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'Learning For Life'
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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all enjoyed your Easter Holiday and had a relaxing time with plenty of chocolate! We are all looking forward to a busy term with plenty of exciting opportunities for all the children.

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DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2023

<u>APRIL</u>		
Mon 17 th	-	First Day of Summer Term
Tues 18 th	-	Forest School for Year 3/4 10:45am-11.45 am (1 of 6)
	-	Nottingham Rugby KS2 2-3pm (1 of 5)
	-	PGL Parent information meeting 3.45pm
Thurs 20 th	-	Clements Coaching After School Club
Tues 25 th	-	Forest School for Year 3/4 10:45am-11.45 am (2 of 6)
	-	Nottingham Rugby KS2 2-3pm (2 of 5)
Weds 26 th	-	Summer Club 1
Thurs 27 th	-	Clements Coaching After School Club
<u>MAY</u>		
Mon 1 st	-	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 2 nd	-	Forest School for Year 3/4 10:45am-11.45 am (3 of 6)
	-	Nottingham Rugby KS2 2-3pm (3 of 5)
Weds 3 rd	-	Summer Club 2
Thurs 4 th	-	Coronation Celebration lunch
	-	Clements Coaching
Mon 8 th	-	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 9 th - Fri 12 th	-	KS2 SATs/Test Week

Tues 9 th	-	Forest School for Year 3/4 10:45am-11.45 am (4 of 6)
	-	Nottingham Rugby KS2 2-3pm (3 of 5)
	-	Yr 3/4 cricket festival 4-5.30pm
Weds 10 th	-	Summer Club 3
	-	4:30pm - Governor Committee Meetings
Thurs 11 th	-	9:30am - 12:00pm - Y3/4 Top Link Festival @ SWA
	-	Clements Coaching After School Club
Mon 15th - Thurs 25th	-	KS1 Tests
Tues 16 th	-	Forest School for Year 3/4 10:45am-11.45 am (5 of 6)
	-	Tri Golf 4-5.30 pm
Weds 17 th	-	Summer Club 4
Thurs 18 th	-	Clements Coaching After School Club
Mon 22 nd - Wed 24 th	-	PGL - Years 5/6
Tues 23 rd	-	Forest School for Year 3/4 10:45am-11.45 am (6 of 6)
Weds 24 th	-	NO Summer Club
	-	4:30pm - Full Governors
Thurs 25 th	-	Clements Coaching After School Club
Fri 26 th	-	Break up for half term
Mon 29 th May - Fri 2 nd June	-	HALF TERM WEEK
<u>JUNE</u>		
Mon 5 th	-	Start of SUMMER 2 TERM
Tues 6 th	-	Forest School for Year 5/6 10:45am-11.45 am (1 of 6)
Thurs 8 th	-	Clements Coaching After School Club
Mon 12 th - Fri 16 th	-	Country Theme Week - Ukraine
Mon 12 th	-	Summer Club 5
Tues 13 th	-	Forest School for Year 5/6 10:45am-11.45 am (2 of 6)
Thurs 15 th	-	Whole school & class photos
	-	3:45pm-5:00pm - Y5/6 Rounders Tournament @ SWA
	-	Clements Coaching After School Club
Mon 19 th	-	Summer Club 6
Tues 20 th	-	Keyworth Cricket Festival
	-	Forest School for Year 5/6 10:45am-11.45 am (3 of 6)
Wed 21 st	-	New Starters Parent Information Evening 3.45pm
Thurs 22 nd	-	Clements Coaching After School Club
Mon 26 th	-	Summer Club 7
Tues 27 th	-	Forest School for Year 5/6 10:45am-11.45 am (4 of 6)
Thurs 29 th	-	Transition morning EYFS Transition morning Year 6 Intake Day @ SWA (1 of 2)

	-	Clements Coaching After School Club
Fri 30 th	-	Year 6 Intake Day @ SWA (2 of 2)
<u>JULY</u>		
Mon 3 rd	-	Summer Club 8 - (last one)
Tues 4 th	-	Forest School for Year 5/6 10:45am-11.45 am (5 of 6)
Weds 5 th	-	1:40pm - 3:10pm - Y6 Sports Afternoon @ SWA
Thurs 6 th	-	School Council Bake Sale
	-	Clements Coaching After School Club
Mon 10 th	-	Whole School Sports Day Practice
Tues 11 th	-	Forest School for Year 5/6 10:45am-11.45 am (6 of 6)
Weds 12 th	-	Sports Day @ Community Park (TBC)
Thurs 13 th	-	SWA Yr 6 Sports afternoon
	-	Clements Coaching After School Club
Fri 14 th	-	Reports sent home
Tues 18 th	-	Whole School Trip (TBC)
Weds 19 th	-	Open afternoon 3pm
Thurs 20 th	-	Clements Coaching After School Club
Fri 21 st	-	2:45pm - Leavers Assembly
Mon 24 th	-	INSET Day - School Closed for pupils
Tues 25 th	-	INSET Day - School Closed for pupils
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		
Mon 4 th	-	ADMIN Day - School Closed for pupils
Tues 5 th	-	INSET Day - School Closed for pupils
Wed 6 th	-	BEGINNING OF AUTUMN TERM 1

Staffing Update

Following the departure of Mrs Moothia in March I am happy to announce that we have a new member of staff joining us from the beginning of this term. Mrs Laura Shepherd will be taking over the role of part-time job share Office Manager to work alongside Mrs Ledward.

Mrs Shepherd will work $\frac{1}{2}$ a day on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and all-day Friday. We are really looking forward to welcoming her to our Willoughby Team!

I would also like to take the chance to thank Mrs Ledward and Mrs Marlow once again, for their support in the recruitment process.

Forest School

After the resounding success of the Forest School sessions with Kerry Hart and EYFS and KS1, we are happy to announce that the opportunity will now be extended to the rest of the school over the Summer Term, very generously funded once again by FOWs. This year we have extended the KS2 sessions to 6 weeks. The dates and times are as follows:

Day of week	Time	Year Group	Dates	Block
Tuesdays	10.45 - 11.45 am	Year 3/4	18 th 25 th April 2 nd 9 th 16 th 23 rd May	6-week block Summer Term 1
Tuesdays	10.45 - 11.45 am	Year 5/6	6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th June 4 th 11 th July	6-week block Summer Term 2

Well Done to our Easter Winners

The children enjoyed taking part in all our Easter competitions and as always high standards made it difficult to decide on winners.

Our winners of the **Easter bonnets** (judging was carried out by Mrs Ledward):

EYFS: Gracie

KS1: Phoebe

Georgia

KS2: Isabelle

Florence

Polly



Winners of the **decorated eggs** (judging was carried out by Mrs Fuentes and Kirsty):

EYFS: A Train on the track - Monty (YR)

Class 1 (Y1 & 2): Christopher Wren- Teddy (Y1)

Thomas Farriner - Jacob (Y2)

Class 2 (Y3 & 4): "You said Peace" -Isabelle (Y3)

Roman Battlefield - Jessica (Y4)

Class 2 (Y5 & 6): Roman Baths - Erin (Y5)

The Colosseum - Isla (Y6)

Congratulations to our **egg rolling** champions:

Rae (EYFS & KS1)

Tabitha (KS2)

My thanks to everyone who helped at home in preparing for Easter activities, to Kirsty and Mrs Fuentes for the judging and finally to the children themselves-their enthusiasm is always boundless and their imagination endless!





Willoughby Award Winners

Congratulations to our recent winners of the Willoughby Award. All very worthy winners.

3/3/23	Eleanor J (Y2)	17/3/23	Toby A (Y4)
9/3/23	Jessica W (Y4)	24/3/23	Eleanor B (Y6)

EYFS Canopy Refurbishment

As the final part of the playground refurbishment project, the EYFS canopy has been undergoing a renovation of its own, thanks to the Co-Op funding organised by FOWS.

Two large wooden storage cupboards have been constructed, carefully positioned around pipes and drainage. Matching all of the other solid wooden equipment we have on the playground, they will smarten up the entrance to the school at the same time as providing useful shelving to store EYFS equipment. A sturdy metal hanging line has also been put up for paintings, drapes and other things. My thanks to Mrs Barker, FOWS and The School Playground Company for all their hard work on this project. The finishing touches will be completed early on this term for the EYFS children to enjoy.



Blog Posts

The school website is regularly updated with photographs on the blog section. Recently we have added post on the DT day making Roman Shields, World Book Day, the snow day, Indoor rowing for Yr 5/6 as well as the History visits from the Partake Theatre Company. Willoughby Sings also features with some lovely photos of this event. Please visit the site to have a look!

Thank You for Money Raised

Many thanks for supporting Red Nose Day at the end of March. A total of £91.00 was raised through our dressing up in the Animal Antics theme. The playground was awash with animals of all varieties for the day as we raised money for this very worthy cause. School Council are keen to do more fund raising this term.

School Council Pupil Parliament Visit

On Friday 3rd February our two Year 6 School Council members, Arabella and Duke, visited County Hall to represent Willoughby School at the RLAPP (Rushcliffe Learning Alliance Pupil Parliament). The forum was visited by Kids Against Plastic whose aims are to help young people (and not so young people) to learn about environmental issues such as plastic pollution and the Climate Crisis. One of the campaigns they would like RLAPP to get involved in is KAPtat. KAPtat is short for Kids Against Plastic tat, with tat being the pointless throwaway plastic toys that magazine publishers add to their comics and magazines.

<https://www.kidsagainstplastic.co.uk/kaptat/>

Both Arabella and Duke were able to talk about the issue in Year 5/6 and everyone is keen to join in. As part of the project the children are encouraged to write to the CEO of Tesco asking Tesco to stop selling children's comics and magazines that have cheap, nasty plastic toys on the front cover. We will also sign the petition.

At the next Pupil Parliament in June, Arabella and Duke will be able to put questions to our MP Ruth Edwards.

Clubs for the Summer Term

This term we will have two after school club opportunities.

Mondays/Wednesdays: School Summer Club - Starts Monday 25th April (email sent last term)

Thursdays: Clements Coaching Club - Starts Thursday 20th April

Please click on this link to find details of Sam Clements After School Club

<https://forms.gle/Pf2zN1MCGCjSDZuc6>

The King's Coronation

The whole school will be celebrating King Charles III's Coronation with a Coronation Street Party on the playground on Thursday 4th May. We would like the children to come dressed in red, white and blue for the day and join in with a picnic on the playground. Please watch out for further information about what food to send in soon.

Finally

- PE lessons will be outside this term, either on the playground or up at the Community Park. Please make sure your child has their kit in school on the correct day-
EYFS & KS1 Monday and Friday
KS2 Monday, Tuesday and Friday
- Please note that dinner money has increased to £2.55 per day, for those that pay, from May 8th.
- As the new term starts, it is a good time to check all school uniform is named and pencil cases have been refreshed.

As always, thank you for all of your on-going support of all that we do in school.



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