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'Learning For Life'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write with an update as we accelerate into our final term of the academic year. The second half of the Summer Term is always a busy but fun time in school with a wide variety of events going on.

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Head Teacher Appointment News

To all parents

In response to Miss Smith's announcement that she will leave Willoughby School at the end of this term the Board of Governors has been working hard to recruit a new Head Teacher. A selection committee was formed to work on the process of drafting the recruitment requirements, publishing an advertisement, shortlisting candidates, conducting interviews and finally recommending a candidate to the full Board of Governors.

With pleasure I can announce that we have found an excellent candidate, who will join our school in September 2023. Mrs. Joanne (Jo) Linnett comes with over 25 years of teaching experience across the primary age-range in 5 different schools. She's an experienced teacher, maths lead, Primary Maths Specialist for East Midlands South, a deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and has also filled multiple school governor roles, showcasing her leadership qualities.

We are thrilled to have found an excellent candidate for our School and look forward to see Mrs. Linnett continue on the strong foundations established by Miss Smith.

My special thanks to all the members of the selection panel Mrs. R. Kealy, Mr. N. Brown, Mr. D. Harris and our external advisor Mr. A. Gray.

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Chair of Governors

Coronation Celebrations

What would the Summer term be without a Royal celebration!?

The whole school joined in with the coronation celebrations early on in May.

We decorated the school fence once again with bunting and flags. The children enjoyed a 'street party' with traditional sandwiches and cakes. Everyone wore their own crowns, waved flags and each child was given a souvenir medal to mark this special celebration.



In the buildup, the children learned about the new King and his role, and future reign. KS2 learnt about what a monarchy was as well as looking at the current Royal family tree. I am sure our celebrations would have had Royal approval!



Willoughby Award

Congratulations also to our recent winners of the Willoughby Award. We are really proud of them all!

21/4/23 Arabella (Y6)
28/4/23 Isabelle (Y3)

12/5/23 Toby H (Y3)
19/5/23 Lexi (Y3)

Induction Morning

Children will have the opportunity to be in their new class groups for an induction morning on Thursday 29th June, where they will have the opportunity to work with their new peer group: -

New Reception Intake	-	Mrs Brooks/Mrs Barker
Current Reception/Year 1	-	Mrs Smith
Current Year 2/3	-	Mrs Ridgway/Mrs Dornan
Current Year 4/5	-	Miss Smith

Our Year 6 pupils are on Induction days at their new secondary schools. Where there is an exception to this, the remaining Year 6s will be able to help with the younger children in school.

Attendance

A child with a good school attendance record is setting themselves up for a better future once they leave school. Employers want staff who are reliable, and good attendance is a sign that a person can be trusted.

Did you know that missing five days of every term every year is the same as missing one whole school year? School cannot authorise absence for holidays, visiting friends or relatives and the like. The expectation is that all our children attend school for 100% of the sessions in a year, recognising acceptable reasons for absence for genuine illness and medical reasons. My thanks to the overwhelming majority of our parents for ensuring their child(ren) have no recorded unauthorised absences.

Sports Events

The sports calendar, organised in connection with the Rushcliffe School Sports Partnership and The South Wolds Academy, is running well as recent sporting events outside school have shown. The following events have taken place or will take place soon:

- Year 3/4 Top Link festival
- Year 3/4 Cricket festival
- PGL residential
- Year 4/5/6 Dance Workshop
- Year 5/6 Rounders festival

We also have the Keyworth Cricket festival as well as the Yr 6 Sports afternoon to look forward to this half term, not forgetting Sports day on **Wednesday 12th July**. My thanks to Mrs Ridgway for coordinating these events, providing wonderful sporting opportunities for our pupils.

Opening of the EYFS Canopy area



The newly refurbished EYFS canopy area has been officially 'opened' by Mrs Barker and FOWs. Thanks to FOWs organisation and Mrs Barker's eye for detail, the EYFS children now have a welcoming and creative space to use all year round. Thank you to all involved!



Reports this Year

We are currently working hard to collate all the information to bring you your child's report for this year. We aim to have reports available for **Friday 14th July**. The report will include your child's current attainment and progress as well as any SATs results for the children that took those tests. They will once again be in booklet form to save on paper.

Open Afternoon will be on **Tuesday 18th July** (please note the date change), where you will have the opportunity to sit alongside your child to look at their work for the year.

Whole School Visit

Staff discussed a number of different options for our whole school visit this year. We have decided that in line with our aims of 'Helping Children to enjoy being a child', we will be visiting Robin Hoods Wheelgate Park in Farnsfield. This shared school visit of a fun day out with their classmates helps make memorable experiences. The visit will take place on **Wednesday 19th July**. We have decided to fund the whole of the trip through the school budget again this year, to try and help families as the rise in the cost of living continues to squeeze finances for everyone.

School Council

In our latest meeting together, School Council put forward two suggestions to finish off their time as representatives.

Firstly, they are having a Bake Sale on **Thursday 6th July** from 3.30-4pm (donations gratefully received!)

Secondly, they are organising a Teddy Bear's Picnic for the whole school on **Monday 17th July** at the community Park after lunch (details to follow).

Arabella and Duke also have their final visit to Pupil Parliament in early June where they will be debating the single use plastic issue and discussing transition to secondary school for the Year 6s.

Local Send Offer

The SEND Local Offer aims to bring together helpful and useful information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families. It is a comprehensive guide to services and support all in one place.

The local authority have produced a video with local parents and young people to promote the use of the [SEND Local Offer](#) to other families living in the County, which explains what the Local Offer is and how it could be used.

- The link to the video is: https://youtu.be/W90gvdBgl_U

PANTS - NSPCC

PANTS- the **Underwear Rule** is a simple way that parents can help keep children safe from sexual abuse - without using scary or embarrassing words.

You can go to the following links- [simple guide for parents \(PDF\)](#), and this [child-friendly one \(PDF\)](#), which will help you talk **PANTS** with your child. There are guides for children and parents with learning disabilities.

Finally.....

- Our Country theme week in the second week after half term will be looking at **Australia**.
- Jungle Jo will be visiting classes on **Thursday 22nd June** thanks to another kind donation from FOWs
- Please note the change of dates for the Open afternoon - **Tuesday 18th July**- and the Whole School Trip - **Wednesday 19th July**.
- Please see the attached flyers for half activities involving the Loughborough Cycling Festival and The Dogs Trust

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



Loughborough
University

**FREE
ENTRY!**

LOUGHBOROUGH CYCLING FESTIVAL

Loughborough University's famous Campus will be turned into a racetrack this May! The fast, technical circuit makes this the perfect course for watching the next generation of elite cyclists!

Come and see the action with entertainment and activities for the whole family!

SUNDAY 28 MAY

9AM - 6PM

HAZLERIGG FOUNTAIN

EPINAL WAY, LOUGHBOROUGH LE11 3TU



**SCAN TO FIND
OUT MORE!**



Tuesday 30th May 2023

10.30am – 12pm

**Loughborough Rehoming Centre
Wymeswold LE12 6SE**



Half Term Fun for Kids

Children Aged 7-11 (must be accompanied by an adult)

Learn more about Dogs!

Free - Limited Spaces - Booking essential.



At Dogs Trust we work hard to activate the mind and body of every dog in our care. This workshop will do the same for children, we will play games, solve challenges, and learn life skills along the way!

Our aim is to help children understand how to behave around dogs both at home and when out and about, and how to be kind to their four-legged friends. They will also learn about how dogs communicate with their human friends.

**For more information or to book your place, please contact Sarah
E: sarah.saunders@dogstrust.org.uk or T: 07917 838332**

No real dogs will attend this event.