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'Learning For Life'

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Dear Parents/Carers

I'm sure you have all benefitted from a restful half term and I am equally sure the children are full of energy, raring to go for the remainder of the Autumn Term.

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COVID 19 update

We all feel very fortunate to have managed a full half term's learning, avoiding any self-isolation for any of our children. Thank you to all of you for your vigilance, keeping children away from school at any sign of illness.

As we now head towards winter, and the virus and other cough and colds become more prevalent, we must all continue to be on our guard and follow government guidance for the safety of everyone. We are all very thankful that we can continue to make school life as normal as possible for the children.

Current guidelines have not changed since September.

- Anyone with symptoms needs to take a PCR test and wait for the results: [Online coronavirus test booking service](#)
- The symptomatic person must follow the isolation guidance: [Isolation guidance](#)
- You should notify school and keep school updated on progress
- A negative PCR means a return to school
- A positive test means following self-isolation protocols for 10 days: [Stay at home guidance](#)
- School will provide a home learning schedule if/when the pupil is well enough

Governor News

At our Autumn Term meeting Tom Bateson stepped down as a parent Governor. Tom has been an extremely valued member of our Governors for nearly 6 years. He has been chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee as well as Deputy Chair of Governors, Science Governor and

Governor in charge of Health and Safety. All vital roles supporting the school. His incredible support, knowledge and advice will be very much missed as will his dry sense of humour. In other news, Sander Tiel has been re-elected as a Parent Governor and will remain as Chair of Governors. A message from Sander:

‘Before I welcome a new member of our Governor Board I would like to thank Tom Bateson for his many years of service to the school. Tom joined the board back in March 2016 as parent governor and has dedicated much of his valuable spare time for the betterment of the school in general. He played an important role in creating the school’s Vision 2022 document, was invaluable monitoring our Health & Safety standards and chaired our Finance and Personnel committee.

A special word of thanks comes from Adrian Bath, our previous Chair of Governors. In his own words: “Through my time as chair, Tom (and Susie through FoWS) provided one of the essential direct links with the school’s parents and the younger population of the village that I would never have achieved alone.”

Tom is being replaced by Rebecca Kealy who has kindly stepped forward and offered to fill the vacant position of parent governor.

Another change to the governor board is Celia Dyson who has joined as a co-opted governor. Celia brings a long history of HR experience in school environments which is a valuable addition to the overall experience of our board.’

Sander Tiel, Chair of Governors

Key Dates for the Rest of the Term

NOVEMBER		
Mon 1 st	-	KS2 Swimming (7 of 9)
Tues 2 nd	-	KS1 & R - Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks @ 8:30am
Thurs 4 th	-	KS2 - Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks @ 8:30am
	-	Sam Clements Club
Mon 8 th	-	KS2 Swimming (8 of 9)
Tues 9 th	-	KS1 & R - Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks @ 8:30am
Thurs 11 th	-	KS2 - Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks @ 8:30am
	-	Sam Clements Club
Mon 15 th	-	Flu Immunisation - YR to Y6 - Postponed
	-	KS2 Swimming (9 of 9)
	-	Christmas Club (1 of 4)
Tues 16 th	-	KS1 & R - Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks @ 8:30am
	-	School Council Meeting
Thurs 18 th	-	KS2 - Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks @ 8:30am
	-	Sam Clements Club
Friday 19 th	-	Children in Need
Mon 22 nd	-	KS1 & R Swimming (1 of 8)
	-	Christmas Club (2 of 4)
Tues 23 rd	-	KS1 & R - Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks @ 8:30am
Thurs 25 th	-	KS2 - Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks @ 8:30am
Fri 26 th	-	Drumming Assembly - Showcase by Rockley Music
Mon 29 th	-	ASSESSMENT WEEK

	-	KS1 & R Swimming (2 of 8)
	-	Christmas Club (3 of 4)
Tues 30 th	-	KS1 & R - Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks @ 8:30am
<u>DECEMBER</u>		
Thurs 2 nd	-	KS2 - Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks @ 8:30am
	-	Sam Clements Club
Fri 3 rd	-	Christmas Fair (to be confirmed)
Mon 6 th	-	KS1 & R Swimming (3 of 8)
	-	Christmas Club (4 of 4)
Tues 7 th	-	KS1 & R - Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks @ 8:30am
	-	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Wed 8 th	-	Nativity 6.30 pm Willoughby Church
Thurs 9 th	-	KS2 - Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks @ 8:30am
	-	Whole School visit by the Dog's Trust - Assembly & workshops
	-	Sam Clements Club
Fri 10 th	-	Christmas Jumper Day
Sunday 12 th	-	Carols for All - Willoughby Church
Mon 13 th	-	NO SWIMMING
Tues 14 th	-	KS1 & R - Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks @ 8:30am
	-	10:15am - Panto @ Loughborough Town Hall - Aladdin
Thurs 16 th	-	KS2 - Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks @ 8:30am
	-	Christmas Party Day
Fri 17 th	-	Break Up for Christmas Holidays
<u>JANUARY</u>		
Mon 3 rd	-	Holiday in lieu of New Year's Day - School Closed
Tues 4 th	-	INSET DAY
Wed 5 th	-	SPRING TERM 2022 BEGINS

Thank you for support for Sopina

We are continuing to collect the money raised through the children doing 'jobs' over the half term break. The money will support Sopina, the child we sponsor in Lunkaransarin, India. The sheets the children drew and coloured, showing what they were thankful for, were wonderful. Some of them have been put up on display in school by our Sopina display.

Erin (Yr4) made breakfast, lunch and dinner and is thankful for her friends, her family and her school. Florence (Yr3) is thankful for her dog, books and food. Louis (Yr6) is thankful for happiness, animals and his house.

Your generosity means we are able to cover Sopina's education for the year and send the small surplus to Plan International who work with the children and families in the area.

Sopina is only 8 years old and our pledge is to see each child we sponsor through until they leave school at 18 years of age.

Harvest

The children were all able to present various Harvest related performances in the KS1 classroom for us all to enjoy.

Years 3/4 used the letters H A R V E S T to spell out all things related to harvest such as 'starve', 'rest' and 'earth'. Every child learnt their lines and performed beautifully to start us all off.

All of KS2 performed a body rap to 'Cauliflower's Fluffy' and then Year 5/6 shared the poems they had written and word processed to go with our termly theme of 'What a Wonderful World'.

Reception and Class 1 acted out 'Handa's Surprise' so brilliantly we were all enthralled. The narration was clear and loud and the acting was super!

Now that we are all allowed to sing together again, it was such a pleasure to hear the whole school singing all of the traditional harvest songs and 'What a Wonderful World' that they had all practiced in their music lessons.



Children in Need

Children in Need is back on Friday 19th November and, of course, School Council were unanimous in their decision to continue to support this special national event. The theme this year is 'Together We Can' - so we would like to get together with our dressing up theme this year. Each year group will be given a colour theme to wear:

Year 6 - Red Year 5 - Orange Year 4- Yellow Year 3- Green Year 2 - Light Blue
Year 1 - Navy Reception - Purple

We would like everyone to try and wear as much of that colour as possible in any way they like. Then 'together we can' make a rainbow when all of the year groups stand together. Please send in a £2 donation (or more) on the day for this wonderful charity.



E-Safety Policy

The latest version of the school's E-Safety policy is now on the school website.

Being online is an integral part of children and young people's lives. Social media, online games, websites and apps can be accessed through mobile phones, computers, laptops and tablets - all of which form a part of children and young people's online world. The internet and online technology provides new opportunities for pupil's learning and growth, but it can also expose them to new types of risks.

As a school we have a dual responsibility when it comes to e-safety: to ensure the school's online procedures keep children and young people safe, and to teach them about online safety, in and outside of school. Our E-Safety policy outlines our duties and responsibilities and we support the 'Think then Click' rules for each Key Stage that we sent out at the beginning of

this school year. Please also read the Social Media section of this policy - we all have an obligation to act responsibly.

Whilst children are protected in school, please ensure that their time at home is monitored and that you have antivirus software and appropriate parental controls set. Many games now include some sort of chat facility. Please talk to your child about how they are speaking to friends online. Why not play Parents v Kids - are you ready? This is great for starting conversations about staying safe online. Play here:

<https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc/parents-vs-kids>

Another quiz that you can play online with your child (ages 7-11) that reinforces the SMART rules can be found at <https://www.childnet.com/young-people/primary/smart-rules-quiz>

Willoughby Award Winners

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

1/10/21 Sam (Y6)

15/10/21 Polly (Y5)

8/10/21 Jessica (Y3)

Their photograph is displayed in school by our Willoughby Award board.

FOWs news



Mrs Brown and Mrs Kealy from FOWs recently filled the new planters at the entrance to the school with a wonderful array of flowers and plants. Don't they look fantastic! I am very grateful to FOWs for their on-going support of the school. They organised the Halloween cake sale at the end of half term, raising £63, and have also just found out that their bid for the Co-Op Local Community Fund has been successful which is amazing news. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter to see how you can add your support to this.

PE

Last half-term the whole school was involved in a 6 week tag rugby block on Fridays up at the Community Park. Sam Clements, from Clements Coaching, taught Reception and KS1 and then KS2 plenty of skills whilst playing fun games and activities. Sam said he was particularly impressed with the quality and expertise displayed by both classes as well as the enthusiasm from everyone.

The next Friday PE block will be ball skills (R & KS1) and indoor hockey (KS2). Please can I remind everyone that we will now be getting changed for PE instead of coming to school in PE kit. Children should bring their PE kit in a bag, ready to take up to the village hall. They should also have a change of shoes to protect the village hall floor.

Congratulations also to the Year 5/6 football team for their friendly against Bunny School.

Christmas Fair

At the current time we are still planning to have a Christmas Fair on Friday 3rd December at school.

As is traditional, the KS2 children will be involved, making games and running their stalls. We also hope to have some refreshments, hampers and a raffle-details to follow.

It is always a great way to get into the feel of Christmas but we do rely on your support-donating to the hamper, helping prepare games as well as coming along to the event. I appreciate that this is an incredibly busy time of year so I am grateful for the support you always give.

School Council Fund Raisers

At our latest School Council meeting the members agreed to support two Christmas appeals:

The first is to support the Nottinghamshire Children's Centre Service Christmas Toy Appeal. Rushcliffe Children's Centre are organising a toy appeal to support families with children aged 0 to 5 (plus older siblings) for Christmas 2021. If you would like to join in School Council would like you to donate a new toy (unwrapped) for local children less fortunate than themselves and they will collect them in school. The closing date for collection is Friday 26th November.

The second is the Christmas Jumper Day appeal-everyone is invited to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 10th December. Donations of £1 (or more) will go to the 'Save the Children' charity which is promoting, 'the silliest, woolliest, most generous day of the year'. Children could wear either a bought jumper or add decorations to a jumper or just wear something Christmassy!

Bikeability

Well done to Year 3/4 who all achieved their Bikeability badge Level 1 and to Year 5/6 for level 2. The instructors commented on your fantastic behaviour, listening skills and ability to pick things up easily.



Finally ...

- It was good to speak to the majority of parents/carers at our recent teacher phone/zoom calls. I know it is difficult not being able to just pop into school to see what the children have been up to, or to have a chat to the teacher. Our 'open door' policy is still there however, and we are more than happy to talk to you over the phone or at the school gate to discuss your child's emotional well-being or academic progress at any point during the term.
- 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



We are happy to confirm that Friends of Willoughby School has been chosen for the next round of the Co-op local community fund. We are raising funds to renovate the Early Years Foundation Stage outside area under the canopy

This means that every time you shop at Co-Op, for every £ you spend on selected Co-op branded products 1p will go to supporting FOWS at no extra cost to you. All you need to do is sign up for a Co-Op card & choose us as your local charity.

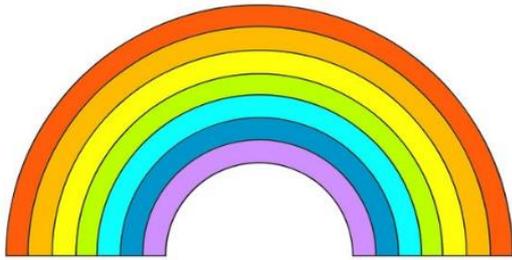
1. Please join Co-op if you're not already a member - you can join in-store or online at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/60533>
2. Once you're a Co-op member please set "Friends of Willoughby School" as your chosen charity, you can do this online or by phone.
3. Still not sure how to do this? Please speak to any FOWS member and they'll happily help.

The new round of funding started on 24th October 2021.

Thank you for helping us make a huge difference by supporting our school!

Children in Need!

This year for Children in Need everyone is going to dress up as a colour of the rainbow!



Year 6 = RED

Friday 19th November 2021

Year 5 = ORANGE

Year 4 = YELLOW

Year 3 = GREEN



Year 2 = LIGHT BLUE

Year 1 = DARK BLUE

**Please bring in £2 (or more)
donation**

Reception = PURPLE

You can wear anything you like in your year group's colour!

THANK YOU! FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL