

Willaston Primary School

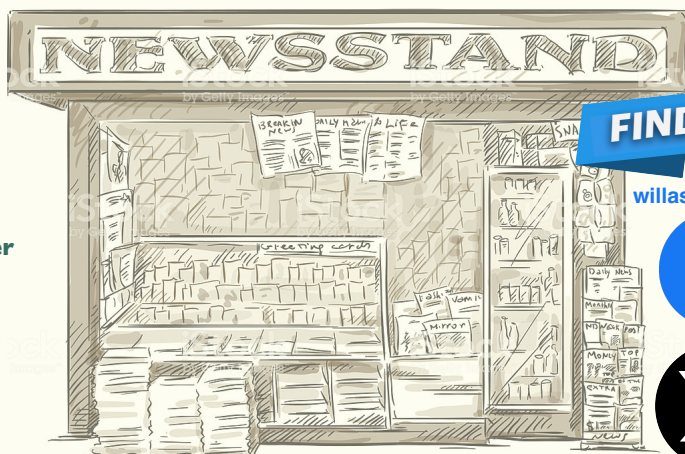
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



Executive Headteacher
Mr Maxim Kelly

Head of School
Mrs Beth Lace

01624 621577
willastonenquiries@sch.im



FIND US

willaston.sch.im



NEWSLETTER
JAN 2024

Dates for Your Diary

- 19.01.24 Cornerstones Curriculum Team visiting Willaston School
- 24.01.24 Open Evening for Y6 at SNHS
More details on separate letter
- 13.02.24 Open The Book Assembly
- 14.02.24 Valentines Disco
More info to follow in due course!
- 16.02.24 MSPCA Dress As An Animal Day
- 16.02.24 School closes for half term at 3.30pm
- 26.02.24 School reopens for new half-term

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

Message from Mr. Kelly

Can you believe it is now 2024?! Allow me to extend my best wishes for a prosperous, successful and healthy new year to everyone. The children have settled back into school routines quickly and eagerly and there have already been lots of super learning activities taking place in each of our classes. New learning themes are being explored with great enthusiasm and I'm sure you'll hear further details about these from your children in the coming weeks. It was an incredibly busy and productive end to the last term, and I hope that you all enjoyed our Christmas Nativity by reception and Y1, and the Carol Service in St. Ninian's Church. I thought the children were magnificent and it was a real privilege to watch their performances. School really couldn't do everything it does without the wonderful support of the parent community – and I really must extend a genuine and sincere thank you to the fabulous parents who helped to stage our wonderful Christmas fair towards the end of last term. The fair, together with our raffle, raised over £1000. I hope you find all the information in the newsletter useful: don't forget we publish newsletters on the first Friday of the month throughout term time. You can also find a plethora of information on our website, and via our social feeds on facebook and Twitter. *With best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher*

We wish to remind parents of the 48-hour rule. If your child experiences symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it is imperative that they stay home and are symptom-free for 48 hours before returning to school.

If you have a child due to start with us at Willaston School in September, please get in touch asap to register their place! If you know of any families in and around Willaston with children who will be school age in September, please encourage them to get in touch with us so they can register a place too!



MSPCA Dress As An Animal Day



Willaston School will be supporting the MSPCA by joining in with "Dress As An Animal Day" on Friday 16th 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!

More information to follow on this - we thought it would be useful to give you an early "heads-up!"

Uniform Update

A gentle reminder that our school uniform is now red polo shirts. The transition period has ended, so please ensure your child wears the correct colour to school.



Attendance Matters

Regular school attendance is crucial. Please be mindful that low attendance levels will be escalated to the Department of Education as required. It is also important for children to arrive on time for school every day; please do make every effort to be here by 8.55am.



Snacks and Drinks

Children are welcome to bring in a healthy snack to eat at playtimes. This could be fruit, vegetables or breadsticks etc. We do ask that items with nuts are not brought into school as we have several children with severe allergies. A reminder that children should bring their own water bottles into school and they are encouraged to drink regularly from our water coolers.

Kindness Matters - 30 Day Challenge

Willaston School is thrilled to launch our 30-Day Kindness Challenge, an initiative aimed at fostering a culture of compassion and empathy among our pupils. This exciting endeavour commenced with a live online assembly, collaboratively hosted with Laxey and Dhoon Schools. During this interactive session, pupils across our partnership schools explored the profound importance of kindness in our daily lives.

Our challenge encourages pupils to perform daily acts of kindness, whether it's helping a friend, sharing a smile, or expressing gratitude to family and staff. We believe that these small gestures can make a significant impact on our school environment and extend into our wider community.

Parents and guardians, you play a vital role in this journey. We invite you to engage in conversations with your children about their daily acts of kindness, a in the classroom.

We're excited to see the positive changes this challenge will bring to our schools and community. Let's work together to make kindness a fundamental part of our daily lives and watch as it transforms our interactions and relationships for the better.

Together, let's make kindness the norm, not the exception!



Gift Gratitude

A BIG thank you from our teachers and school staff for the thoughtful cards and presents received during the Christmas season.

Home-learning Approach

Today we are launching our **BRAND NEW** homework policy, addressing the previously inconsistent approach. There is a full explanation over on Facebook, and the policy can be found over on our school website. Today all of the children will be bringing home a pack with **EVERYTHING** that you need to know including log-in details to our e-learning platforms and a handy leaflet guide which goes through all the key details from our policy.

Breakfast Club - Reminder

Remember, adult accompaniment for a safe handover is expected for all children attending.

