

Willaston Primary School

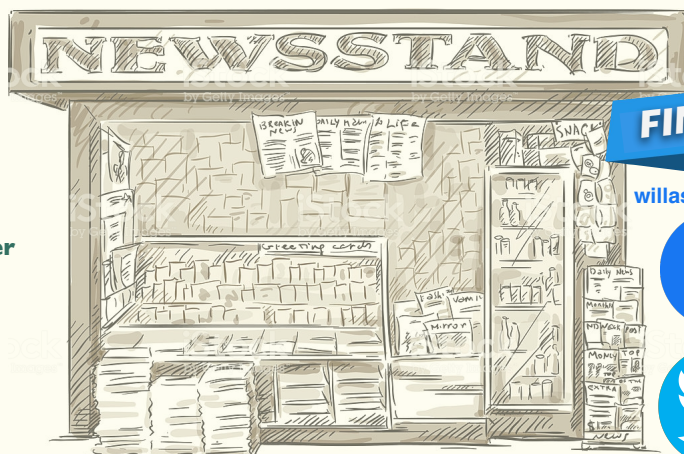
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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NEWSLETTER
FEB 2023

Dates for Your Diary

- 06.02.23 Children's Mental Health Week
- 07.02.23 Y2/Y3 Tag Rugby Tournament
- 16.02.23 PAWS Valentines Disco
- 17.02.23 Dress As An Animal Day for MSPCA
- 17.02.23 Close for Half-Term 1 at 3.30pm
- 27.02.23 Open for Half-Term 2
- 10.03.23 Lempen Puppet Theatre Visit (details to follow)
- 17.03.23 Red Nose Day 2023
- 21.03.23 Simon Murray (Illustrator) visit (details to follow)
- 24.03.21 Girls Football Tournament (details to follow)

This is not an exhaustive list! The homepage of our school website will soon show a live calendar of events - check it out

Message from Mr Kelly

It has been a busy month since I last wrote to you all. The children have all settled into their school work, and I hope you found the parent forecasts, which were recently published, useful to help you support your child with their learning at home.

I have been really impressed with the opportunities our teachers plan for our children at Willaston School - just take a look at the Parents At Willaston School Facebook page which gives a taste of all the wonderful activities that have taken place this month, from indoor rock climbing to baking; and from girls football club to developing thinking skills in Reception! It's certainly been action-packed! Talking of Facebook Page, I'm keen to utilise this even more as a way to improve school communication and give you an insight into the life of the school. To that end, I'd like to publish images directly onto the page, and I'd encourage you to update your consents for social media via your Arbor ParentPortal login. Mrs Slater in the school office can help you if you get stuck.

It has been a real pleasure getting to know everyone, and as ever, if you would like to get in touch or raise a query with me, please feel free to come over when I'm out on the playground, (or standing near Mr Michael) or telephone to make an appointment if you require a more formal meeting. *Max Kelly, Headteacher*

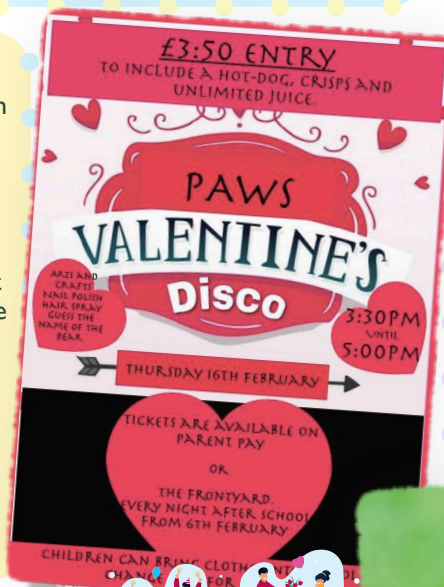
Can you believe it? Ms Kirkham is retiring from her post as caretaker of Willaston School. Ms Kirkham has been the heart and soul of our school for many years and has made an enormous contribution to the building, and to the lives of the children who have passed through the school. Ms Kirkham's final day will be next Friday - the end of an era for sure. We're sure you'll all join us in wishing her a long and happy well-earned retirement.

PAWS Valentines Disco

PAWS are arranging a Valentines Disco for the children which will take place straight after school on Thursday 16th February (3.30pm - 5pm).

The disco will run straight after school, and we'll provide food (a hot dog, crisps and unlimited juice) so that your children are both entertained and fed!

Children can bring a set of clothes in a bag to change into at school, and the teachers will let them get changed just before the end of the school day. From there they'll just go straight into the disco, so parents don't have to do their pick-up duties until 5pm! We hope you enjoy the extra time :) Children will need a ticket - these are £3.50 and can be bought online via ParentPay or in person on the front playground every night after school from Monday. NB There will be no Youth Club on the 16th Feb (YC are intending to run a double session the week before instead.)



MSPCA Dress As An Animal Day

Willaston School will be supporting the MSPCA by joining in with "Dress As An Animal Day" on Friday 17th February.

It is optional to take part - if your child is more comfortable in dress down clothes or school uniform then that will be fine. We are asking for an optional donation of £1 per child if you take part, which can be brought in on the day. Your outfit can be as elaborate or low key as you like - a bit of black eyeliner and some black paper triangles clipped to a hairband can make a quick and easy cat; onesies can often be a quick and easy costume too!



Library of Positive Memories

As a school, we are creating a library of positive memories of our happy places or special memories. Children are invited to send in their photos via the school office for us to display. So far we have had pictures of holidays, pictures of pets, special events and photographs of important people shared with us. The more pictures we receive, the better! Thank you.

REMINDER

We have noticed an increase in children wearing trainers which are either white or brightly coloured. We have also seen coloured laces on black trainers too. We'd like to encourage our children to take a pride in their appearance and a respect for our uniform which allows for black school-style shoes including plain black trainers.

If you know of any families who have a child due to start at Willaston School next September, please would you remind them to register with us as soon as possible :)

If your child attends Breakfast Club please make sure that an adult brings them all the way inside the building. We are concerned that some children, including some of our youngest, are dropped in the car park or playground. We need a proper "handover" so that we know who we have and can make sure we keep them safe.

