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'Learning For Life'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all and we welcome the children back to the Spring Term 1 of 2022. I hope you all had a good Christmas and a chance to rest. We have enjoyed listening to and reading all the news the children have shared about their holiday.

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### Covid Update

November 2021 saw a significant Covid outbreak at school impacting on pupils, staff and families across the whole school. As a result, the school operated under the Outbreak Management Plan for the remainder of the Autumn Term.

As of January 2022 we are no longer in this situation and therefore are not working with these restrictions in place. Classes will no longer be in bubbles, playtimes will be mixed and the start and finish times will revert back to normal (9am - 3.30pm). As a precaution, assemblies and dinners will remain separated into EYFS/KS1 and KS2 as these are the times when all the children assemble together for the longest times.

All staff will continue to LFT twice a week and wear masks in communal areas.

The rules around testing and isolation have changed since December and the latest advice can be found here: [Coronavirus Guidance](#)

As usual, we would ask that if your child has any symptoms and feels unwell that you keep them at home and take a LFT. Please call the office and keep us up to date. Thank you.

### Key Dates for Spring Term

<u>JANUARY</u>		
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	-	INSET Day - School Closed to pupils
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup>	-	First day of Spring Term for pupils
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Sam Clements' Club (indoor hockey)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Drumba (1 of 6)
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	-	KS1 Swimming (4 of 8)

Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Be Bold, Be Brave, Be You (Rattle & Roll Club)
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup>	-	3:30pm - 4:30pm (Y1-6) Board Games Club (1 of 4) Governor Committees 3.45pm & 4.45pm
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	-	Sam Clements' Club
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	-	Drumba (2 of 6)
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	-	KS1 Swimming (5 of 8)
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	-	Be Bold, Be Brave, Be You (Rattle & Roll Club)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Council Meeting DT Afternoon R & KS1 3:30pm - 4:30pm (Y1-6) Board Games Club (2 of 4)
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	-	Sam Clements' Club
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	-	Drumba (3 of 6)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	-	KS1 Swimming (6 of 8) Sports Hall Athletics Yrs 5/6
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Winter Art Club Activity for prospective New Sept 2022 Starters Be Bold, Be Brave, Be You (Rattle & Roll Club)
Weds 26 <sup>th</sup>	-	3:30pm - 4:30pm (Y1-6) Construction Club (3 of 4) 4:30pm - Full Governor Meeting
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	-	Sam Clements' Club
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	-	Drumba (4 of 6)
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	-	KS1 Swim (7 of 8)
<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>		
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Chinese New Year 2022 Be Bold, Be Brave, Be You (Rattle & Roll Club)
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	3:30pm - 4:30pm (Y1-6) Construction Club (4 of 4)
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Sam Clements' Club
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	-	Winter Olympics starts Pupil Parliament 2-4pm Drumba (5 of 6)
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	-	EYFS Balance Bike Training - 9.30-10.30 Lesson 1 10.45-11.45 Lesson 2 Last KS1 swim
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Safer Internet Day 2022 Be Bold, Be Brave, Be You (Rattle & Roll Club)
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	3:40pm - 6:30pm: Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	-	Sam Clements' Club
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Drumba (6 of 6)
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	-	HALF TERM
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	-	Start of Spring Term 2
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Be Bold, Be Brave, Be You (Rattle & Roll Club)
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Council Meeting
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	-	Book Week Spring Club (1 of 4)
<b><u>MARCH</u></b>		
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Shrove Tuesday Be Bold, Be Brave, Be You (Rattle & Roll Club)

Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	World Book Day
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Spring Club (2 of 4)
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Council Meeting - Be Bold, Be Brave, Be You (Rattle & Roll Club)
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	-	NFER English test week - Spelling Test Spring Club (3 of 4)
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	-	Reading Comprehension - Be Bold, Be Brave, Be You (Rattle & Roll Club)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	-	Grammar Test
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	-	Partake Theatre - Egyptians
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	-	Comic Relief 2022
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	-	World Poetry Day 2022 - Spring Club (4 of 4)
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Dress Rehearsal pm - Be Bold, Be Brave, Be You (Rattle & Roll Club)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	World Maths Day - morning - Willoughby Sings "The Musicals" 6-8pm [TBC]
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	-	Easter Bonnet Parade (am) - Egg Rolling (pm)
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	-	Egg Decorating (am) - Be Bold, Be Brave, Be You (Rattle & Roll Club)
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup>	-	Dance Festival (am) TSWA KS2 [TBC]
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	-	Easter Games
<b>APRIL</b>		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> - Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	-	EASTER HOLIDAY
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	-	First Day of Summer Term 2022

### Topics for the Term

The topics and themes covered by each Key Stage this term are as follows:

**EYFS:** Fairy Tales, Castles & Dragons

**KS1:** Famous for more than 5 Minutes (Mary Seacole & Florence Nightingale)  
Around the UK

**KS2:** Ancient Civilisations - The Egyptians  
Forces and Electricity

### Willoughby Award Winners

Congratulations to our recent winners of the Willoughby Award, awarded for effort in work, behaviour and other aspects of school life:

6/12 Evelyn M (Y3)      17/12 William B (Y6)  
10/12 Lexi E (Y2)

### School Council

At our final meeting of last term, School Council made some decisions for Spring Term 2022. These include, planning a toy swap before February half-term, having a biscuit sale for Easter and revising the shed equipment rota.

School council also celebrated having raised a total of £234 for various charities last term - a great achievement.

### **Vision 2022**

Vision 2022, which underpins and aims to sustain and develop further our achievements, delivering 'Learning for Life', continues to steer our development plan as a school, helping us to set priorities and keep our eyes fixed on what is important for us as a school community. If you would like to read more fully about this, please visit our website [www.willoughby.notts.sch.uk](http://www.willoughby.notts.sch.uk) and from the tab 'About', click on 'Introducing Willoughby Primary School' and click on the link 'Vision 2022 - Learning for Life'. The vision will be updated this year to reflect future aspirations to deliver the 'Learning for Life' ethos and values.

### **Consultations on Policies**

Our Governing Body works extremely hard at ensuring that all our policies are kept up to date and reflect best practice, drawing on model policies from the Local Authority. Our Policies can be viewed on the school website under the Policies tab. As part of reviewing them we are encouraged to consult with any interested parties. If there is a particular policy you would like to comment on and suggest contributions to, please email [office@willoughby.nott.sch.uk](mailto:office@willoughby.nott.sch.uk) or speak to a parent-governor representative.

### **Christmas Winners**

There were some extremely creative entries to the FOWs Christmas decoration and music competitions at the end of last term!

The winners were:

Christmas Music: Hector & Mabel

Recycled Christmas Decorations: Archie, Florence, Karl & Teddy



The lucky winners of the hampers were:

Book Hampers: Izzy, Phoebe & Teddy

Food Hampers: Archie & Edward/Henry

Thank you to FOWs for their organisation and prizes and also thank you to everyone for supporting by either buying raffle tickets or encouraging your children to enter. Any money raised is used for funding the various Christmas activities such as the visit to the pantomime and parties.

### After School Clubs

Every term we offer a block of after school clubs to our Years 1 to 6 which always prove very popular. You will have received information about this term's Board Games and Construction Club which is free of charge and a lovely way for the children to sit and play a game or make something out of construction toys with their friends. To help assist us, please return slips promptly and if your child is signed-up please ensure they are committed to the nights they say to help clubs run smoothly and save time chasing up absentees. My thanks to staff who give up their time to run these clubs.

Rattle & Roll, Clements Coaching and Drumming with Rockley Music will also resume this term. Please sign up in the usual way.

### Termly Theme

We will continue with our termly theme in January. Every week there is an activity and/or theme for the whole school to join in with. This term, for the first half of the term, we are going to start the year off with a look at the upcoming Winter Olympic Games in Beijing, China. This is the first time both the Winter and Summer Games have been held in the same city! Please encourage your children to participate in the tasks set up for them. This time I have put all the activities together in one booklet (please don't do them all at once!). The tasks are as follows:

<b>Week Beginning</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>Jan 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Guess the Winter Olympic Sports</u></b> Match the correct Winter Olympic name with the sport Can you find out how many events there will be in Beijing?
<b>Jan 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Winter Olympic Battleships</u></b> A little bit tricky this one! Read the instructions carefully and have a go.
<b>Jan 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Winter Olympic Code Breakers</u></b> You need to concentrate for this activity! Carefully fill in the boxes and work out the answers.
<b>Jan 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b><u>Design a Winter Olympic Outfit</u></b> Get creative and design an outfit worthy of a Winter Olympic competitor.
<b>Feb 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Athletes in Action</u></b> Describe the shapes and sports inside the outlines to reflect the sport.

If you feel you could help and/or contribute to any of these themes please let any of the staff know. We always welcome help, advice and expertise!

### Finally ...

- Information about Nottinghamshire's SEND local offer - *The SEND local offer is a comprehensive guide for families and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0-25, all contained within one website. It includes information on education, health and social care, short breaks, developing independence, transport and things*

*to do. It will enable you to search for services within your own community and across Nottinghamshire as a whole. To access their site please go to: [Nottinghamshire.sendlocaloffer.org.uk](http://Nottinghamshire.sendlocaloffer.org.uk) or search for 'Notts Local Offer'*

- The start of a New Year it is a good time to remind everyone that we encourage healthy snacks for breaks. Equally, if your child has a packed lunch please consider carefully the contents of their lunch box. It should not contain chocolate and other sugary drinks and snacks.
- Please could you help us to keep costs to a minimum by supplying your child with their own pencil case? Children need a pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, and a set of colouring pencils and felt pens.

Thank you for your ongoing support for all that we do as a school in this community to benefit our children. Please can I remind you that we do operate an 'open door' policy for our parents/carers who need to discuss any urgent issues at the start or end of the school day with staff.

Yours sincerely



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