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'Learning For Life'

2022 September

Dear Parents/Carers

A very warm welcome back to all the children after the Summer holidays. It is lovely to see everyone so refreshed and ready to start a new school year. A particularly big welcome to our new starters in Reception. I hope they will all quickly settle in and enjoy their learning and all that Willoughby Primary School has to offer.

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Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains the number one priority in school and our duty lies with protecting the children in our care. The school's Child Protection Policy is updated every September and published on the school's website. All staff and Governors are committed to the government's Keeping Children Safe in Education policy, which is reviewed and renewed annually, keeping us up to date on local and national safeguarding guidance and policy. The school's safeguarding governor and designated safeguarding lead carry out an audit of safeguarding in school every year, which must be submitted to the NCC Safeguarding team.

In view of the 'Children Act' and safeguarding legislation, we legally have to adhere to the child protection procedures outlined. At Willoughby Primary, we try to keep in close contact with everyone by communicating regularly. However, should a situation arise whereby a child discloses information to us, or we suspect that the child may be subject to emotional, physical, sexual abuse or neglect, our duty lies with protecting the child. By law, we are instructed to inform Social Services about our concern, and to follow procedures set down by the Local Authority.

If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please contact:

Designated Safeguarding Lead - B Smith (Head Teacher) - head@willoughby.notts.sch.uk

Deputy Safeguarding Lead - A Smith (KS1 teacher) - asmith@willoughby.notts.sch.uk

Safeguarding Governor - C Marlow - cmarlow@willoughby.notts.sch.uk

Class Organisation

The structure of the classes this year is:-

- Class 1 - EYFS/Year 1 & 2 (KS1)
- Class 2 - Years 3-6 inclusive (KS2)

Within this structure, the EYFS group (5 pupils) have Mrs Dornan as their key worker, overseen by Mrs Barker.

Year 1 (7 pupils) and Year 2 (7 pupils) are taught by Mrs Smith on Monday - Wednesday inclusive and Mrs Barker on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Brooks continues to work with the EYFS group all day Thursday and on a Friday morning along with her role of providing additional support across the Key Stages.

Within the Key Stage 2 setting, the Upper and Lower key stages are taught separately on Monday to Thursday mornings. When together the class size is 24 pupils in total, with Mrs Ridgway taking responsibility for learning in Years 3 & 4 (13 pupils) and Miss Smith Years 5 & 6 (11 pupils). Mrs Griffin provides additional support in KS2.

In summary the class structure is:

Year	Class	Key Stage Group	No. of pupils	Teacher
Reception (Foundation 2)	Class 1	F2	5	Mrs Dornan Mon-Wed Mrs Brooks Thurs- Fri Mrs Barker Wed
Year 1	Class 1	KS1	7	Mrs Smith Mon- Wed Mrs Barker Thur-Fri
Year 2	Class 1	KS1	7	
Year 3	Class 2	KS2 (lower KS2)	7	Mrs Ridgway Mrs Hollis
Year 4	Class 2	KS2 (lower KS2)	6	
Year 5	Class 2	KS2 (upper KS2)	5	Miss Smith Mrs Hollis
Year 6	Class 2	KS2 (upper KS2)	6	

Staffing

Our staffing remains consistent with last year, with some continued Supply Teaching, Teaching Assistant and Office hours. Mrs Hollis will be working for a day and a half in KS2 and Mrs Barker will continue working for an additional day in the EYFS class. Mrs Smith's role as SENCo will be supported as she starts the SEN National Award at Nottingham Trent University in September.

I am also pleased to report that 'Rattle & Roll' will once again be running our music lessons with a new teacher starting on Tuesday 6th September. Sam Clements will also be delivering a 6-week football programme before half term on Fridays.

Rattle & Roll and Clements Coaching will also be offering an after-school club on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition to this, our Drumming teacher Jake Clark will continue to offer drumming lessons on a Friday morning. Please contact any of these providers if you would like your child to join in with these opportunities. Details are on the fliers at the end of this newsletter and on the school noticeboard.

Sports Day

It may seem a while ago now, but we had a fantastic sports day at Willoughby Community Park, with victory for the Black team. My thanks to Mrs Ridgway for another successful year organising this event. It was so good to see all of the children joining in and being cheered on by you all.

Freddie Oliver and Sam Navarro were awarded the honour of The Walter Skinner Memorial Trophy Sports Personality for 2022. Huge congratulations to all.



Playtime

Thankfully our playground is a fun, welcoming space where children can play together away from the classroom and enjoy being with their friends.

I am aware that there have been some concerns regarding incidents that sometimes occur during playtime, the reporting of them and sanctions for bad behaviour. Fortunately, such incidents are rare and usually dealt with at the time. Ofsted picked this up last December - 'Leaders address any rare incidents of poor behaviour straight away. Teachers make sure that pupils know what bullying is and why any kind of name-calling is wrong.'

In order to address any concerns however, from September we are introducing a Playtime Box for the member of staff on duty. Amongst other things, this will include a minor incident and minor accident book. This will record any patterns in behaviour that can then be addressed, as set out in the behaviour booklet. We all want playtime to be a happy experience for all of our children and will continue to work our hardest to ensure this is the case. Mrs Ridgway will, once again, organise a shed monitor and equipment schedule for the Year 6 pupils and the Well-Being ambassadors will continue in their roles.

In other news, phase 2 of the playground refurbishment has been agreed and the order placed. This will include:

- A redevelopment of the 'bin area'
- Astro turf surfacing and wooden 'shop' area
- 3 new wooden benches
- An EYFS wooden storage shed for bikes etc
- A new galvanised steel 5 a-side goal (to replace the current wooden one)
- A new enclosed bin store at the side of the shed

The work is being carried out by The School Playground Company once again and, once finished, should then complete the playground refurbishment project, totally regenerating the playtime space for our pupils.

September Events

There are a few special events coming up early in September that will get the new school year off to an exciting start:

The Tour of Britain

The Tour of Britain cycle race will pass through Nottinghamshire for the third time, in what will be the biggest free-to-attend sporting event the county has ever seen and we are going to be a part of it! The race takes in 190km (approx. 118 miles) of the county's roads starting in West Bridgford and finishing in Mansfield on the same day. We are going to line the road in Wysall and watch the riders speed past.

This will be a unique opportunity for us to see some of the world's top cyclists just down the road from the school. Crowds of over 250,000 lined the streets in September 2018, which was the last time our county hosted a stage of the tour, making it the largest sporting event in the county's history.

Visit to the Great Central Railway

On Wednesday 14th September the EYFS/KS1 children are travelling to Loughborough to go on the Great Central Railway. This is the UK's only double track, main line heritage railway. It is the only place in the world where full size steam engines can be seen passing each other - just as it was when steam ruled the rails. This should really enthuse the children ready for their 'Journeys - Then and Now' topic this term.

Children's Air Ambulance Helicopter and mascot visit

On Thursday 15th September we are going to have a very special visit from the Children's Air Ambulance helicopter and mascot, Blade. The HEMS helicopter will arrive at 11:00 and will land on the football pitch at the community park. We are all going to watch it land from the car park. Once down, the engine off and the rotors stationary, the children will be able to explore, ask questions and have photos taken with the pilot, doctor and paramedics.

School Council members are then going to hand over a donation cheque, with the money raised from the Willoughby Open Gardens event, with the helicopter in the background.

A huge thanks to Bob Allison for organising this wonderful opportunity for us.

Safety Zone

Year 5/6 are booked in for a visit to Holme Pierrepont September 20th 2022 from 9:30-11:45 am. Safety Zone provides important safety messages to nine to 11-year-olds from the likes of the Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, the Police and St John Ambulance amongst many other organisations. Safety Zone scenarios include electricity, water, transport and internet safety, arson and first aid.

The Safety Zone event has been running for many years, providing safety education to tens of thousands of children. All the agencies pull together and present such an interesting learning experience for children, which they will remember for a long time.

Please look out for more information on each of these events early on in the term.

PE kit/Swimming

A reminder of the following days for PE/swimming:

KS2	Monday swimming
	Tuesday & Friday PE kit in school
EYFS & KS1	Monday & Friday PE kit in school

PE kit consists of: shorts/track suit bottoms and trainers with a white t-shirt.

Please could you also send trainers in a plastic bag when the children are up at the field for football on a Friday.

Swimming (All Year Groups)

Children in KS2 will have 9 swimming sessions (from 5th September to 14th November 2022) and in KS1/EYFS they will have 8 sessions (from 21st November 2022 to 6th February 2023). More information will be sent out via the office regarding volunteer swimming helpers and goggles permission slips.

Voluntary Contributions

As many of you are aware, our school budget is constantly under review with the unit cost of educating a child in a village setting considerably higher than in an urban setting. In the past, we have been dependent on 'voluntary' contributions for some of the activities we run as a school. Governors have looked at these and I am pleased to announce that we will **not** be asking parents for any contributions for swimming and French this year.

FOWs

We are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive, friendly and generous group of parents in FOWs (Friends of Willoughby School) and I would like to thank them for all that they do for the school. I would thoroughly recommend any new parents to the school to get involved with them! Their message to everyone is:

Friends of Willoughby School (PTA)

Every parent is automatically a member of Friends of Willoughby School (FOWs) although it's totally up to you how involved you are! Our aim is to provide financial support towards educational and extra-curricular resources, equipment and experiences and to develop links between the parents, teachers and local community.

Do you want to join the Friends of Willoughby School committee?

We welcome any ideas for fundraising from parents and carers; offers of support at events are always appreciated too. Information about meetings can be found on the school website - all parents and carers are invited and very welcome to attend. Please come and share your talents with our school! Contact Lindsay by emailing friendsofwilloughbyschool@gmail.com or see us at the school gate.

Parents Evening Information

We would like to invite parents to a Parent/Teacher meeting on Wednesday 12th October.

These will be a mixture of in school meetings or a phone call if you prefer. The purpose of these early meetings is to discuss how your child has settled into the new term.

We would like this arrangement to be optional, as you may feel quite happy with how things are going, especially if your child has been attending Willoughby for a number of years, or is in the same class as last year. Further details about appointment times and arrangements on how this will work will be sent later.

As always, if there is anything of an urgent concern, please do not wait until parents evening to raise it, but call the school and arrange to talk to the class teacher or myself.

Emergency Closure & text messaging service

The procedures we have in place if we have to close the school at short notice (e.g. heating/electrics failure, severe weather) is via the text messaging service. A notice will be posted on the school gate by Debbie Brooks to inform all parents that school is closed. We will have an announcement on local radio station, Trent FM.

We do not operate a phone chain, although if you have problems with your mobile signal you might like to make a private arrangement for a parent friend to phone you.

The text messaging service continues to be very popular with parent/carers, so we will be continuing to subscribe to the service again this year. In order to help pay for this, could you please return the slip at the bottom of the letter enclosing a voluntary contribution.

Willoughby Award

The Willoughby Award celebration assembly is continuing this term on Fridays.

We come together, as a whole school, to join in this special weekly assembly. Children share their work and the Willoughby Award recipient is announced. In general, children will start to attain the award from Year 2 onwards.

The winner can take it home for the week and return it the following week.

July 2022 winner were:

Hector C - Yr6

Louis W - Yr 6

Izzy A - Yr 6

Illya M - Yr 3

Holidays

At Willoughby School we aim to achieve an attendance rate of over 96%. Days off school add up to lost learning- every school day counts! Please note that holidays should NOT be taken during term time. Under guidance from the DFE, holidays in term time can only be authorised for extenuating circumstances.

A reminder that our October half term holiday is a **2-week** holiday from Monday 17th- Friday 28th October 2022.

Key Dates for the Term

Below you will find our first draft of dates for this term, which include dates for Movie Club, which proved so popular last year. The club, from 3.30pm to 5.00pm and is open to all year groups. Additional diary dates are often added at shorter notice, so look out for letters to update you.

DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2022

<u>AUGUST</u>		
Weds 31 st	-	Admin Day
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		
Thurs 1 st	-	First Day of Autumn Term 1
Mon 5 th	-	Swimming for KS2 (1 of 9)
Weds 7 th	-	Movie Club (1 of 5)
Thurs 8 th	-	Tour of Britain
Fri 9 th	-	Sam Clements - Football (1 of 6) - every Friday afternoon for PE
Mon 12 th	-	Swimming for KS2 (2 of 9)
Tues 13 th	-	School Council - 12:30pm
Weds 14 th	-	Reception & KS1 Trip to GCR, Loughborough
	-	Movie Club (2 of 5)
	-	Governor Committee Meetings @ 4:00pm
Thurs 15 th	-	Air Ambulance Event
Fri 16 th	-	South Wolds Open Evening for Y5/6
Mon 19 th	-	Swimming for KS2 (3 of 9)
Tues 20 th	-	Y5/6 - Safety Zone @ Holme Pierrpont 9:00pm - 11:45pm
Weds 21 st	-	Movie Club (3 of 5)
Mon 26 th	-	Swimming for KS2 (4 of 9)
Tues 27 th	-	Individual & Sibling Photos

Weds 28 th	-	Movie Club (4 of 5)
	-	Full Governors 4:30pm
<u>OCTOBER</u>		
Mon 3 rd	-	Swimming for KS2 (5 of 9)
Tues 4 th	-	School Council @ 2:30pm
Weds 5 th	-	Movie Club (5 of 5)
	-	KS1 Parent information evening - Reading & Phonics
Fri 7 th	-	Pupil Parliament @ County Hall
Mon 10 th	-	Swimming for KS2 (6 of 9)
Weds 12 th	-	Harvest Assembly @ 2:45pm
	-	Parents Evening from 3:45pm
Thurs 13 th	-	Boccia @ South Wolds Academy (am)
Fri 14 th	-	Flu Vaccinations @ 1:00pm - YR to Y6 inclusive
Mon 17 th - Fri 28 th	-	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 31 st	-	Swimming for KS2 (7 of 9)
<u>NOVEMBER</u>		
Mon 7 th	-	Swimming for KS2 (8 of 9)
Fri 11 th	-	Remembrance Day - 11:00am Assembly
Mon 14 th	-	Swimming for KS2 (9 of 9)
	-	Christmas Club (1 of 4)
Weds 16 th	-	Taster Session for New September 2023 Starters [TBC]
Fri 18 th	-	Children in Need
Mon 21 st	-	Swimming for KS1 & Reception (1 of 8)
	-	Christmas Club (2 of 4)
Mon 28 th	-	Assessment Week
	-	Swimming for KS1 & Reception (2 of 8)
	-	Christmas Club (3 of 4)
<u>DECEMBER</u>		
Mon 5 th	-	Swimming for KS1 & Reception (3 of 8) - Last one this term
	-	Christmas Club (4 of 4)
Weds 7 th	-	Christmas Fair [TBC]
Thurs 8 th	-	Progress Reports Emailed to Parents/Carers
Fri 9 th	-	Christmas Jumper Day
Sun 11 th	-	Carols for All @ Willoughby Church - 6:00pm
Mon 12 th	-	Nativity Dress Rehearsal - 1:00pm
Tues 13 th	-	Pantomime @ L'boro Town Hall (10:15am) - Sleeping Beauty. Packed Lunch required.
Weds 14 th	-	Nativity @ Willoughby Church 6:30pm [TBC]
Thurs 15 th	-	Y1/2 - Football Festival @ South Wolds Academy & Sixth Form 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Tues 20 th	-	Christmas Party Day (TBC)

Weds 21 st	-	Last Day of Autumn Term
Thurs 22 nd - Tues 3 rd January 2023	-	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
<u>JANUARY</u>		
Weds 4 th	-	INSET DAY - School Closed to Pupils
Thurs 5 th	-	First Day of Spring Term 1

Termly Theme

Our school theme for this term is: 'Travel the Continents'

Everyone joined in so well with the Jubilee theme and I am hoping for the same level of enthusiasm this term! The Geography based theme fits in well with the topics across the classes this term. I will shortly be sending out a special sheet with the Termly Theme for all pupils to engage in. Please help your child with the weekly tasks where necessary.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching the Women's Euros and the Commonwealth Games over the holidays with all of the competitors displaying so many of the qualities we focussed on in our Olympic Values theme. Later on in the term, at the end of November unusually, we will have the men's Football World Cup to follow and get involved in. Once they have completed the 'Travel the Continents' theme, at least everyone should have a better idea of where all the teams are from.

Behaviour booklet and e-safety rules

All of the children will receive a behaviour booklet and e-safety rules sheet, which we will have talked about in class. Please could you take the time to read through both items and discuss them with your child. Please return the signed e-safety sheet to the office and keep the behaviour book at home. Thank you.

Finally ...

- Thank you all for your messages of support and well wishes coming back into school. We all really appreciate it. It is so good to see everyone back in school again.
- Please remember to name all items of clothing, book bags, shoes etc. and especially new P.E kit. Just a quick name in biro makes all the difference!
- Our 'open door' policy still stands. If you have any concerns, suggestions etc. please have a word at the gate or phone the school. We are all more than happy to talk things through.

We are all looking forward to a happy, healthy term.

Beatrice Smith
(Head Teacher)

Electronic copies of newsletters

All schools are encouraged to have electronic communication with parent/carers. You can access the newsletter on our school website. A hard copy is displayed on the school notice board. If you would prefer to receive newsletters by email please inform the school office.

To read all details of the newsletter 2022 Sept go to www.willoughby.notts.sch.uk and click on 'About' tab, then 'Newsletters' tab

Payment of voluntary contributions can be made via bank transfer, details of which are below:

Bank: Santander
Account Name: Willoughby School Fund
Sort Code: 09-01-54
Account Number: 31744009

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Text Messages from School

Family name

I enclose/have transferred by interbank transfer (please delete as appropriate)

a voluntary contribution of £10* ☐

£15* ☐

Other* ☐

If your mobile telephone number has changed since last year please note this here:

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ON THE STAGE: Super You!

For children in Reception – Year 6

We are delighted to be running our 'Super You!' themed On The Stage club in the Autumn Term. This club is a combination of dancing, drama and singing with a specific focus on building confidence and will draw on the best bits from the movies **Lightyear**, **Minions** and **Super Pets**.

On the Stage will run after school 3:30pm-5:00pm on **Tuesdays for Reception – Year 6**. Each session costs £8.50 and the club starts on 6th September and the final lesson on 13th December (Full details can be found on our website). **We accept all childcare vouchers and payments can be made in instalments. No payment is due until September.**

To sign up please visit www.rattleandrollperformance.com (you will need to register first if you haven't previously). To go straight to the class use code OSWIPS1.

If you have any questions please contact us on enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com or call 07722 014301.

Thank you and best wishes,

Katy Emmerson
Rattle and Roll



After School Sports Club

★ Trustpilot <https://uk.trustpilot.com/review/clementsmultisports.com>



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are back! Below you can find all the club that are going to be running in the first half of the Autumn term. As always, please don't hesitate to email or ring me if you have any enquiries.

The programme and dates are detailed below;

Hockey – Thursdays / 3:30pm - 4:30pm / Starting the 08/09/22.

Payment Options;

Single Session = £10 / full 6-week programme = £50

Please use the link below to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/s1xfJQ6bRZqdPX9g7>

Many Thanks,

S Clements

Samuel Clements

Contact Number: 07807 603 905

Contact Email: Info@clementsmultisports.com

From Sunday 11th September



www.wbhockey.co.uk

WBHC

Junior HOCKEY

For ages school year 1 and above

We offer a great opportunity for coaching and games from age 5 and up, with smooth progression to a high standard of adult league competition later on.

Junior training is held at the Becket School on Wilford Lane with qualified coaching and equipment provided! Our clubhouse and home pitch are next to West Bridgford School on Loughborough Road

West Bridgford Hockey Club offers some of the best junior coaching available anywhere in the country. We have both current and ex WB coached juniors of all ages now playing at regional, national and international levels at club, university and academies both here and abroad!

Training/coaching: For yrs 1-9 boys and girls
Sundays from 9.00am at our
Becket School pitch, Becket Way, off Wilford Lane.

Various age/ability groups
www.wbhockey.co.uk (Juniors) for session times

Come and join in from 9.00am,
or for further details contact

Sarah Aaron - sarah@wbhockey.co.uk

