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'Learning For Life'

2021 July

Dear Parents/Carers

We have somehow made it through to the final few weeks of the academic year- and what a year it has been again! It is always an enjoyable and busy time so please do keep an eye on dates and information.

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COVID update

We are very mindful that infection rates are rising in this area, predominantly among younger children. We have a lot of exciting plans for the end of term, so please be extra vigilant and take lateral flow tests if you are at all unsure.

If we do have to close any of our school bubbles, we will inform parents initially by text message followed by an email outlining specific details and dates. Staff will begin remote learning on the day after any notification, in order to give everyone a chance to get organised.

Reminder of INSET and Dates

Please remember school finishes on Friday 23rd July for the Summer holidays (26th-28th July are INSET days)

The key dates for the rest of the term are as follows:

KEY DATES FOR REST OF SUMMER TERM 2021

JUNE

- Tues 29th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 30th - Road Safety talk for all year groups from the Road Safety Officer
- 3:30pm-4:30pm - After School Summer Club (7 of 7)

JULY

- Thurs 1st - ~~Year 6 South Wolds Academy Intake Taster Day (1 of 2)~~ CANCELLED
- ~~New Reception Starters Visit 9:30am-11:30am~~ CANCELLED
- Sam Clements After School Club

- Friday 2nd - ~~Year 6 South Wolds Academy Intake Taster Day (2 of 2)~~ **CANCELLED**
- Tues 6th - The Arts Society Trail of Discovery
- Thurs 8th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Tues 13th - KS2: Tudor Day (visit from Partake Theatre Company)
- Weds 14th - Sam Clements After School Club
- Fri 16th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- MON 19th - Whole School Sports Day @ Community Park
- Tues 20th - BIG BIRTHDAY BASH
- Thurs 22nd - Reports and Parent Questionnaire sent home
- Fri 23rd - Open Afternoon phone calls (if required)
- Mon 26th - 12:30pm - School Council
- Tues 27th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 28th - WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO TWYXCROSS ZOO
- 2:45pm Leavers Assembly on Playground
- BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS**
- INSET DAY - School Closed to All Pupils
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AUGUST

- Tues 31st - ADMIN DAY - School Closed to All Pupils

SEPTEMBER

- Weds 1st - **AUTUMN TERM 1 BEGINS**

Nottinghamshire School holiday Dates

A copy of the school holiday dates for 2021-22 is at the end of the newsletter. You can also see a copy on the school website. There is also some information about Water Safety and a free training opportunity from The Dogs Trust attached.

Transition Morning

Transition morning has been affected by COVID this year. The year 6s are no longer visiting their prospective schools in person and we do not want to mix bubbles across the school. Therefore we have unfortunately had to cancel the event altogether.

Classes for September

Year	Class	Key Stage Group	Teacher
Reception (Foundation 2)	Class 1	F2 (Foundation 2)	Mrs Dornan Mon-Wed Mrs Brooks Thurs- Fri Mrs Barker Tues
Year 1	Class 1	KS1	Mrs Smith Mon- Wed
Year 2	Class 1	KS1	Mrs Barker Thur-Fri
Year 3	Class 2	KS2 (lower KS2)	Mrs Ridgway
Year 4	Class 2	KS2 (lower KS2)	
Year 5	Class 2	KS2 (upper KS2)	Miss Smith
Year 6	Class 2	KS2 (upper KS2)	

Miss Smith will have a 0.5 teaching commitment in KS2 with responsibility for Years 5 & 6, with some whole KS2 teaching.

Mrs Ridgway has a 0.5 teaching contract, plus 0.2 for specialist P.E. teaching, carrying on the role of School Sports Co-ordinator. She will be responsible for Years 3 & 4 and whole KS2 teaching all day Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

All three of our teaching assistants: Mrs Dornan, Mrs Brooks and Mrs Griffin also support both classes at specific times and our children who need a little extra help.

Reports

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 16th July. This will include details of the Willoughby 10 Step Progress Indicator (W10SPI) alongside test results and an explanation to help you better understand your child's current attainment and progress.

Sadly, there will be no 'in person' open afternoon again this year but we aim to send some of the children's work home for you to look at and be available for phone discussions if you would like one.

School Council Cake Sale

My thanks to all the children who are on our School Council. They suggested and organised the cake sale and with your help raised a magnificent £46.20 for School Fund. Thank you for baking and buying on the day. School Council will report back once they have spent the money!

School Cricket



KS2 have been fortunate to have had cricket coaching this term from Keyworth Cricket Club organised by Barry Baker. As you can see from the photograph the training has paid off!

A team from KS2 represented Willoughby at the annual Keyworth Cricket Festival and they were the Plate winners!

Congratulations to all involved.

Big Birthday Bash

FOWs have organised a very special treat for the end of term for all of the children. We are all mindful of the fact that the children have all missed out on so much this year- not least birthday parties! To try and make up for this FOWs have organised an entertainer and party treat for the children on Friday 16th July in the afternoon. I am very grateful to FOWs for planning and running this lovely event which should be great fun for all of the children.

School Trip

Our whole school trip to Twycross zoo will go ahead on Thursday 22nd July. As this date falls just after the lifting of the final COVID restrictions we should all be fine to travel together on the bus to the zoo.

Once there, we will be splitting into groups and meeting up together again at lunchtime. Please look out for the letter with further information.

Sports Day

Sports Day is on Wednesday 14th July and we intend to run it as close to normal as possible within the COVID safety guidelines.

The children will sit under the gazebos in their class bubbles, complete their events and return to their groups. There will be no mixing of classes.

As parents, we urge you to help us out by keeping to your family groups, sitting 2m apart from others and by not mixing.

Most schools in Rushcliffe are not allowing parents at any events due to the increased COVID risk in our area but we feel with our small numbers and by adhering to protocols we can safely run the event.

Willoughby Award Winners

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

11/6/21 Arabella B (Y4)

25/6/21 William Br (Y6)

18/6/21 Hector C (Y5)

Special Award

Isla Knight in Year 4 has received the scouts Commissioner's Commendation Award for all of her charity work this year, as she raised money for The Little Princess Trust. This award is shown by a purple knot badge and Isla can wear it on her uniform with pride. Congratulations Isla we are all very proud of you!

Finally

When I was asked recently about how the school year has gone I described it as rollercoaster: Autumn term- we were all on a steep rise upwards, back together in school, learning again and reaching up with excitement.

Spring Term- this all came crashing down with the National lockdown and 8 long weeks of remote learning and the joys of zoom.

Summer term- we are back on the rise, reaching an even higher peak as the vaccination programme has rolled out and the children's lives have resumed to almost normality. We still have the fear that we may be in for another downward swoop, but we know what that feels like now!

Most children love the thrill of a rollercoaster so, we too, should learn to embrace what is ahead!

I would like to thank you all for your wonderful support through this rollercoaster of a year. You are all such supportive and caring parents.

I would also like to thank the Governors for doing all the work behind the scenes to keep the school going.

And finally, I would like to thank the staff for their amazing work this year. They always go above and beyond and their commitment to the children and the school is unquestionable.

Enjoy the Summer break and we all look forward to seeing you once again in September.

Beatrice Smith

Head Teacher

Thursday July 29th 10.30am - 12pm
Friday August 6th 10.30am - 12pm
Tuesday August 10th 1.30pm - 3pm
Wednesday August 18th 10.30am - 12pm

Loughborough Rehoming Centre
Wymeswold, LE12 6SE



Learn with Dogs Trust this summer 90- minute workshop with games, activities and craft



Have fun whilst learning how to be safe around dogs and be responsible dog owners.

Free - for children aged 7-11 (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Limited places - booking essential

For more information or to book your place call Sarah on 07917838332
or email sarah.saunders@dogstrust.org.uk

Children will remain the responsibility of the accompanying adult.
No real dogs will be in attendance at this event.



learnwithdogstrust.org.uk



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[DT_Educ](https://twitter.com/DT_Educ)

Registered Charity Numbers: 227523 & SC037843

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2021-22



September 2021 to July 2022

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School Holidays
 Public Holidays
 Administration Day
 INSET Day

Autumn Term

Schools Open - morning Tuesday 31 August 2021
 Half Term - Monday 18 October 2021 - Friday 22 October 2021
 Schools close - evening Friday 17 December 2021

Summer Term

Schools Open - morning Tuesday 19 April 2022
 May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 2 May 2022
 Half Term - Monday 30 May 2022 - Friday 3 June 2022
 Schools Close - evening Thursday 29 July 2022

Spring Term

Schools Open - morning Tuesday 4 January 2022
 Half Term - Monday 14 February 2022 - Friday 18 February 2022
 Spring Break - Monday 4 April 2022 - Monday 18 April 2022



ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings.

Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family.

Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

In an emergency:

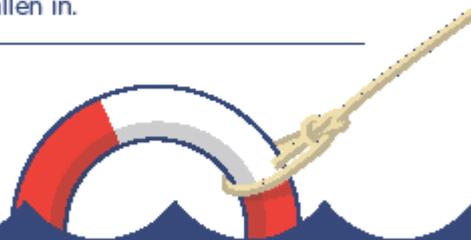
CALL 999

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help.

Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



Enjoy Water **Safely**

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills.
Visit www.rlss.org.uk