

### Whole Class Reading

Last term I sent out a document about how we teach reading from when the children start in Reception until Year 6. Now I would like to give you more information about the whole class reading element that was trialled across KS2 and with some Year 2 children last term, following the success of the initial trial in the summer term last year.

A team of teachers, led by the English Co-ordinator, Mrs Nisbet, have designed a Whole Class Reading system which identifies a range of high quality texts which are shared with the children each day. The books are carefully chosen to be age appropriate, engaging, introduce the children to variety of authors and sometimes link to their learning in other subjects. They are organised so that across the school the theme each week will be the same, for example, modern fiction, non-fiction linked to the children's topic, poetry, a classic book, fantasy or science fiction.

The children then read extracts from these books each day with their class teacher in a variety of ways to develop their reading skills such as fluency, stamina, expression (prosody), ability to predict and summarise, infer and comprehend.

This ensures progression and breadth in the key texts being used to teach reading across the school and being shared with the children to develop their love of reading. The children are really enjoying sharing these books together and are frequently asking to read the books for themselves. Extra copies have been purchased to provide copies in the classrooms for the children to read the whole book should they wish and this is proving very popular.

These whole class reading sessions have replaced the regular reading sessions in groups for many children and you will have noticed the teachers are not writing in the home school contact books in the way that they used to. This does not mean the children are not reading, in fact, they are reading more than ever! Class records are being kept by the teachers instead. We would ask however, that when you hear your child read at home, or if they read to themselves, that it is recorded in the Home School Contact book so we have some idea about how much reading is happening out of school.

Each week children with four entries in their home school book for reading are then given a raffle ticket to reward them for their efforts. At the end of term, they are entered into a prize draw and the winners in each class receive a book token. The more raffle tickets they can gain the greater chance they have of winning!

### Class Assembly

Year Y6G are holding their class assembly on Friday at 9.10 am. All parents of these children are welcome to come and watch. Entrance to the hall will be via the Foundation Stage doors.

### Y4 Swimming

Thank you to those who have already made a voluntary contribution for this. If you have overlooked this payments can be made on School Gateway either in one payment of £18.80 or by weekly contributions of £2.35.

### Smart Watches

Please do not let your child bring their smart watch to school as we do not want to risk them getting damaged.

### Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be taking place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February from 4-7pm. These will all be face-to-face appointments in school.

You will have received a separate email with the details of how to sign up.

Please do make an appointment to come talk about your child's progress and see the work that they have been doing.

### Place2Be Parenting Smart Articles

Parenting Smart offers practical advice for parents and carers of children aged 5-11. All of the content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families. For more information please visit <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

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### Devon County Council Transport Consultation

Devon County Council is consulting on its arrangements for home-to-school transport. Currently Devon County Council charges £600 per annum (with a £30.00 discount if the full-year cost is paid in full) for concessionary seat passengers and post-16 passengers. This annual charge is a contribution towards the cost of the transport they provide.

They are consulting on increasing these charges to £800 per annum from September 2023.

Full details are available at:

[www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/home-to-school-transport-consultation](http://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/home-to-school-transport-consultation)

The changes, if approved, would apply to all new and existing passengers.

Please submit all comments by the closing date of **2 March 2023**. A survey for responses is available as part of the Home to School Transport consultation via the weblink above. For alternative ways of responding, please see the weblink above.

### Lost property

Two pairs of glasses have been handed in. If you are missing a pair please come to the school office.

### School email Addresses

We have several email addresses to help your enquiries to get to the right person.

[absence@willand.devon.sch.uk](mailto:absence@willand.devon.sch.uk) to report pupil absence

[lunches@willand.devon.sch.uk](mailto:lunches@willand.devon.sch.uk) to provide lunch choices or for any lunch queries.

[office@willand.devon.sch.uk](mailto:office@willand.devon.sch.uk) for queries, change of details or messages

[governors@willand.devon.sch.uk](mailto:governors@willand.devon.sch.uk) to contact the Governing Body

### PTFA

Would you like to have an active role in the PTFA? They have some roles available and would love to hear from you. They are currently looking for a Co-Chair, Secretary, and an Advertising & Promotions Officer.

If you would like to know more about what these roles involve please email the Chair, Hayley Hillier, on [willandschoolptfa@gmail.com](mailto:willandschoolptfa@gmail.com)

### EVENTS

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

#### Shrek the Musical

ACTiv8, Cullompton's Youth Theatre are presenting Shrek the Musical. Performances are on 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm and 28<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm and 7pm.

ACTiv8 is a not-for-profit youth theatre community group based in Cullompton, run by 3 professional directors and a talented team of volunteers. They are open to 8-18 year olds who love drama, singing and dance. For further details click on the link below

[Home Page | ACTiv8 \(activ8theatre.net\)](http://Home Page | ACTiv8 (activ8theatre.net))

#### Hockey Heroes

A fun welcoming introduction to hockey for all 5-8 year olds. The next course starts on Tuesday 21st February at 5-6pm at the Culm Valley Sports Centre EX15 1LL For more information visit [hockeyheroes.co.uk](http://hockeyheroes.co.uk)

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.

### Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

| MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Pork meatballs   | Italian Bolognaise                              | Roast Turkey, Sage & onion stuffing                 | Sausages  | Salmon Fingers  |
| Vegan balls  | Vegetarian omelette                             | Cheese & onion Pasty                                | Quorn sausages  | Vegetarian Pizza  |
| Spaghetti Sweetcorn Salad Bar  | Pasta/garlic bread Green beans Salad Bar        | Roast/Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar | Pasta or mash Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar                   | Chips or Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar |
| Jam sponge Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt   | Homemade Chocolate Cracknel Fresh Fruit Yoghurt | Orange Jelly and mandarins Fresh Fruit Yoghurt      | Sticky toffee pudding and caramel sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt | Cookie or fruit crumble and custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt   |
| PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce, cheese, beans or tuna<br>JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna<br>WRAPS WITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese |   |   |   |   |

*Keep safe and keep well*

*Anne Hawkins*

*Headteacher*

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