

Dates for your diary

Thursday 16th March

Chess Congress - our thanks go to Mr Holden for coming in to assist Mrs Beggs prepare our children. We wish them luck!!

Friday 17th March

Daffodil judging

Monday 20th March

Trainee teacher starting in Year 3

Wednesday 22nd March **FAST Graduation**

Thursday 23rd March

Netball Years 4/5/6

Friday 24th March

Red Nose Day - mad hair day

Wednesday 28th March

Steel Pan Workshops

Thursday 30th March

Cross Country

Monday/Tuesday 3rd/4th April

Parents Evenings

Friday 7th April

QDOS performs - performing arts workshop

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 and via newsflashes on our new Willaston website willaston.sch.im

Willaston Primary School

Newsletter March 17



Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope the term is going well for you. How lovely it is to have already experienced a few lovely sunny days. It is fantastic to see our children running freely over our lovely school grounds. A visitor in school for a meeting last week, was watching the children at play out of the window and commented 'How lovely to see such 'Free Range Children'. I loved that expression as it so beautifully summed up how we feel children should be.

We really want to draw your attention to our new website. Thanks go to Miss Rutter for all her hard work in setting this up.

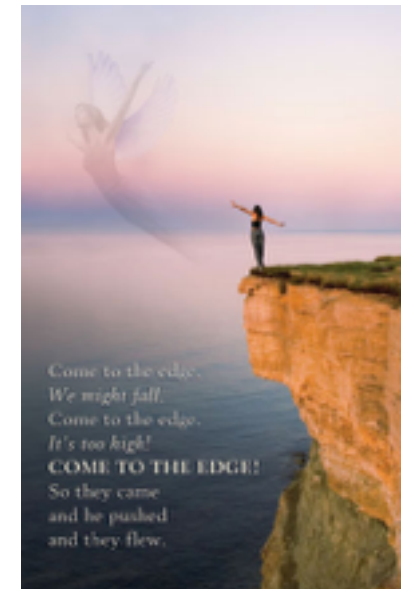
Please visit:- willaston.sch.im

where you will find a host of information, pictures, blogs, newsflashes etc... We would love to hear what you think.

We have a student teacher from Edgehill University starting next week in Year 3. She will be working closely with Miss Rutter. We know you and our children will welcome her and ensure her experience here is a wonderful, challenging one that takes her 'to the edge'!

Mrs Birchenough, one of our Child and Family Support Workers is leaving soon to have a baby. We wish her and her husband all the luck in the world as they start their family. We are in the process of appointing someone to cover her maternity leave.

Enjoy the rest of this term, and don't forget parents evenings. Further information to follow.



Triple E

We are aware that some of you may be wondering what Triple E is. It stands for Excellence, Enjoyment, Engagement. Every Friday afternoon all Key Stage 2 children go into core groups of 3 and select from a range of activities on offer.

We try to make these as unusual and interesting as possible. Ask your child what they are doing this half term.



Library

During a recent staff meeting, we had a big sort out of our school library. We realised that we needed to update many of our books. What better way than for children to choose!!

From next Monday we will be taking a class at a time down to 'Waterstones' so that each child will be able to select a book for our library.

There will be a small donation of £1 requested for this trip, in order to cover the cost of transport. A hot chocolate will be provided by Waterstones.

Lets hope the children make some good choices!!!!



Spanish visitors

We recently hosted 12 Headteachers from Spain. They thoroughly enjoyed their time in school and left so impressed with how your children independently manage their learning. Once again your children made us proud !!!!

Have your say

On Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th February we held our annual Have your say meetings. We wanted to share with you.....



Unfortunately very few parents attended. However, those that did, discussed a variety of areas:-

- water in the front yard
- play equipment in the front yard, when we are not using the field
- use of the notice board in the yard
- thinking maps and how they are used in school
- our new website
- parents coming in to support learning in school
- our SOLE (self organised learning environment) classroom

We also came up with some good ideas for the future:-

- a bring your parent/carer to school day, which we hope to implement in the Summer term
- having children managing and updating the notice board

Thank you so much to those parents that supported us. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions.

