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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know this is the final half term of the academic year and the last at Willoughby Primary for our Year 6 pupils. It is always an enjoyable and busy time so please do keep an eye on dates and information.

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### Covid 19 update

We continue to follow all recommendations and guidelines for schools and await further information as to whether anything will change given the June 21<sup>st</sup> deadline to end all restrictions. All of the staff continue to do the bi-weekly lateral flow tests and every staff member has had at least one vaccination.

We have planned an end of term trip which involves all of the pupils and we are all very hopeful that, given the way things are at present, we will all be able to go together and enjoy a summer term trip as one group.

### PGL



Our Year 5/6 children have just returned from their residential trip to PGL at Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire.

This is a bi-annual event for our older children to experience some outdoor adventurous activities and stay away from home for a couple of nights. As you can see, they all had a fantastic time and loved all of the challenges.

They were a joy to take away.

### Willoughby Award Winners

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

07/5/21	Florence B (Y2)	14/5/21	William Ba (Y5)
21/5/21	Amber T (Y3)	28/5/21	Sam N (Y5)

### Royal Mail Stamp Competition



The whole school were recently invited to enter the Royal Mail Stamp Competition where they had to design a stamp to honour the heroes of the pandemic. The competition notes said: *'For more than 50 years Royal Mail's Special Stamp programme has commemorated British history and achievement. Stamps have also been issued to honour the achievements of many British people. Often, the people who appear on stamps are already famous. They include scientists and explorers, writers, artists, musicians, athletes, and Prime Ministers.*

*Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work. These are the people who have helped us all through a really difficult time. Some are frontline workers in healthcare, others look after elderly or vulnerable people.*

*Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. And there have been many people who volunteered to help people in their communities who needed help or support. We think that what these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps.'*

Every child was asked to design their own stamp and think hard about what would look good on a stamp as well. The results are all very eye-catching and really well thought out. Fingers crossed for our entries!

### New Books

Each class in school has had a new set of books to refresh the current books available to the children.

EYFS have introduced a new scheme called Jelly and Bean phonic reading books which seems to be really popular! There are over 80 books in the series, so that should keep everyone going for a while.

KS1 and KS2 have both had boxes of 60 books, taken from the latest releases, to cater for each age and stage.

It is so encouraging to see the enjoyment the children are getting out of their reading books every day.

### Willoughby Church

As part of the RE curriculum all of the children will be visiting Willoughby Church a couple of times in the second half of the term.

Firstly, Tony Cox, from the village, will be giving each class a talk, all about the church and some of its history. He has made an I-Spy sheet to help the children get involved. Tony is currently fund-raising to raise money to repair the chapel roof and is full of interesting information about everything to do with the church, including whose tombs are in the chapel.

Secondly, The Nottingham Arts Society has produced a 'Children's Trail of St Mary's Church Willoughby' and Sue Punt (Hector's Grandma) would like our pupils to be the first to try it out. On the afternoon of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July groups of children will be using the trail to discover more about the church.

Armed with all this knowledge, the children will then produce a display of work to go in the chapel of everything they have found out.

### Country Theme

It is traditional at this time of the year to dedicate a week to learning all about a particular country. This year we are focussing on Japan from 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> June.

For one session a day, each class will participate in a range of activities to do with the Japanese culture. On the final day (Friday 18<sup>th</sup>) we will all dress up in something to represent Japan- it could be in the colours of the flag or in a full on kimono!

This is always a popular week with the children and I would encourage them to bring in anything they would like to share about Japan during that week.

### Road Safety

I have arranged a visit by the Nottinghamshire County Council Road Safety Team on Wednesday June 30<sup>th</sup> to come and give each class a talk about a range of road safety issues. This is particularly with the Year 6s in mind, as they move onwards and out into the world.

### Respect Tulips



The children have been completing the weekly challenges based around the Olympic and Paralympic values of: Friendship, excellence, determination, respect, equality, inspiration and courage

Each child recently wrote a sentence about what 'Respect' means onto a tulip head and each one has been displayed on a board for all to see with the theme of 'How does Respect Grow?'

Here are some of the responses:

Respect is when .....

'You keep a promise' - Rosie R

'You say "are you ok?" and "please" and "thank you" ' - Imogen

'You take your shoes off in somebody's house' - Sam

'You listen when someone is talking' - Evelyn

'You are kind to your elders' - William Ba

'You respect the world/friends/life/others lives' - Harry

'Share and take turns' - Toby H

### School Council Cake Sale

School Council would like to have a cake sale after school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. If anyone would like to donate any cakes for their sale they would be very grateful. They want to raise some money to buy some toys for the playground.

### 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.

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> - Fri - **HALF TERM**  
4<sup>th</sup> June

### JUNE

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup>
  - First Day of Summer Term (2) 2021
  - KS2 cricket With Keyworth CC
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Whole School & Class Photos
  - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 9<sup>th</sup>
  - 3:30pm-4:30pm - After School Summer Club (4 of 7)
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> -
  - Country Theme week - Japan
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup>
  - KS2 cricket With Keyworth CC
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 16<sup>th</sup>
  - 3:30pm-4:30pm - After School Summer Club (5 of 7)
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Keyworth Cricket Festival
  - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - 12:30pm - School Council
  - 3:30pm-4:30pm - After School Summer Club (6 of 7)
- Tues 29<sup>th</sup>
  - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 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 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Year 6 South Wolds Academy Intake Taster Day (1 of 2)
  - Transition morning in School
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Year 6 South Wolds Academy Intake Taster Day (2 of 2)
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup>
  - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup>
  - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Sports Day
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Big Birthday Bash
  - Reports Out
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Open Afternoon
- Tues 20<sup>th</sup>
  - 12:30pm - School Council
  - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Whole School Trip
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Leavers Service

- **BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS**
- INSET DAY - School Closed to All Pupils
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Mon 26<sup>th</sup>  
Tues 27<sup>th</sup>  
Weds 28<sup>th</sup>

### **AUGUST**

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> - ADMIN DAY - School Closed to All Pupils

### **SEPTEMBER**

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> - **AUTUMN TERM 1 BEGINS - FIRST DAY BACK FOR ALL PUPILS**

Finally, we are all looking forward to the rest of the term and all that it has to offer. I would like to thank all parents 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