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'Learning For Life'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the second newsletter of the school year. Everyone in school has settled in quickly to the new term and new routines and it is great to see happy faces around the school.

This issue contains:

- Safeguarding update
- School Council Members
- September events
- Breaktime snacks
- Assemblies & Willoughby Award
- Parents Evening
- Playground update
- Parent Questionnaire
- PE update
- Finally ...

### **Safeguarding Update**

There are two new safeguarding policy updates that have recently been put onto the school website. These are:

- Child on Child Abuse (formerly Peer on Peer Abuse)
- Anti-bullying Policy

Both policies have significantly changed from the previous policies and run alongside our Child Protection Policy.

Thank you all for returning the e-safety slips and reading through the behaviour booklets with your children. All of the children have been reminded of the Willoughby Golden Rules which are on display in every classroom. It has been such a lovely start to the term. The children have settled in beautifully, are eager to learn and are rekindling old friendships and building new ones.

### **School Council Members**

In the second week of term each class was asked to vote for their School Council representatives. The members are elected by their peers in their year group. The School Council meets 3 times a term and discusses and organises events and issues brought forward by the representatives. In the first meeting everyone was given their badges and we had an initial discussion. The group decided to support the Children in Need and the Christmas Jumper Days this Autumn term. They also discussed a biscuit sale and a book and toy swap.

All the minutes of the meeting and information are displayed on the School Council board in the KS2 classroom (including a photograph of all the current members).



Our 2021-22 School Council Members are:

Year 5/6- Duke R & Arabella B

Year 3/4- Toby H & Florence B

Year 1/2- Jude K & Ellie K

### **September Events**

What a busy start to the term we have had:

The Tour of Britain, visit to the Calnan's animals, EYFS Forest School, trip to the Great Central Railway, Safety Zone and a visit from West Bridgford Fire Brigade.

Here are a few photographs to remind everyone. A much larger selection is on the school website under the 'Blog Post' section. Please have a look.



### **Breaktime snacks**

KS1 and EYFS are provided with free fruit every day, usually at morning break, and therefore do not need to bring in a 'snack'. We encourage KS2 to have a healthy playtime snack to see them through until lunchtime.

### **Assemblies & Willoughby Award Winners**

The whole school assemblies take place three times a week and twice a week they are in classes. Assemblies are a very valuable time for us all to get together as a school. There is always a

theme- which changes weekly- and the children are read stories, poems and information which relate to the theme. We finish off assembly with a song (organised by a year 6 monitor) before we go into lunch.

On a Friday we have 'sharing' assembly. This is where one child from each year group is selected to come out in front of the school and share something they are proud of from that week. It is a great opportunity for us all to see what other classes have been doing and to celebrate something special. A special sticker is put on the work they share.

The Willoughby Award is presented at the end of the celebration assembly and that child will receive the award from the previous week's winner. Their Star of the Day star is put on display just as you come in to school so we can celebrate their achievement all week. A photograph of the monthly winners is also put up in school to see.

Congratulations to recent winners of the Award:

9/9/22	Isla K (Y6)	23/9/22	Evelyn M (Y4)
16/9/22	Karl T (Y2)	30/9/22	Imogen H (Y3)

### **Parents Evening**

You should have received information about our parents evening which will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. We will soon be sending you a time for your appointment, which we try to keep to 10 minutes. If you feel you may need longer, or if you wish to speak to me, as well as the Class Teacher, please phone the office so we can arrange another time that is convenient.

### **Playground update**

Together with the Year 6s, Mrs Ridgway has organised a rota for playtime equipment. Equipment will be placed outside the shed by the monitors of the day for children to play with during their breaks. She has also spent a long time clearing out and organising the shed and everything is much easier to see and get hold of.

Playtimes have been closely monitored and any minor incidents or accidents have been noted down and, barring the occasional disagreement and scraped knee, playtimes have been convivial and a good time for the children to let off steam.

### **Parent Questionnaire**

Thank you to everyone that filled in and returned the Parental Questionnaire at the end of last term. I have now had the chance to go through and collate the results and they are attached to the end of this newsletter.

Number returned: 23 out of 47.

We are delighted by the feedback received from the questionnaires and value and appreciate your encouragement as well as any suggestions.

As a staff we really appreciate the following written feedback:

- A great school with fabulous teachers and support staff
- I feel there could be more homework for juniors but fantastic school - keep up the good work and thank you
- I feel at times the homework set is rather difficult
- The best care and education my child could have had, always there to support me and my son
- ...a few concerns about the behaviour and anti-bullying policies not being followed.
- Our family all really enjoyed Willoughby Sings and the Jubilee celebrations and would like to thank the staff for all their hard work

- ...wrap around care has remained a big issue for the rest of the year.
- Fab school with family focus and ethos.....kids prefer being at school and seeing their friends than being at home!!
- I have some concerns over the supervision of the children at break times and feel they could benefit from having two members of staff on duty due to the shape of the playground.

**All** of the comments have been read and fed back to the staff and any suggestions/comments will help us all improve as we go forward into the next academic year.

### **PE update**

Making the most of the late September sunshine, the children have all been participating well in PE activities. Football lessons with Sam have proved popular on Fridays and swimming is going well on Mondays.

We have a few sporting opportunities coming up this term and we will be using the paperless system for information and responses.

After half-term we will be using the village hall for PE. Can I please remind everyone to bring some 'clean' trainers/plimsolls to change into to keep the village hall free from mud. A reminder of PE days in school:

Monday: Swimming/short PE session

Tuesday: KS2 village hall

Friday: All pupils village hall

### **Finally...**

- **Illness / Absence-** Please remember to report all absences to school. If your child is absent and we haven't heard from you, the office will contact you during the morning. Please advise a member of staff if your child will be leaving at any time in the day for appointments at the earliest opportunity. Your child must be signed 'in' and 'out' by school staff using the Visitors Book, for fire and safeguarding reasons. Thank you for your understanding.
- We have had a number of items of school uniform left in school without names. Please could you write your child's name on the age label to help reunite clothing to child! Thank you.
- We have had two assemblies promoting our extra-curricular opportunities in school. One from Rattle & Roll and one from Rockley Music. Flyers have been sent home or can be accessed via the office if you would like to sign your child up.

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

<b>Evaluation Questionnaire 2022</b>			
<b>Feedback</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
My child is happy at this school	96%	4%	0%
My child feels safe at this school	91%	4%	4%
My child makes good progress at this school	96%	0%	4%
My child is well looked after at this school	96%	4%	0%
My child is taught well at this school	100%	0%	0%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	74%	13%	13%
This school ensures the pupils are well behaved	69%	26%	4%
This school deals effectively with bullying	39%	34%	26%
This school is well led and managed	91%	4%	4%
This school responds well to any concern I raise	74%	8%	17%
I receive information from the school about my child's progress	92%	4%	4%
I would recommend this school to another parent	83%	4%	13%