

#### **Sad news**

It is with great sorrow that we have to let you know that one of our school catering team, Patrick Court, passed away during the Easter holidays. We were very proud that Willand School had a 'French Chef' and he was a wonderful staff member often going the extra mile especially during lockdown, then coming in during the holidays to take an order so it was ready for the new term or helping out with the cooking at Year 6 leavers parties. We shall all miss him and send our very sincere condolences to his family. We have shared this with the older KS2 children today in assembly. Having let you know, we thought parents of any of the younger children who may have known him might want to tell their child but please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like me to talk with your child.

#### **Further NEU strike days**

The NEU have announced that there will be further strike action on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. You may wish to make contingency arrangements for childcare on these dates as this may impact on the school. I will let you know as soon as I can about further arrangements.

#### **School Uniform**

It was lovely to see the children returning to school after the holidays. Many looked super in their summer uniform and had noticeably grown in the holidays! If your child is in need of new uniform the PTFA do have lots of good quality secondhand uniform available. Please contact them on [willandschoolptfa@gmail.com](mailto:willandschoolptfa@gmail.com) if you are in need of updating your child's wardrobe. Please can I remind you that children should wear their PE shirts and if an extra layer is needed, the school sweatshirt not random hoodies on PE days. Also, as we get back into the school routine, children should not be wearing jewellery, make-up or nail varnish to school. Thank you

#### **Homework Club this term**

Year 4 Homework club will move to Tuesday this term starting next week. Year 5 and 6 will remain on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as before.

#### **Attendance**

Please can I remind parents that time off from school for holidays and long weekends should be applied for in advance and can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

#### **Year 6 Singing at Cullompton Community College**

Children will need to wear their school uniform and **bring a packed tea** for them to eat after the rehearsals. The concert will be held between 5:30 and 6:30pm; if parents are watching please arrive from 5:10pm. Children are either being collected from CCC at 6.30pm or transported back to Willand School and collected at 6.45pm. If you are collecting your child from Willand School, please collect them from the end of the school drive.

#### **Walk or Cycle to School, 17<sup>th</sup> April -12<sup>th</sup> May**

It's not too late to encourage your child to join the active journeys to school by either cycling or walking. Each day the children will record their travel and anyone who can achieve 14 out of the 18 days will receive a water bottle. Children who are cycling will need to have a cycle permit, details of which have been emailed out previously. If you do not live in the village so have to drive, you can still participate by parking further away and walking for part of your journey.

#### **PTFA – The Willand School Bunny Hop!**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Bunny Hop, so far we have raised £2620.60. If you have been collecting sponsorship money during the holidays, please hand into the school reception as soon as you can.

#### **School Lunches**

Just a reminder that the Dinner Money Arrears Policy says that for accounts that are in debt by £15 or more the school will ask you to provide your child with a packed lunch until the debt has been cleared. This is the total amount owing for the family, not for individual children. If you request further lunches without clearing the account your child will be given a school packed lunch for which you will be charged the full lunch price, which is currently £2.40. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that all lunches must be paid for in advance.

# Diary

## SUMMER TERM 2023

17 April	Start of Summer Term
1 May	Bank Holiday
5 May	1HB Class Assembly
8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday
9 – 12 May	Year 6 KS2 SATS
19 May	1MP Class Assembly
23 May	Year 6, YR and Whole School Photo
26 May	Non-Pupil Day
29 May – 2 June	Half Term
15 June	Sports Day
16 June	2R Class Assembly
19-23 June	Year 6 Dartmoor Residential
26 June	Reserve Sports Day
27 June	CCC, Uffculme School and Colyton Grammar Y6 Transition Day
28 & 29 June	Tiverton High School Y6 Transition Days
4 & 5 July	Courtfields School Y6 Transition Days
13 July	UKS2 Play
14 July	Certificate Assembly
18 July	Leavers Party
20 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
21 July	End Of Summer Term

## Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Westcountry beef burger in a plain bap	Chicken goujons	Roast gammon and pineapple	Chicken curry Naan bread and rice	Harry Ramsden's Fish
Vegetarian burger in a plain bap	Quorn dippers	Broccoli and cheese bake	Macaroni cheese	Homemade Cheese Wheel
Potato wedges/ pasta Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar	Rice/pasta Mixed vegetables Tomato sauce Salad Bar	Roast/mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Green Beans Salad Bar	Chips or Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Ice cream and peaches Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate cracknell Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	American Pancake and cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Arctic Roll Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Iced cake 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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## PE Timetable for the Summer Term

For the first part of this term, Y2 will be swimming so please see the PE timetable below. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception		x			
Y1HB			x	x	
Y1MP			x	x	
Y2A			x (swimming)	x	
Y2R				x	x (swimming)
Y3N	x	x			
Y3WA		x			x
Y4C	x				x
Y4W	x				x
Y5ML			x	x	
Y5N		x	x		
Y6			x		x

## Swimming

Thank you to all parents that have already given a voluntary contribution for swimming. If you would like to contribute, you still can. To enable the activity to go ahead, the voluntary contribution is £2.35 per session payable every Monday morning. The activity can only take place if there are sufficient voluntary contributions. To assist you, sessions can be purchased in full online using the school gateway app. The total cost is £14.10. Cheques to be made payable to Devon County Council. Please help us to provide this activity by continuing to support the school.

## EVENTS

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

**Willand Scouts and Methodist Church Table Top Sale** on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April in the Village Hall between 10am and 12 noon.

**Sea Life, Weymouth** have sent some 30% discount vouchers for up to 5 people and valid until Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023. If you are interested, please collect a voucher from reception.

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.

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