Willoughby Academy

Willoughby Weekly, Autumn Term 1

Friday 23rd October 2020

New Build Update

The long awaited Willoughby new build project will start on Monday 2nd November 2020. This is the first day back for pupils and staff after half term. The first week of the project will see fencing being placed around the school buildings and car park, separating the building site and the school. As highlighted in last week's letter, there will be no parking on site for any parents, staff or visitors. For the duration of the build we have been given permission to use Tesco car park. School transport buses will have access to the site between 08:30 and 09:00 each morning and from 14:30 to 15:00 each afternoon. I strongly urge and encourage every family who is entitled to use school transport to take up this offer. For those pupils who are not in receipt of school transport and whose children are unable to walk from Tesco, please arrive at school after 09:10 and collect from school after 15:00 I have spoken with all parents to whom this applies. The first few weeks of the new build will be very challenging, particularly in relation to school transport and I thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

Lilac Class

This term Lilac class have really enjoyed learning about houses and homes in our art sessions. Pupils have made some amazing things and their class display looks super.

Tempest Photography – School Photographs

The closing date for FREE postage and delivery is fast approaching for online school photograph orders. If you have already placed an order for photographs thank you. If not or you wish to order more photographs please visit <u>www.tempest-orders.co.uk</u> using the details on your Tempest order form. If you need assistance feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).



Macmillan Cancer Support - Update

This week Indigo class have been delivering their Macmillan party boxes to each class via 'Deliveroo'. The classes have enjoyed following recipes, creating bunting and eating some yummy treats. Indigo wanted to say a huge thank you for the donations that have arrived in school, the total amount raised is **£217.97**! Pictured below are some the Deliveroo Team; Anna, Katie and Noah.







The Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal

If you would like your child to purchase an item from the poppy sale, please send your donation in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked. There are a number of different items for sale including zip pulls and poppy reflectors (suggested donation 50p each), silicon wristband (suggested donation £1) and snap bands (£1.50). Thank you for your support, all money raised will go directly to The Royal British Legion.





Macmillan Coffee Morning

Blue Class enjoyed their Macmillan coffee morning on Thursday. The class made scones in the morning from their party pack and enjoyed eating them later in the day. Pupils helped to hang up the bunting which they created and also played catch with balloons. Thank you, Indigo Class, for organising the party packs and thank you to parents/carers for your generous donations in support of Macmillan.





Request from Lilac Class

Lilac class team would like to create a cosy den in the classroom for children to enjoy quiet time. Does anyone have any spare black material or sheeting that you are able to donate to Lilac class? If so, please email Natalie the class teacher; https://docs.org/nblackwell@prioryacademies.co.uk

Additional funding available for children with disabilities and their families

Please click on the link below for information on additional funding available for children with disabilities and their families during COVID-19. This funding is in addition to what has been available previously. You can apply even if you have received funding earlier this year www.specialneedsjungle.com/family-fund-grants-who-what-how-apply/

Artistic Aqua Class

Aqua Class have been working really hard on their sculpture skills by learning new techniques each week. Pupils have put all these skills together to create their own clay sculpture of Sponge Bob Square Pants. The class had lots of fun during the creative progress. Pictured below are pupils from Aqua class and Charlie displaying his handmade sculpture.







Kingsgate Community Church

Thank you to Kingsgate Community Church for the kind donation of fresh fruit and chocolate brownies. Kingsgate Community Church wanted to show their appreciation to Willoughby staff during these difficult times. We were delighted with the goodies which have been enjoyed by staff members. Thank you, Kingsgate.

Save the Date – Children in Need 2020

Every year we support BBC Children in Need, this year it's taking place on Friday 13th November. Charity events will be coordinated for the whole school to enjoy. Further updates will be shared in the coming weeks.

Willoughby Foundation – Donation Received

We would like to express our thanks to Sally and Bailley for their very generous donation of £200 paid into the Willoughby Foundation. Bailley is a former pupil of Willoughby who left in July 2018, the family wanted to thank staff for their dedication and hard work throughout the years.

Ideal School Meals - Reminder

Reminder to all parents/carers – the deadline to order hot school meals for the week commencing 2^{nd} November is midnight **Sunday 25th October**. Menu options are available online for Week 1 – Week 4 of the new term. If you have any queries with ordering meals please contact Ideal School Meals direct on 01522 246424.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded Star of the Week.

Pupil	Class	Reason
Alfie	Purple	For using please and thank you.
Edward		For saying 'yes' loud and clear in answer to adult's questions.
Joseph	Lilac	For amazing singing and lots of talking in class.
Charlotte	Orange	For using her switch and communicating with others.
Savannah	Amber	For joining in during class circle time and singing with her friends.
Eva	Gold	For improved attitude to learning.
Jack	Yellow	For his excellent writing of the story of the Three Little Pigs.
Ben	Aqua	For brilliant work in Maths as well as continued positive attitude.
Abi	Turquoise	For superb switch work activating the mixer during the cookery.
Sam	Jade	For excellent hard work during literacy.
Eva	Red	For her excellent attitude and behaviour in class.
Olivia	Blue	For good work all week, especially building sentences on her iPad.
All of Indigo Class	Indigo	For the fantastic Macmillan contribution. Well done Indigo Class!

Football Club

This half term Willoughby Football Club has taken place every Wednesday after school. Eighteen pupils attended from Aqua, Yellow, Red, Jade and Indigo classes. Over the six sessions pupils developed their fitness, understanding of the game and individual skills. Congratulations to all pupils that attended and thanks to staff who supported the club. The photo shows Alfie proudly displaying his certificate.

After the half term break there will a sports club for pupils of Purple, Lilac, Amber and Gold classes on Wednesday after school and there will be a cooking club for Aqua and Yellow classes on Thursday after school. The clubs will start in the second week of term and details will be confirmed in a separate letter.

Diary Dates

Please make a note of the following school dates.

Date	Event
Friday 23 rd October	End of Autumn Term 1
Monday 2 nd November	Start of Autumn Term 2
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need Day
Friday 18 th December	End of Autumn Term 2
Tuesday 5 th January 2021	Start of Spring Term 1





