

## Dates for your diary

### Wednesday 14th September

Swimming starts for KS2 (year 3,4,5 and 6)

### Thursday 15th September

Forest School starts for Year 3

### Monday 10th October

Open afternoon from 2pm

### Tuesday 11th- Friday 14th October

NSPCC presentations to each class

### Thursday 13th October

Hockey Festival Yr3/4

### Tuesday 18th October

Harvest Festival

### Thursday 20th October

Halloween Disco

### Monday 24th - Friday 28th October Half Term

### Week beginning Monday 7th November

Parent Meetings - further details to follow

### Friday 18th November

Children in Need

### Thursday 24th November

Junior Achievement Year 6

### Week beginning 12th December

Concert week - further details to follow

### Week beginning 19th December

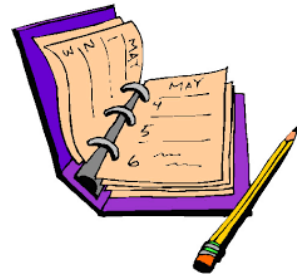
Party week

### Thursday 21st December

End of term

These dates may be subject to change. More information on individual events will be sent nearer the time and posted on our Facebook page and our website [Willaston.sch.im](http://Willaston.sch.im)

# Willaston Primary School



# Newsletter Sept. 22

Dear Parent/ Carer

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE. We hope you all had a fantastic Summer in the beautiful weather.

I cannot begin to tell you how lovely it is to have your children back in school. Just seeing their smiles and Good Mornings makes everything we do worthwhile. I do hope they have also enjoyed their first few days back in school and are beginning to get back into the routine again.

A very warm welcome to all our new Reception children and their families. Those new to our school community, please look out for upcoming information about **PAWS**, our hugely important team of parents and friends who work with us to support and raise funds for the benefit of your children. Without your involvement, all the additional events throughout the year just wouldn't happen. Children have already been asking me about a Halloween Disco!!!

A warm welcome to Miss Abbie Irving who joins our team teaching Year 1. Also welcome back to Miss Abby Holland who is covering teacher planning time. Welcome to Ms Jade Downey and Mrs Helen Cowin who join our lunchtime ancillaries under the guidance of Mr Pete Corrin.

Please visit our website where you will find all the updated school policies, information about our exciting curriculum, a wealth of other information about our school, along with some lovely photos of the children engaged in learning. Well worth a visit [www.willaston.sch.im](http://www.willaston.sch.im) We also now have a twitter account @willastonIOM to keep you updated with the latest news from our school.

I wish everyone a great year ahead and I thank you once again for all your continued support.



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.

## Open afternoon

We shall be holding an open afternoon on **Monday 10th October**.

This will be an opportunity for you to hear about what we are planning for this year and for your child to show you their classroom and their teacher. Last year this was a lovely informal get together so **PLEASE** do come and join us. A further reminder letter with more information will follow.



## Uniform



It is a delight to see how smart the children are at the start of the new term. I have been introduced to lots of shiny black school shoes.

Polo shirts can be any colour, school jumper navy blue, with or without a logo and grey/black trousers, **not** joggers. Thank you for your support in adhering to the school uniform. We believe smart appearance is very important.

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

Wellies are required if your child is to access the school field at playtimes. **Please name them.**

We recognise that uniform can get dirty and wear out quickly. You can never have enough!! In order to support, we have a huge range of spare uniform which you are most welcome to take, free of charge. Most of this is housed in the front entrance, but please ask if you can not find the correct size as we have lots stored behind the scenes.

If you have uniform that you no longer need, please donate them back to school. We especially need black shorts and school shoes in good condition.

Any parent willing to spare some time every few weeks to sort uniform, your help would be gratefully appreciated. Please see Beth/Rose.

## Bookbags



Just a reminder about our book bags. All new children to our school are given a free book bag to carry their reading books to and from school. This helps to keep them in good condition.

Please look after our school books and use the book bags. We are seeing a number of reading books being damaged by being put into back packs along with lunch and drinks. It costs us a great deal to replace them. If you need a new book bag, they are available from the school office, priced £4.50. Thank you for your support with this.

## 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!!**

Also vitally important is up to date contact details. Please ensure that we are notified if you change your mobile number. You may need to be contacted in case of an emergency.

We endeavour to have paperless systems and will continue to be sending newsletters via e mail. Please inform the office of your e mail address in order to be put on our mailing list.

## PAWS

We have an amazing PAWS (Parents at Willaston School) team who work tremendously hard to provide amazing events for our children throughout the year. Further details will follow regarding the first meeting but PLEASE the children need you to step and up and run events.

Thank you so much.

## Breakfast Club

Following the retirement of Mrs Quane - who we hope is enjoying being footloose and fancy free, we welcome Mr Corrin to work alongside Mrs Adams at breakfast club. Breakfast club starts at 7.35 each morning. Payment is £1.50 each day and can be made via Parent Pay.

Children enjoy cereal and/or toast and a drink and enjoy a range of activities.

## Active travel

Children have enjoyed riding their scooters to school during last year. This will continue with a slightly altered timetable.

Monday - Year 1, Tuesday - Year 2, Wednesday - Year 3, Thursday - Year 4, Year 5, Friday - Year 6.

Children must wear a helmet and we ask them to push scooters into and out of the school playground at the start and end of each day.

We also now have a bike shelter. Children who have passed their cycling proficiency are welcome, with your permission, to cycle to school and park their bikes safely. Any younger children who wish to ride their bikes must be accompanied by an adult on their journey to school.

All children must wear a cycle helmet.

## Lunchtimes

Thanks to the dedication of Faye and Irene in our kitchen, we introduced a new element to lunchtimes last year.

'Build a butty' is proving really popular and gives children the opportunity to choose a sandwich instead of the hot lunch. They can still help themselves to the salad bar and puddings and fruit. Sandwich fillings vary each day with options including cooked meats, tuna, cheese and on the odd occasion - jam!!

Don't forget we are always on hand to support you to apply for Free School meals if you are eligible.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch, please remember that due to some children with allergies, we ask that no food contains nuts. We promote healthy eating at Willaston so also ask that children do not bring sweets/fizzy drinks in their lunchboxes.

## cakes/sweets

Just a reminder. Some children in our school have severe allergies. In order to keep them safe, we ask that children do not bring in cakes or sweets to share with the class, or that re-cycled boxes etc. sent in for craft activities are not food packets. Thank you.

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