all parents and carers wear face masks when dropping and collecting children. We would also be grateful if you would observe social distancing and avoid standing in groups.

We would also appreciate parents only coming to the school office if absolutely necessary but please feel free to email or phone if you have anything to communicate to us.

### Please Bear With Us

Due to a number of reasons – not all Covid related – we have very high staff absence within school at present. This is particularly impacting on teaching assistants and meal time assistants. Please bear with us during this difficult time.

### Homework Club

Next week will be the final week of homework club.

### Sports

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> the Year 6 Netball team played in a tournament at CCC

and qualified for the CVSA finals in January. An amazing achievement! All of the children demonstrated super determination and teamwork. Mrs Bosworth was extremely proud of them.

The Year 6 Basketball team competed in a tournament on 17<sup>th</sup> November at CCC

and won every match. This meant that they qualified for the CVSA finals in January. It was a very exciting evening, and all of the children were a credit to the school. We look forward to the finals to play again.

On Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> November, a team of Year 5 and 6 boys visited Bicton College to take part in the East Devon Cross Country finals, having successfully qualified earlier in the term. The Willand team conducted themselves impeccably and all reached the finish line of the 2km course suitably exhausted. The children achieved some excellent results, securing a 5<sup>th</sup> place and a 24<sup>th</sup> position out of a strong field.

Additionally, Asa was awarded the 'Spirit of the games' medal for demonstrating self-belief. Well done Asa!

### Privacy Notice

Just a reminder that a copy of the Pupil and Parent/Carer Privacy Notice is available on the school website.

### Nativity Trail around Willand

This December St Mary's Willand have created a trail of large wooden nativity characters around the village, each telling part of the Christmas story. Why not get your coats on, and find the characters - on the school fence, Bradfords Building Supplies, Half-Way House, Willand Methodist Church, St Mary's Church, the Church Hall on Rectory Close and along Jaycroft.

Scan the QR codes and share selfies on Willand Church Facebook page. Hope you have fun and enjoy taking part in the story!

### Christmas Cards

Sadly, this year the children will not be able to exchange Christmas cards at school. We are sorry.

### PTFA Santa Dash

Sadly, our extremely popular Christmas fair will be cancelled for the second year running due to the pandemic, however we have developed a NEW, FUN, fund-raiser for 2021 to replace it – Willand School Santa Dash! Children are asked to gain sponsorship for a fun run around the playground. This event will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Children are permitted to wear PE kits for the day with trainers, and are welcome to accessorise their look with Christmas accessories if they wish to such as a Christmas jumper, tinsel in hair etc. We will also provide all children with a Santa hat to wear for the event should they wish. All children taking part will receive a certificate of their achievement for completing the event. If the children gain sponsorship on their forms, they will earn a medal too. There will be a class prize for the class who raises the most sponsorship. Your child will be coming home this week with their sponsorship form and event details, please ask your child to return their sponsorship form along with any money raised on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The money raised will go directly towards the school's next exciting projects which will benefit all the children for many years to come. Thank you for supporting this event, it is going to be great fun for all the children, and we have heard some teachers are planning to get involved too! Good Luck! Happy Dashing!

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**Events****Willand Crafty Family and Friends**

Craft Fair – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December. 10am-1pm.

Willand Village Hall.

**Lunch Menu for week commencing 06<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY                               | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                               | FRIDAY  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Sausages  | Pepperoni Pizza                       | Roast Pork & Apple Sauce                           | Chicken Fajita Wrap<br>Tortilla Chips  | Fish Fingers  |
| Vegetarian Sausages   | Cheese Pizza                          | Cheese & Onion Pasty                               | Quorn Fajita Wrap<br>Tortilla Chips    | Vegetarian Bites  |
| Pasta / Mash<br>Baked Beans<br>or Peas  | Potato Wedges /<br>Pasta<br>Sweetcorn | Roast / Mash<br>Potatoes<br>Fresh Carrots<br>Gravy | Rice or Pasta<br>Mixed<br>Vegetables   | Fries or Pasta<br>Seasonal<br>Vegetables<br>Tomato<br>Sauce |
| Lemon Cake  | Angel Delight<br>& Peaches            | Lime Jelly &<br>Pineapple                          | Chocolate<br>Cracknel &<br>Apple Slice | Oak Cookie  |
| <b>Baked potatoes</b> with cheese, beans, cheese and beans or tuna. <b>Pasta Pots</b> with Italian tomato sauce, chicken and sweetcorn, cheese or tuna. Fresh fruit and yoqhurts are available daily. |                                       |  |  |   |

*Keep safe and keep well*

*Anne Hawkins*

*Headteacher*

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