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'Learning For Life'

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Dear Parents/Carers

I'm sure you have all benefitted from a restful half term and I am equally sure the children are full of energy, raring to go for the remainder of the Autumn Term.

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### **Safeguarding update**

The annual safeguarding audit takes place this month in school with myself and Mrs Marlow, our safeguarding Governor.

The NSPCC support for Parents page is a really useful link for a wide range of parenting needs. It offers parenting tips for all stages of your child's life, as well as advice on how to deal with difficult situations.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

### **Governor News**

At our Autumn meeting Sander Tiel agreed to stand for one more year as our Chair of Governors. The school will really benefit from Sander's clear vision and continued support of the school, along with all of the other Governors who give up their time to this important role.

Stephen Marshall was voted in as Vice Chair and has filled the LA Governor role.

Mrs Celia Dyson, unfortunately had to step down as a co-opted Governor due to family commitments and the Governors are actively looking to fill this role. If this is something you have considered and would like to know more about please talk to any of our Governors who are often around at the school gate.

The Governor section on the school website is the place to go for all information on current governors and their roles and responsibilities. The minutes of the committee meetings, as well as the termly full Governors Meetings, are uploaded on to the website shortly after

every meeting.

### **Key Dates for the Rest of the Term**

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> - Swimming for KS2 (7 of 9)

### **NOVEMBER**

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - Swimming for KS2 (8 of 9)

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day - 11:00am Assembly

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> - Swimming for KS2 (9 of 9)  
- Christmas Club (1 of 4)

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> - Taster Session for New September 2023 Starters

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> - Children in Need

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> - Swimming for KS1 & Reception (1 of 8)  
- Christmas Club (2 of 4)

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> - Assessment Week  
- Swimming for KS1 & Reception (2 of 8)  
- Christmas Club (3 of 4)

### **DECEMBER**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> - Swimming for KS1 & Reception (3 of 8) - Last one this term  
- Christmas Club (4 of 4)

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Fair [TBC]

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> - Progress Reports Emailed to Parents/Carers

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Jumper Day

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> - Carols for All @ Willoughby Church - 6:00pm

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - Nativity Dress Rehearsal - 1:00pm

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> - Pantomime @ Loughborough Town Hall (10:15am) - Sleeping Beauty.  
Packed Lunch required.

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> - Nativity @ Willoughby Church 6:30pm [TBC]

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> - Y1/2 - Football Festival @ South Wolds Academy & Sixth Form 1:00pm  
to 3:00pm

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party Day

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> - Last Day of Autumn Term

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>

January 2023

### **JANUARY**

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> - INSET DAY - School Closed to Pupils

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> - First Day of Spring Term 1

### **Thank you for support for Sopina**

We are continuing to collect the money raised through the children doing 'jobs' over the half term break. The money will support Sopina, the child we sponsor in Lunkaransarin, India. The sheets the children drew and coloured, showing what they were thankful for, were wonderful. Some of them have been put up on display in school by our Sopina display. Edward (Yr1) got his bookbag ready for the morning and is thankful for his house, his family, his car and his dog. Phoebe (Yr1) is thankful for the weather, trees and food. Isla (Yr6) unloaded the dishwasher and is thankful for her family and friends (and chocolate too!)

Your generosity means we are able to cover Sopina's education for the year and send the small surplus to Plan International who work with the children and families in the area. Sopina is only 9 years old and our pledge is to see each child we sponsor through until they leave school at 18 years of age.

### Harvest

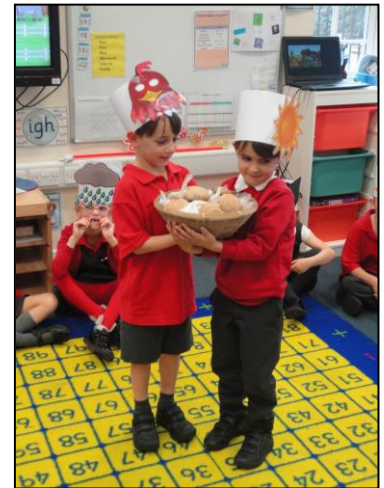
The children were all able to present various Harvest related performances in the KS1 classroom for us all to enjoy.

Years 3/4 taught us all about the harvests around the world at different times in the calendar.

All of KS2 sang a very popular Autumn song called 'Conkers' and then Year 5/6 read out their recipe for Autumn which was a class performance.

Our new EYFS children sang 'Big, Red, Combine Harvester' beautifully, along with the actions and Class 1 acted out the story of 'The Little Red Hen'.

Luckily for us all, the Little Red Hen *did* share the bread and everyone went home with a bread roll made by Class 1.



### Children in Need

Children in Need is back on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and, of course, School Council were unanimous in their decision to continue to support this special national event. The national theme this year is 'Be SPOTacular'.



School Council had a vote to decide the dressing up theme for our school. The most popular choice was to come dressed in anything related to the letter P for Pudsey.

Please send in a £2 donation (or more) on the day for this wonderful charity.

### E-Safety Policy

The latest version of the school's E-Safety policy is now on the school website.

Being online is an integral part of children's and young people's lives. Social media, online games, websites and apps can be accessed through mobile phones, computers, laptops and tablets - all of which form a part of children's and young people's online world. The internet and online technology provide new opportunities for pupil's learning and growth, but it can also expose them to new types of risks.

As a school we have a dual responsibility when it comes to e-safety: to ensure the school's online procedures keep children and young people safe, and to teach them about online safety, in and outside of school. Our E-Safety policy outlines our duties and responsibilities and we support the 'Think then Click' rules for each Key Stage that we sent out at the beginning of this school year. Please also read the Social Media section of this policy - we all have an obligation to act responsibly.

Whilst children are protected in school, please ensure that their time at home is monitored and that you have antivirus software and appropriate parental controls set. Many games now include some sort of chat facility. Please talk to your child about how they are speaking to friends online. Why not play Parents v Kids - are you ready? This is great for starting conversations about staying safe online. Play here:

<https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc/parents-vs-kids>

Another quiz that you can play online with your child (ages 7-11) that reinforces the SMART rules can be found at <https://www.childnet.com/young-people/primary/smart-rules-quiz>

### **Willoughby Award Winners**

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

7/10/22 Erin (Y5) 14/10/22 Polly (Y6)

Their photograph is displayed in school by our Willoughby Award board.

### **FOWs news**



Mrs Brown from FOWS recently refreshed the planters at the entrance to the school with a wonderful array of flowers and plants (with a little help from Eleanor and Florence!). Don't they look fantastic!

I am very grateful to FOWs for their on-going support of the school. They have continued to fund so many things in school. The following are all paid for out of the money they raised:

- The water cooler
- Forest School for all year groups
- The coach for the pantomime
- A termly budget for each class
- Times Table Rockstars subscription

Mrs Brown has also recently found out that the Co-op local community fund appeal has raised an amazing £3,177.34 for the EYFS canopy refurbishment. This is a fantastic amount of money and will be spent upgrading the storage, seating and play equipment for the EYFS

children. A huge thanks to all of you who signed up to the scheme and chose the school as your nominated organisation.

## **PE**

Last half-term the whole school was involved in a 6-week football block on a Friday afternoon up at the Community Park. Sam Clements, from Clements Coaching, taught Reception and KS1 and then KS2 plenty of skills whilst playing fun games and activities. Sam said he was particularly impressed with the quality and expertise displayed by both classes as well as the enthusiasm from everyone.

Congratulations also to the children who attended the Boccia tournament at the SWA. Mrs Dornan said they were very competitive and thoroughly enjoyed the event.



This half term KS2 will be learning to play golf with Mrs Ridgway on a Tuesday. She has recently bought a new set of golf equipment aimed at Primary School children and is keen to try it all out.

The next Friday PE block will be ball skills (R & KS1) and bench ball (KS2). Children should bring their PE kit in a bag, ready to take up to the village hall. They should also have a change of shoes to protect the village hall floor.

## **Christmas Fair**

At the current time we are planning to have a Christmas Fair on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at school.

As is traditional, the KS2 children will be involved, making games and running their stalls. We also hope to have some refreshments, an envelope tombola, parent presents and hampers (details to follow).

It is always a great way to get into the feel of Christmas but we do rely on your support- donating to the hamper, helping prepare games, as well as coming along to the event. I appreciate that this is an incredibly busy time of year so I am grateful for the support you always give.

## **School Council Fund Raisers**

At our latest School Council meeting the members agreed to support two Christmas appeals:

The first is to support Mrs Brooks with her Forget Me-Notts appeal. This is to help vulnerable children across the East Midlands know that they are not forgotten at Christmas time. School council have already sent home some fliers asking if you could donate a Cadbury's medium sized selection box and bring it in to school. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year in a row that Mrs Brooks has been supporting this charity and she would like to make it the best donation so far. Last year she managed to collect, wrap and label 280 boxes. Hopefully, with your help, we can make it even bigger this year.

The second is the Christmas Jumper Day appeal. Everyone is invited to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Donations of £1 (or more) will go to the 'Save the Children'. Children could wear either a bought jumper or add decorations to a jumper or just wear something Christmassy! This year we will be putting a rail outside school from the beginning of December for you to donate and/or bring and swap a Christmas jumper.

### Forest School



Our EYFS children have been very busy up at Willoughby Woods this half term doing Forest School with Kerry Hart. There are more photographs to see in the blog post on the school website.

Their six-week block has now come to an end. KS1 will be the next group to go but this will be in Spring Term 2 when the weather will start to get a bit warmer.

### Finally ...

- It was good to speak to the majority of parents/carers at our recent teacher meetings. It is nice for all the teachers to be able to spend some focussed time discussing how the children have settled in and are progressing. Our 'open door' policy is always there, and we are more than happy to talk to any parent at any stage in the term to discuss your child's emotional well-being or academic progress at any point during the term.
- Please see attached fliers for information about events from the Dogs Trust, Christmas wreath making and Nottingham Panthers 'Kids for a Quid'.
- Many thanks for your continued support for all that we do together to ensure all the children have a safe and happy environment in which to learn.

Beatrice Smith  
Head Teacher



## SAVE THE DATE CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING



Thursday 1 December 2022  
St Mary & All Saints Church, Willoughby

A fundraising event to help support International Scout Trips for 3 local boys

**George Bateson** is fundraising for his **World Scout Jamboree** in **South Korea** in August 2023

**William Bateson & Freddie Oliver** are fundraising to attend the **Spirit of Nepal** in October 2023

More event details to follow and thank you for your support

Any questions please contact Susie Bateson (07786 922601) or Fay Oliver (07813 191266)



**26th and 27th  
November  
10.30am-3.30pm**



# Christmas Fair

**At Dogs Trust Loughborough**



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Registered charity numbers: 227523 & SC037843

**SUN 6 NOV**  
FACE-OFF 4PM DOORS 2:30PM

  
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NOTTINGHAM

**TICKETS + FIXTURES**  
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