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'Learning For Life'
March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

This newsletter covers events for the rest of the term as we progress towards Spring and lighter and longer days.

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Safeguarding update

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child/ren out of school hours please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Miss Smith) head@willoughby.notts.sch.uk. Alternatively, if Miss Smith is unable to respond please contact the deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Smith asmith@willoughby.notts.sch.uk and leave an email.

Miss Smith has recently updated her Safeguarding training by completing the designated lead refresher course in February.

Staffing News

It is with great sadness that I have to announce another staff member who will shortly be leaving the school. Mrs Griffin, who has a long and wonderful connection with the school, has decided to move on to new pastures.

She writes:

'I have had the pleasure of working here for some 15 years, beginning as a volunteer and progressing to a paid Teaching Assistant. It has been a pleasure to see so many children thrive and gain such a fantastic foundation to their lives, including my own children. I will be sad to leave such a fantastic team, but I now feel that it is time to move on.

I have taken the brave, and somewhat daunting, decision to return to a finance role with a firm of accountants... to make use of my qualifications as a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Advisor. I hope that my new work colleagues will be as lovely and supportive as the Willoughby Team have been over the years.'

Having taught both of Mrs Griffin's children, and worked alongside her for all of the years she has been here, I know what an enormous hole she is going to leave!

She is much loved by all the staff and children and will truly be missed. She has always been willing to go the 'extra mile' in support of children and colleagues, accompanying many a PGL visit

and often bringing her knowledge and expertise from cubs and scouts into school. As the key contact member of staff for the support of the KS2 children as they move up through the school, she has carefully guided so many children and built up their confidence along the way. Mrs Griffin has also doubled up as one of our Senior Midday Supervisors, assisting our children in the dining area and then helping to supervise on the playground - a vital role in the day to day running of the school.

I wish Mrs Griffin all the very best for her future as she begins a new chapter of her life and thank her for all the care and help she has shown to the children over the years. We will all miss her a lot.

Dates for Rest of the Term

Mon 27 th - Fri 3 rd March	-	Book Week - please see letter emailed with details
<u>MARCH</u>		
Thurs 2 nd	-	World Book Day - Dressing Up Day
	-	Book Swap
Mon 6 th	-	Spring Club (2 of 4)
Tues 7 th	-	12:30pm - School Council
Thurs 9 th	-	KS2 - Time Travelling @ Southwell Minster 9.45am -2.30pm
Mon 13 th	-	Assessment week
	-	Easter Club (3 of 4)
Thurs 16 th	-	Y5/6 - Dance Workshop: 1pm to 4pm @ SWA
Fri 17 th	-	Red Nose Day 2023
Mon 20 th	-	Easter Club (4 of 4)
Tues 21 st	-	Willoughby Sings Whatever the Weather 6pm
Weds 22 nd	-	KS1 Partake Theatre Company - The Great Fire of London
Thurs 23 rd	-	KS2 Partake Theatre Company - Romans
	-	Pupil Progress reports sent out
Mon 27 th	-	Easter Bonnet Parade am
	-	Egg Rolling pm
Tues 28 th	-	Egg Decorating am
Weds 29 th	-	KS2 to SWA Dance Show 9.15am
	-	EYFS Balance Bikes am
	-	Year 3/4 Level 1 Cycling Proficiency 1pm
Thurs 30 th	-	Easter Games
	-	Break Up for Easter Holiday
Fri 31 st	-	INSET DAY - School Closed to Pupils
<u>APRIL</u>		
Mon 3 rd to Fri 14 th	-	EASTER HOLIDAY
Mon 17 th	-	SUMMER TERM 2023 BEGINS
		First Day Back for all Pupils

NB

Wake & Shake	-	Every Tuesday 8:30am - 9:00am - Reception & KS1
		Every Thursday 8:30am - 9:00am - KS2 PLEASE ARRIVE PROMPTLY AT 8:30am
Sam Clements Sports Club	-	Every Thursday 3:30pm - 4:30pm (sign up required)

Spring Club

Details of this term's after school club on a Monday have already been sent out to parents. We are ordering the supplies for the club so would really appreciate it if you booked your child/ren in promptly. Thank you.

Willoughby Award Winners

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

3/2 Georgia (Y2)

24/2 Florence (Y4)

10/2 Rosie (Y5)

Forest School

Our KS1 children have just started a 6-week block of Forest School on a Tuesday afternoon. Forest school is a specialised approach to outdoor learning that aims to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning in woodland environments. The sessions are being run by Kerry Hart up at Willoughby Woods and are generously funded by FOWs for all year groups throughout the year. Dressed in outdoor clothing the first session involved making a fire and eating pancakes. What a wonderful opportunity for our children!



FOWS update

At their recent meeting FOWS outlined the wide and extensive variety of support that they are able to give the school for the rest of the academic year. They include the following:

1. Continuation of Times Table Rockstars subscription, Water cooler and funding for the coach for the Pantomime
2. EYFS canopy equipment to add to the refurbishment from the Co-op funding
3. Funding for Forest School for all year groups
4. Summer Term whole school visit from Jungle Jo.
5. Refreshments at the Spring Term Music event Tuesday 21st March
6. Payment for the Partake Theatre Company - KS1 The Great Fire of London (Wednesday 22nd March) KS2 The Romans (Thursday 23^d March)
7. Funding for the end of year whole school trip (to be decided)

As you can see, all of the children will benefit hugely from these activities and we are very grateful that we have such an active and generous group of parents working hard to make these things happen. Thank you FOWS.

Comic Relief

Comic Relief (Red Nose Day), takes place on Friday 18th March, when we invite you to donate £2 or more towards the work of this extraordinary charity.

If you are able to purchase your child a red nose from the shops then they can wear that on Friday in addition to non-uniform. All children are invited to come dressed-up in the theme of 'Animal Antics'.

Willoughby Sings Whatever the Weather

The information has recently gone out for our 'Willoughby Sings Whatever the Weather' event on **Tuesday 21st March** and tickets will be issued very soon. On the night, children should arrive at the village hall at 5.45pm and we will aim to start at 6pm. We are still working out timings but we aim to have an interval when you be able to purchase drinks which FOWs are organising.

If you have not yet returned your slips please can you do so as it will help with organisation in the office.

Rushcliffe Children's Centre

We have been asked to share the following information with you from the Rushcliffe Children's Centre. Please also see attached flyer.

Our Family Support Drop In sessions are restarting in March.

They will run once a once at 6 different venues across the district. With no booking required.

Please come along for a brief chat with our Family Support Team if you are wanting advice or support with parenting for your child 0-5.

We look forward to see you there.

Contact us (your Children's Centre team) if you require any further information by:

Phone: 0115 977 3749

Email: cc.rushcliffe@nottsc.gov.uk

or just walk in to one of our buildings

Finally....

- Please remind children to have a PE kit in school to get changed into- KS1 Monday & Friday
KS2 Monday, Tuesday & Friday
- EYFS and Year 3/4 parents please look out for information about balance bikes and cycling proficiency on Wednesday March 29th
- Please see attached fliers

Beatrice Smith
Head Teacher

Nottinghamshire Children's Centre Service

Family Support Drop Ins

A drop-in session to support parents and carers of under 5's in the Rushcliffe district. Topics include but are not limited to toilet training, emotional well-being, behaviour, speech and language and other general parenting concerns.



Turn over to find out the drop-in times and venues for
March - July 2023

You can access the
Children's Centre
Service by phone,
email, complete a
request for service
form or just walk in to
one of our buildings.



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HOLIDAY WORKSHOP DATES 2023

Dance, Drama & Musical Theatre, film making

EASTER WORKSHOPS

More going on than Willy Wonkas chocolate Factory. Egg Hunts, Film making, storytelling, lots of performing arts fun!

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The one that books the quickest! In the Summer we have a live performance at the end of each week. Children get to showcase their new skills!

All the fun takes place at

Ratcliffe College,
Fosse Way,
Ratcliffe on the Wreake,
Leicester
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WORKSHOPS COMING UP

EASTER : 3rd April - 14th April



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