

## Dates for your diary

**Thursday 5th January 2017**

Out to Play starts for Year 2 at 'Silverdale Glen'

**Wednesday 18th January**

Yr 6 open evening St Ninian's

**Wednesday 25th January** FAST Week 1

**Wednesday 1st February** FAST Week 2

**Wednesday 8th February** FAST Week 3

**Thursday 9th February**

Hockey Festival Year 3/4

**Week beginning 13th February**

Have your say week

**Wednesday 15th February** FAST Week 4

**Friday 17th February**

Half Term 1 week

**Wednesday 1st March** FAST Week 5

**Wednesday 8th March** FAST Week 6

**Monday 13th March**

Public Speaking

**Tuesday 14th March**

Daffodil judging

**Wednesday 15th March** FAST Week 7

**Thursday 16th March**

Chess Congress

**Wednesday 22nd March** FAST Graduation

**Thursday 23rd March**

Netball Years 4/5/6

**Wednesday 28th March**

Steel Pan Workshops

**Thursday 30th March**

Cross Country

**Monday/Tuesday 3rd/4th April**

Parents Evenings

**Friday 7th April - Easter Holidays**

These dates may be subject to change. More information on individual events will be sent nearer the time and posted on Willaston Facebook page

# Willaston Primary School

## Newsletter Jan. 17



Dear Parent/ Carer

We would like to wish you all a happy and healthy new year and hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

It was a very busy term last term with a number of memorable events. Our wonderful FAST/PAWS held a whole school conga, a disco and a Christmas fair. These were fantastic events, well attended, which together raised a great deal, which all goes to provide a better experience for your children. Each class was given £50 to spend on something for their classroom. We can't thank all those who give of their free time enough. All support is invaluable. If you are interested in joining the FAST/PAWS team, even in a small way, just watch out for information on their next meeting.

Our Fashion Show for Children in Need was thoroughly enjoyed by all, not least the teachers, who joined in the fun. We raised £426.37, which is a commendable amount. Photographs will be on display in the foyer next week, and can be purchased by the children. Can't wait to see them!!! Pop in and have a look.

Christmas concerts/nativities across the school were memorable and we hope you enjoyed them as much as the children did taking part.

Lets hope we all have a great term, and that we each continue to shine in our own unique way.



Come to the edge.  
We might fall.  
Come to the edge.  
It's too high!  
**COME TO THE EDGE!**  
So they came  
and he pushed  
and they flew.



## Outdoor Learning

The use of the outdoor area is continuing to be a success. Our outdoor classroom is a wonderful addition to our learning environment. A refit is still required inside the cabin, which is one of our next fundraising projects.

We are still in need of more additions to our **Playbin**. Any large items ie. pipes, tarpaulins, barrels, bins, suitcases, large fabrics etc. would be most welcome. The children,



as I am sure you have heard, get an enormous amount of enjoyment and creative play from the use of the Playbin. You are most welcome to come and join in at playtimes to see how we use it, if you wish to relive your childhood. Just contact the school office.

## Have your say

**Week beginning Monday 13th February**, there will be an opportunity for parents/carers to come in to school for a cuppa and a chat with myself. This is an informal get together where I can listen to your views on what is working well in school and any ideas you may have for future development. This is your school and we truly believe that you, along with your child should have a say in what happens. More details as to which year groups will be on which days will follow shortly. I do hope as many parents as possible will come and join us.

## Safeguarding

May I please remind parents that due to safeguarding procedures, **no-one** is permitted to enter school at any time, including lunchtimes, without first seeing a member of staff and signing in at the school office. Please wait on the red chairs if no-one is in the office. We are not far away!!

## Our Core Values

Why?

<p>Communicate</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to develop confidence to communicate ideas clearly</li> <li>• to collaborate with each other</li> <li>• to involve parents / community in learning</li> </ul> <p>A <b>collaborative</b> thinker</p>
<p>Enquire</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to promote independent thinkers</li> <li>• to foster the desire to explore and question</li> <li>• to confidently solve problems</li> </ul> <p>A <b>critical</b> thinker</p>
<p>Respect</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to appreciate and respect differences</li> <li>• to learn from each other</li> <li>• to be aware of their responsibility for their immediate and wider community</li> </ul> <p>A <b>caring</b> thinker</p>
<p>Aspire</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to aim high in all we do</li> <li>• to be a risk taker and self starter</li> <li>• to develop self-belief</li> </ul>
<p>Create</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to develop a sense of adventure</li> <li>• to think 'outside the box'</li> <li>• to find ways round problems</li> </ul> <p>A <b>creative</b> thinker</p>

## Swimming

We are still looking for extra support with swimming. This would involve just 2 hours every Wednesday morning until Easter. Please contact the school office if you can help us out.

## Forest School

Year 4 and Year 5 have already enjoyed their Forest School experience at Silverdale Glen. This half term it is for Year 2, then Year 3 next half term. Please ensure your child has a set of appropriate outdoor clothes for this, as they will inevitably get a bit dirty!!!!

## Clubs

We will be posting a timetable of the clubs for this term on our Facebook page, 'Parents at Willaston School' as soon as they are finalised. If you have any hidden talents or maybe no talents but bags of enthusiasm and would like to come and help out in school, please contact the school office. We really appreciate the help.

## Positive Behaviours



This term, as part of our behaviour systems, we are looking for 'Random acts of Kindness'. Children will be encouraged to say and do kind acts for each other. Do let us know if you see any "Random acts of Kindness" outside of school.

## Uniform



Thank you to the large majority of our children consistently arrive at school in the correct uniform. Unfortunately, already this term, there have been an increasing number of children turning up in trainers. We believe that respecting our school uniform policy is a very important message for our children, which we ask everyone to follow. Thank you so much for your support with this.

Can I just remind you that PE kits consist of black shorts, plain white T Shirt and black pumps. These need to be in school AT ALL TIMES, in a named PE bag. Please also name each individual piece of kit. Thank you.

## FAST

Our inspirational, award winning FAST (Families and Schools Together) programme enters its 3rd year this term. We hope as many families of children in our Reception class take advantage of this opportunity and become part of our growing family. It really is a fantastic evening, great food and great fun!!!!



## Daffodils



How are they coming along?? Don't forget, keep them outside for the time being, so that they don't bloom too soon. **Judging will be on 14th March.**

