

# William Law CE Primary School



## School Newsletter – June 2022

### Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, it is delightful to see some sunshine and warmer weather.

I'm thrilled that both residentials went ahead as planned, and I'm sure you will agree from the photographs on Twitter, all children had a brilliant time away. It is such a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience nights away from home and be outside learning new skills.

Thank you to all parents and carers who passed on their thanks to staff for taking them away. Staff volunteers give up their evenings to be able to take the children away on residentials. On behalf of school, I would like to thank all staff who attended both Caythorpe (Year 6) and Grafham (Year 4).

As we approach the end of term, there are lots of exciting events such as Year 6 leavers disco, Sports Days, Year 2 production. Please see the diary update further on in this publication, for more information.



**Mr D Epton-Smith**  
Headteacher

### Staff Update

Miss Ding, Teaching Assistant will be leaving at the end of this academic year. We wish her well for the future.

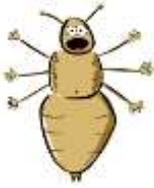
We have Mrs Allen, Mrs Tompson-Wright and Mr Mills joining us as Class Teacher in September 2022. Mr Mills will be a Class Teacher and Team Leader of two Year Groups. He has previously worked as a Deputy Headteacher in a school in another county. I am sure you will all make them feel welcome. Once children have met their new teachers on Move up Day, we will communicate the staffing to parents.

School will be fully staffed for 2022/2023.

### Queens Platinum Jubilee

The Government have provided a book for every child in school entitled "Queen Elizabeth, A Platinum Jubilee Celebration" and these have been handed out. School brought every child in KS2 a teddy bear keyring and ruler to commemorate this event and EYFS/KS1 received a picture book from the Church of England.

### Headlice



Please remember to periodically check your child's hair for headlice and treat as necessary if required.

Below is a link to the NHS webpage regarding how best to deal with them if found.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

### Sun Screen



Please ensure that your child brings sun screen with them to school so that they can apply it themselves on hot days. This should be labelled with their name and class. Children should also bring a sun hat that will cover their ears and neck. Baseball caps are not suitable.

### Parking on the Roundabout

If you are collecting your child from school following an after school club, please park your car in the school car park, down Twelvetree Avenue or in the community car park down Skaters Way. The roundabout should be kept clear at all times in case an emergency vehicle needs to come into school. There are two disabled parking spaces which should be kept clear for those that need to use it. In a recent survey of pupils, they raised their concerns about the amount of cars on site at the beginning and the end of the school day.



The parking barrier is now fixed so parents will no longer be able to access the roundabout at the start and end of the school day, unless they have previously been given permission to do so.

### Dogs in school

Please note that dogs are not permitted



to come onto school playgrounds or the playpark. They should be tethered up on the fences around school.

### Snack

We encourage parents to send their child in with fruit or vegetables for their morning snack. We promote healthy eating in school. Please remember that we are also a nut free school. If parents wish to hand out sweets or cakes to their child's class on their birthday, please do not send them into school as we will not be handing them out due to allergens. You can give them to the children on the playground once they have exited their classroom doors and with the permission of the child's parent.



### Communication

When sending emails into school, please remember to use [office@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:office@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk) and we will ensure that it reaches the correct person. Our policy for responding to communications is 48 hours. Please do not send another email if you haven't heard anything within this timeframe as you will be increasing the email traffic to that inbox and this could delay your email being responded to. Emails should not be sent directly to the Headteacher or Deputy Head. If you have a complaint, please follow our [Complaints Policy](#).

### Racks around School



There are scooter/bike racks in the playpark and at the front of school. Please can you use the ones at the front of school as the ones in the playpark are very busy. Please ensure that your child's scooter/bike is locked up at all times. These are left at your own risk.

### Parent Group



We are looking to put together a parent group to look at the Vision and Values of the school. Staff, pupils and Governors will also be holding one so everything will be done in consultation. If you are interested in joining this group please email [office@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:office@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk) by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Thank you for your support.

## School Uniform

Please see below a reminder of the school uniform that should be worn in school. We are seeing more and more children coming to school in trainers. This is not acceptable footwear for school.



- trousers and skirts/pinafore dresses should be grey [not black]
- cardigans/jumpers should be green (not grey)
- polo shirts should be yellow, grey or plain white. Plain white polo shirts can be purchased from most retailers
- plain white t-shirt and black shorts should be worn for PE with a plain dark coloured tracksuit in the winter. Dark sports leggings' are now permitted as part of the PE kit during the colder months.
- white or black socks should be worn and grey tights are acceptable in the colder months.
- children's footwear must be sturdy and safe, without excessive heels or open toes. Ideally children should wear black shoes or black ankle boots to support if recommended by a medical practitioner. Trainers should only be worn during PE/ sporting activities.
- in EYFS we recommend trousers and skirts with elastic waistbands, shoes with velcro and it is a great help if children can fasten their own coats. Children will be using the outdoor learning environment in all weathers. Please provide them with a pair of wellies and their own waterproof trousers and jacket or an all-in-one weather suit. We also recommend that you provide your child with a full set of clothing including a change of underwear and trousers/skirt (in case of toilet accidents or they become wet from their outdoor experiences). Please put these in your child's PE bag and replace them as required.
- With the exception of small stud earrings, jewelry (including bracelets and necklaces) is not allowed at school; neither is make up or nail varnish.
- Please could all earrings/studs be removed for PE/Games lessons. Children will need to remove these themselves or not wear earrings that day.
- Radical hair styles including shaven heads, tramlines and patterns cut into the hair, and excessive use of gel are not acceptable. Hair that is shoulder length or longer needs to be tied back please.
- Smart watches can be worn but these should not be connected to the child's phone (their phone should be switched off and handed in every day). If the watch has a built in GPS then this should also be deactivated whilst in school. Children should not be using the camera function on their watches in school.

## School Association



School Association  
WILLIAM LAW CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We currently have several Year 5 parents on our Committee and are looking to increase our numbers from parents who have children lower down in the school. If you are interested in joining us or could just lend a hand occasionally (known as our, 'lend a handers'), then please get in touch.

Without these roles filled our committee won't be able to operate which in turn will mean we won't be able to put on all the wonderful events that we currently organise.

If you think you would like to be involved helping to provide more of these wonderful extras and support the children of William Law in the way we do, we'd be really happy to talk through any questions you may have. Please get in touch on by emailing [school.association@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:school.association@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk)

## Parent View



We would welcome parent/carers comments about William Law.

Please click on the link to register and complete your views.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

## CATS Presents Jukebox Musicals – Summer School 2022

Cresset Arts & Theatre School (CATS) are delighted to present a brand new summer school for 2022. Please see the flyer at the end of this publication.

With a Jukebox Musicals theme, Summer School will give young performers the opportunity to participate in workshops delivered by creative professionals in acting, singing and dance. Monique Benoiton-Smith (Director and Choreographer) and Adam Pallister (Musical Director) will be working with the children all week to get them ready for a live stage performance on the Friday.

Summer School runs from Mon 8 – Fri 12 August 2022 9am to 5pm

The price per child for the week is £135

Get more information in the meantime by contacting [performingarts@cresset.co.uk](mailto:performingarts@cresset.co.uk).

## Guitar Teacher

Ann Burden, Guitar Teacher will be leaving at the end of this academic year. We wish to thank Ann for everything she has done for the pupils during her time with us.



There is an advert for a Guitar Teacher at the end of this newsletter. If you know anyone that would be able to undertake this role, please let them know about it.

If your child wishes to start learning an instrument in September taster letters are available from the office.

## Sensory Support and Fidget Toys



At William Law we always aim to meet the needs of our learners and appreciate that sometimes focus and attention can be difficult. Whilst the invention of the huge variety of fidget devices is great in offering a range of support for children, it can prove a bit of a distraction within learning times and a source of upset for some children if they lose them.

If your child requires a sensory device as a result of an additional need, this should firstly be discussed with your teacher who would then speak to Mrs Paterson the SENDCo.

We would ask that children are not sent in with their own fidget toys for use in class and if it is agreed with school that it is something your child requires, we would be happy to provide this as part of our SEND Offer.

In addition to this, children with sensory difficulties should not bring in their own chew devices. For the small number of children who have been identified to need a chew device for sensory stimulation, school will provide an approved chew device that can be used, cleaned and kept in school.

One final reminder, although there are no longer any formal COVID restrictions in place, we remain cautious and ask you to discourage children from bringing in toys from home. Should they need emotional support, please notify the [office@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:office@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk), a member of staff on the gate in the morning or via speaking to your child's class teacher at the end of the day and we would be happy to support their emotional needs as best we can.

Should you wish to be part of developing the SEND offer we have in school and how this is communicated with parents, Mrs Paterson welcomes you to attend the Coffee Morning on 6<sup>th</sup> July 9:30-10:30. Flyer attached.

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022	Year 1 – Ferry Meadows Trip
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	2.00pm – 3.00pm – EYFS Induction (Group B) 6.00pm – Music Evening
24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	9.00am – Class Assembly – 20F Forest School – Class 12
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	2.00pm – 3.00pm – EYFS Induction (Group A)
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	9.00am – Class Assembly – 6R Forest School – Class 12
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	2.00pm - Year 2 Concert to Parents
7 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	2.00pm – 3.00pm – EYFS Induction (Group B) 6.30pm – Year 2 Concert to Parents
8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	9.00am – Class Assembly – Dragonflies Forest School – Class 12
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Deadline for receipt of new Reception cohort for The Hive Out of School Club application forms for academic year 2022/2023
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Sports Day - Parents are invited to attend EYFS – 10.30am – 11.30am Year 1 and 2 – 1.00pm – 3.00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Sports Day - Parents are invited to attend Years 5 and 6 – 9.30am – 11.30am Years 3 and 4 – 1.00pm – 3.00pm 3.00pm – Whole School Presentations on field
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	6.00pm – 8.00pm - School Association BBQ Forest School – Class 12
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Alternative Sports Day
19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Alternative Sports Day 6.00pm – 8.00pm - Year 6 Leavers Disco
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	7.00pm – Year 6 Celebration Evening
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	2.00pm – Year 6 Leavers Service <b>Last day of Term</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	<b>First day of the new Academic year</b>

Events

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## William Law Primary School Coffee Morning

**Wednesday, 6th July  
2022**

**Online Zoom Meeting**

**09:30 - 10:30**

**Free to attend!**

Are you a parent carer of a child at William Law Primary School? Family Voice Peterborough is teaming up with William Law Primary School to help you meet others and understand what support is available to you, take part in training and more. You'll get your questions answered and, what's more with some sessions, refreshments will be delivered right to your door in time for the session!



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## **Advert for the role of Guitar teacher**

One full teaching day starting in September 2022

Would you like the opportunity to work as part of a musical primary school?

William Law CE Primary is an extremely popular and musical school located in Werrington, Peterborough. It has a firm tradition of valuing music and has alongside a dedicated music teacher for the whole school, a team of like-minded peripatetic teachers for woodwind, brass, piano, percussion and strings. We have a commitment to providing the best musical opportunities to all students and fully support all children.

Designated 'good' by Ofsted, William Law School is a co-educational, Church of England Primary Academy School in Peterborough, with a strong Christian ethos, catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11. The Academy is part of Peterborough Diocese Education Trust.

We are a welcoming and friendly community in which individuals are valued. The school is known for its emphasis upon a well-rounded education with a broad and balanced curriculum on offer. We pride ourselves on our curriculum offer which includes music as well as focusing on the required academic subjects.

We employ a whole team of specialist teachers in music.

We are looking for a guitar teacher to take up a day of teaching (6 hours) in this vibrant and successful music department. This constitutes teaching children individually or in paired lessons - classical guitar, ukulele and electric guitar. The school also expects and pays the teacher to take a weekly guitar ensemble which then performs at two concerts per academic year.

Each year a promotional meeting for parents is held. Primarily the aim is to enable children to enjoy and progress playing an instrument, however leading children to exams is also encouraged for some pupils. The school funds Pupil Premium children.

Each peripatetic teacher enters into and manages a contract with parents directly. Pay is set across all instrument teachers and current costs are in the terms and conditions (attached) and is reviewed annually with the team. Induction and safeguarding training are held at the beginning of each school year.

Please submit a letter of interest outlining your experience and qualifications of teaching guitar to primary aged children by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 at 9.00am.

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

The successful candidate would be required to start September 2022.

Applicants will have:

- A high level of playing the guitar
- Experience of teaching beginner instrumentalists and beyond
- Experience of leading groups / ensembles

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Electronic letters of interest should be returned to [office@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:office@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk)

Please note that applications will be considered for shortlisting as and when they are received and the Trust reserves the right to close the advert at any time. Successful candidates will be contacted directly to interview.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

**Strictly no agencies please.**



**CATS**

# SUMMER SCHOOL

**8 - 12 AUGUST**

**Cresset Arts & Theatre School** presents a brand-new Summer School. Enjoy a week of acting, singing and dancing workshops - culminating in a show-stopping Jukebox Musicals performance!

**Book now at [cresset.co.uk](http://cresset.co.uk)**



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other scammers claim to have winning tickets that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to lure them into declining payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

### DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

### ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been ignited by false messages being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent the same happening in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

### LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

### EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'restrict' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undownloaded. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they still need to be deleted from the address book.

### REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

### LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone adds a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

### THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp's 'live location' has a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

### DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'erase' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

### CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

### Meet Our Expert

Parveen Hour is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids H Cyber: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

