



Willaston Primary School



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Dear Parent/ Carer

Well, the end of a very eventful year at Willaston. One that will really go down in history.

Let's think back and remember just some of the 'stand out' events and achievements this year. Photographs from most of these can be seen on our website www.willaston.sch.im:-

Community/Family/School events -delivering harvest hampers, 'Children in Need' day, Play for a day, Community Afternoon tea, Family lunches, School council trip to the Foodbank, Numerous cake sales to raise money for charities, Men in Sheds and Probation service rejuvenated our garden, Halloween Disco, Christmas concerts, Christmas Fair, World Book Day, Year 6 apprentice, Sports day, Year 6 activity week, a range of sporting events. Supporting our community is important to us and even though it was an interrupted year, we still managed to achieve a great deal.

Visitors to our School - over the course of this year we have welcomed a number of visitors to our classrooms to enhance the children's experiences. We have also been lucky to have received weekly support from the following:-

Chess Thanks to the passion of Mrs Beggs, we have been so very lucky to have had chess become part of the curriculum in Year 3. Unfortunately the visits were suspended during the year, but hopefully will resume in the not too distant future.

'Soundstart' - our Year 5 again had the chance to learn an instrument. This will be repeated next year for Year 5. Our thanks go to the music service and the **Dickenson Charitable Trust** for sponsoring this initiative. We are very lucky to be able to offer this opportunity to our children and hope it has ignited an interest in learning an instrument as a result.

Forest School - once again, every child had the opportunity to take part in Forest School with Isle of Play. This will be a continuing feature of the school curriculum in order to develop essential learning skills. Year 5 and Year 6 also had the opportunity to attend Ardwhallan outdoor pursuits.

Kingswood -it was a great disappointment that this did not take place this year. However, I think our staycation was some compensation for the children.

Our PAWS team worked tirelessly yet again this year on a number of events to raise funds for the school. The Christmas Fair was a huge success. All monies raised help to fund events like the Year 6 trip to Barbary Coast and the cost of travel for all the other year group trips that take place during the year.

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We still need more volunteers to join the team. Please contact the school in September, if you are interested. Your first point of contact will be Mr Ledger.

Farewell - We are so sorry to be having to say goodbye and good luck to Miss Adams, who has been such a valued member of staff. She has worked with many children and families since joining us and she will be using her skills of supporting others to embark upon a degree in Mental Health. We could not wish you more luck Samantha. You will be great!
We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Shimmin, who has been covering Mrs Piercy's maternity leave in Year 3. Thank you for all you have given to our children. Mrs Thompson will be covering the remainder of the maternity leave until Mrs Piercy returns to work.
Miss Marshall will also be finishing her role with us. Kate has brought so much to the team and we hope she will be able to return to us again soon.

We are both thrilled and saddened that Mrs Beggs has been successful in gaining a promotion to Deputy Headteacher of Bunscoill Rhumsaa. She will be leaving us early in the Autumn term when we have secured a new appointment. Lisa has been a huge part of Willaston for 14 years and her loss will be felt by us all. Her new school are incredibly lucky. We will save our goodbyes until the new school year.

A huge **Good Luck** to our Year 6 , who are heading off to pastures new. You have been such a wonderful class. Each and every one of you will be remembered for the special person that you are. We will miss you. Please do come in and see us, and remember , we are always here for you !

I would personally like to thank the team for all the hard work over the year. It has been a hugely challenging one and every member of staff has gone above and beyond to ensure our children receive all that they need to grow and learn. The cleaning/kitchen staff have had a great deal of extra work, which they have carried out with such positivity. It really is a team effort and I am indebted to them for their commitment and enthusiasm in improving the school experiences for the children. Thank you.

We would also like to thank **you** for your continued support, especially for how you became teachers during the year. We rely on you and value your input into all that goes on at school.

Most importantly we would like to thank our children, who continually make us proud, each and every day. We are all part of a great community at Willaston School.

May we join in wishing you a fantastic summer holiday. Let's hope we get some sunshine so we can make the most of our beautiful Island. We will see you at the start of the new school year on Wednesday 9th September. Stay safe and look after yourselves and each other.

Yours Faithfully

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