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'Learning For Life'

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Dear Parents/Carers

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Covid 19 update

We continue to follow all government guidelines in school with plenty of ventilation in the school, outside play as well as keeping our groups separated.

We are tentatively putting in place arrangements for later on in the term, for activities which involve all of the children together. These will all be subject to on-going information and guidance. All being well, however, a whole school trip, Sports Day and a Big Birthday Celebration should all be able to go ahead quite safely.

A COVID Catch-Up Action Plan has been added to the website to outline how the school is spending our additional funding. We aim to reach all of the children in the school over the next term with either small group and 1-1 sessions, phonics catch up lessons as well as extension groups and well-being activities. If you would like to know more detail about any of this please ask class teachers or myself.

Finally, as a school, we will be responding to the Children's Commissioner survey called [The Big Ask](#). This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England and it will be used to show the government what children think, and what they need to live happier lives. There is also a section where parents and adults can respond as well. Please follow the link and see the flyer at the end of the newsletter to find out more.

Parent/Governor Opportunity

The Governing body are always working tirelessly, behind the scenes on a whole range of matters in support of the school. They really are a wonderful asset to us all and a lovely set of people! Two long-standing governors have come to the end of their terms of office and will sadly be leaving the Governors this term.

Denise Howitt has been a co-opted Governor for over 5 years overseeing Appraisal, SEN and Inclusion as well as Modern Foreign languages. She is such a friendly and positive person and her laughter was always guaranteed to brighten up every meeting. She was particularly welcoming to me when I had my first Governors meeting - thank you Denise!

Owen Devine comes to the end of his term of office as well this month. Owen is a parent governor in charge of Data protection and Computing. We owe Owen a huge debt of gratitude for overseeing recent major changes in GDPR -no mean feat!

On behalf of the school, we would like to say a massive thank you to them both for all of their hard work and commitment.

With this in mind we will therefore shortly begin the process for a parent governor election. If this is something you have considered and would like to know more about please talk to Sander Tiel or Tom Bateson who are both parent governors as well as Chair and Deputy Chair. Email nominations will be sent out shortly.

Governor Information

The Governor section on the school website is the place to go for all information on current governors and their roles and responsibilities. The minutes of the committee meetings, as well as the termly full Governors Meetings, are uploaded on to the website after every meeting.

FOWs Update

Friends of Willoughby School

This summer Laura Affleck (Chair) and Susie Bateson (Secretary) will be stepping down and leaving the committee after many really enjoyable years of fundraising, events and sociable times with fellow committee members. The charity currently has a healthy bank balance, annual passive income through the 100 Club & lots of ideas for future fundraising, so it's a great time to get involved - whether as an ordinary member or to replace Laura or Susie. You can chat to either of them at the school gate or by emailing lauraaffleck@hotmail.com or susiebateson@gmail.com; also see our website for more detail of what their roles entail. (<http://www.willoughby.notts.sch.uk/fows/>).

Throughout lockdown, FOWS has continued to raise money and as always, we are really grateful for your support! Since our last update, we have raised £369 from the cookbook, £137 from the Christmas cards and £329 from the safari sale. We've been able to support school by paying for, amongst other things, the KS2 French lessons & leavers' hoodies for year 6. If you have any ideas for fundraising or for what we could spend our funds on, we'd love to hear from you!

Emergency Procedures

As part of the school's Emergency Action Plan we are required to carry out fire-drills, which the children are familiar with. We also have in place a system to 'lock-down' if a situation arose when we needed to move all the children from outside of the school to remain in school. Children will be reminded this term of the signal for lock-down. As this is sensitive information, no further information is communicated via newsletter nor included on the website. If you require further information, please do ask me. Governors are aware of the need for emergency lock-down procedures to be in place and we practise emergency procedures with the children.

Willoughby Award Winners

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

23/4/21 Izzy A (Y5) 30/4/21 Harry J (Y3)

Curriculum Update

The curriculum button on the Willoughby Primary School website has had an update.

If you would like to read more fully about this, please visit our website

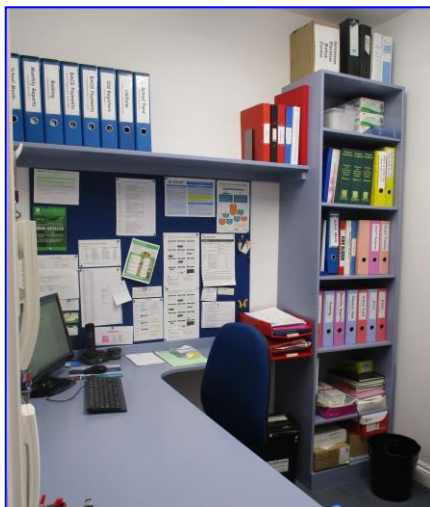
www.willoughby.notts.sch.uk and from the tab 'About', click on 'Curriculum' and click on the link.

For each subject there is a general blurb with a photograph, as well as links to curriculum statements and National Curriculum links. Learning progression tables for each subject across the Key Stages will be added shortly.

Drumba Sessions

I hope your child is enjoying their Drumba sessions on Fridays. These are being paid for out of our School Sports Premium. It is an exercise format that combines drumsticks with dance steps to create a fast paced, intense cardio workout for the upper and lower body. As a school we are required to show the impact of this funding stream and consider the benefit on pupils' physical well-being. Drumba offers us an alternative activity alongside traditional sporting activities, is inclusive and ensures full participation rates.

Office Refurbishment



Over the Easter holidays the School Office has had a long overdue make over!

The walls have had a fresh coat of paint and the old desk and mish-mash of furniture have now been replaced with a sleek, new, custom made, curved, blue desk with a co-ordinated blue book case.

The office managers - Mrs Ledward and Mrs Lambton are thrilled with the new look, making their working environment so much nicer!

Thank You for Money Raised

Many thanks for supporting the Captain Sir Tom Moore organised by our School Council. The children all diligently walked 100 laps of the playground - The Reception children completed it as a class, KS1 walked in pairs and KS2 completed the walk with 100 individual laps. So far we have raised £88.50.

School Council are keen to do one more fund-raiser this year to make the £100 mark and to raise money for some new playtime equipment. This will take the form of a Cake Sale on Tuesday 15th June.

Annual Equality Information

There is a statutory requirement to publish Annual Equality Information. This has now been collated and includes our current equality objectives for 2020/21. The document can be requested from the office or found on the school website under the Policies tab.

Dates for the Term

Please see below for a list of all our dates for this term. We sometimes add details during the term so watch out for further information.

MAY

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| Mon 3 rd | - | MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed |
| Tues 4 th | - | 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club |
| Weds 5 th | - | 3:30pm - 4:30pm - After School Summer Club (1 of 7) |

- Thurs 6th - Sam Clements After School Club on School Playground
- Mon 10th - Fri 14th - Test Week in school
- Tues 11th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 12th - 3:30pm - 4:30pm - After School Summer Club (2 of 7)
- 4:30pm - Full Governor Meeting
- Thurs 13th - Sam Clements After School Club on School Playground
- Tues 18th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 19th - 12:30pm - School Council
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm - After School Summer Club (3 of 7)
- Thurs 20th - Sam Clements After School Club on School Playground
- Fri 21st - Last Drumba session
- Mon 24th - PGL Residential @ Caythorpe Court for Year 5 & Year 6
- Weds 26th
- Tues 25th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Thurs 27th - Sam Clements After School Club on School Playground
- Mon 31st - Fri 4th June - **HALF TERM**

JUNE

- Mon 7th - First Day of Summer Term (2) 2021
- Tues 8th - Whole School & Class Photos
- 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 9th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - After School Summer Club (4 of 7)
- Mon 14th - Country Theme week - Japan
- Thurs 17th
- Tues 15th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 16th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - After School Summer Club (5 of 7)
- Tues 22nd - Keyworth Cricket Festival
- 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 23rd - 12:30pm - School Council
- 3:30pm-4:30pm - After School Summer Club (6 of 7)
- 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)
- Transition morning in School
- Friday 2nd - Year 6 South Wolds Academy Intake Taster Day (2 of 2)
- Tues 6th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Tues 13th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Wed 14th - Sports Day
- Thurs 15th - Staff Meeting 3.45pm
- Fri 16th - Big Birthday Bash

- Mon 19th - Reports Out
- Mon 19th - Open Afternoon
- Tues 20th - 12:30pm - School Council
- Tues 20th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Thurs 22nd - Whole School Trip
- Fri 23rd - Leavers Service
- Fri 23rd - **BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS**
- Mon 26th - INSET DAY - School Closed to All Pupils
- Tues 27th - INSET DAY - School Closed to All Pupils
- Weds 28th - INSET DAY - School Closed to All Pupils

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

- Thurs 31st Aug - **ADMIN DAY IN SCHOOL**
- Weds 1st - **AUTUMN TERM 1 BEGINS - FIRST DAY BACK FOR ALL PUPILS**

Finally ...

- A reminder that we have three more INSET days this academic year on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 26th 27th and 28th July 2021
- Please see the flyer attached about the 60 Second Vegtastic Lunchbox .As part of Veg Power's on-going mission to encourage the UK to eat more veg, they would like to make it easier for parents and carers to add more veg to children's lunchboxes. Recent research from Leeds University found that only one in five children had any vegetables or salad in their packed lunch. To support parents, Veg Power has developed a '60 Second Lunchbox Hacks'. It features easy-to-implement ideas and serves to make this task as simple as possible
- Our Open Afternoon for the Summer term is on Monday 19th July. Please remember that our 'open door' policy means we are happy to see you at the gate or on the playground to discuss your child's emotional well-being or academic progress at any point during the term.

As ever, thank you all for your on-going support with the school and our wonderful Willoughby community. Here's hoping we can now all look forward, optimistically to the rest of the Summer Term ahead.

Beatrice Smith



60-Second Vegtastic Lunchbox Hacks

Veg are a key part of a healthy diet but it can be a real struggle to get kids to eat enough of them. Adding an extra portion or two to their packed lunch will help to up their intake. Try these simple ideas to **veg-pack their lunchboxes** with limited faff.

The basic toolkit:

- **Containers** (small and lidded for dips, leftovers and more)
- **Cutlery** (if needed)
- **Thermos** (any heat-retaining flask is great for soups, baked beans, leftovers, etc.)
- **Bamboo kebab sticks** (optional, but helpful for making veggies more fun)



Top tip: Know your portions – a child's portion of veg is roughly 50g or what fits into a child's hand.

kids fruit



VEGPOWER

5 easy #LunchboxHacks to add more veg in 60 seconds or less:



1. The Salad-on-a-Stick

Get a bamboo kebab stick and thread on different veg such as cherry tomatoes, cubed cucumber, cubed cooked beetroot, chunks of peppers, raw button mushrooms, crunchy lettuce, etc) in fun colours. If your child isn't a fan of veg, try starting off by alternating veg with cooked meat, cubed cheese, etc to ease them into it.

My Favourite veg was:

2. The Lunch Crunch

1 carrot chopped into sticks (or pre-chopped carrot sticks) with a pot of hummus (or their favourite dip) adds a portion of veg.

I ate this many carrots:



3. The Sandwich Slice

Slice 5cm cucumber (about the length of a small egg) and add to a sandwich for an extra portion of veg with minimal effort.

I ate this much cucumber:



4. The Helpful Handful

Add a handful of ready-to-eat snacky veg to a container. Try cherry tomatoes, drained tinned sweetcorn, celery sticks, green beans, cucumber etc.

My Favourite veg was:

5. The Half-Baked Plan

Heat through half a tin of baked beans (ideally low sugar and salt) and stick in a heat-retaining flask for an easy veg portion win.

This week my rating is:



Top tip: Keep trying! If they are not used to veg in their packed lunch, it may be picked out and ignored on the first few days. The more they see it and interact with it, the more the veg becomes "normal".

For recipes, tips and free downloads visit: vegpowers.org.uk

The Big Ask



Get your child's voice heard and make a difference

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, is launching a once-in-a-generation review of children's lives.

It's called 'The Childhood Commission' and it will identify the barriers preventing children reaching their full potential and propose policy solutions to address them.

At its heart is 'The Big Ask' – the largest ever consultation held with children. In this survey the Children's Commissioner is asking children and young people what they think is important for their future and what is holding young people back. The Children's Commissioner will use what children and young people tell her to show the Government what they think and what they need to live happier lives.

It's an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it's a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard.

[Find out more and take part](#)