

**World Book Day 2022**

World Book Day 2022 will fall on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. This year's theme follows the message "You Are a Reader," and there will be a focus on reaching children from all types of backgrounds. The World Book Day organisation will be working with schools and nurseries to distribute gift vouchers to ensure that all children can have a book of their own. These vouchers will be given to each child here at Willand School.

**A message from our Eco-Council**

Our newly appointed eco-committee is busily auditing the school's current steps towards being more friendly to the environment. We will then decide on our action plan for the rest of the year. Whilst we are thinking about that, we have some suggestions for you over the half term holiday. They are all things that you can do to be more aware of your environment. The ideas are in the form of a bingo sheet (attached to this week's newsletter) and we would love to hear how many you have completed once you return to school after the spring break.

**Absence During Term Time**

If you are thinking of taking your child out of school during term time, for any length of time, you **must** complete an absence request form **before** going away. The advice from Devon County Council is that 'parents should ensure that they know whether the absence will be authorised or not before they go away as an unauthorised absence will likely result in a penalty notice or court summons being issued to each parent for each pupil affected. It is therefore recommended that this completed form is sent into the school at least three school weeks before the intended absence.' Forms are available to download from the website or to collect from the school office.

**Free Workshop For Parent's – How To Respond And Not React.**

Babcock are offering a free workshop for parents and carers of Devon Primary School children. The event will be held virtually on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10am-11.30am. To book your free place, please email Sue Vanstone – [suevanstone@babcockinternational.com](mailto:suevanstone@babcockinternational.com)

**Have your say on the Mid Devon Parish Review**

So far, the council has received over fifty comments on its first Parish Review consultation which is seeking your views on the current and future governance and structure of parish councils across Mid Devon. This is the first stage of consultation into a yearlong process. The deadline for comments is **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**.

Please use the [comment form](#) to share your views. You can also call 01884 255 255, email [parishreview@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:parishreview@middevon.gov.uk) or write to Parish Review, Electoral Services, Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton EX16 6PP.

**Junior Bake Off Applications**

Love Production, the company behind The Great British Bake Off have opened applications for the 8<sup>th</sup> series of Junior Bake Off, which will commence filming July 2022. They have contacted us in search of young budding bakers, here at Willand School, aged 9-12 years. Interested bakers can apply online at [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk).

Applications close **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022**.

**Events**

**Tiverton Museum**

During half term, Tiverton Museum will be open from 10am – 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

They have sent over a flyer for more information on their Bumper Half Term Activities event. Please find the flyer attached.

**Young Lives vs Cancer**

Young Lives vs Cancer are hosting their annual charity 10K walk/run on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022. It starts at Tiverton Basin and finishes at the Sampford Peverell playing fields. There will be competitions, and prizes to be won. With a fun, family festival at the end of the race. If you would like to enter, and for more information, please follow the Eventbrite link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/29th-gwc10k-going-the-extra-mile-for-young-lives-vs-cancer-registration-174648577597>

*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*

**Lunch Menu for week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
Pepperoni Pizza	Pork Meatballs	Roast Turkey Sage & Onion Stuffing	Homemade Sausage Rolls	Fish Fingers
Cheese Pizza	<i>Vegetarian Balls in a Tomato Sauce</i>	<i>Cheese wheel</i>	<i>Cauliflower Cheese</i>	<i>Veggie Bites</i>
Potato Wedges/Pasta Sweetcorn	Spaghetti Green Beans	Roast/Mash Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy	Potato/Mash Potatoes Baked Beans/Peas	Chips/Pasta Seasonal Vegetables Tomato Sauce
Ice cream & Pineapple	Sticky toffee pudding with caramel sauce	Meringue nest with peaches & cream	Orange jelly & mandarins	Iced Sponge
PASTA POTS JACKET POTATOES				

*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**