

### Thank you, Willoughby

Thank you for everyone's understanding, support and perseverance during this challenging term. The determination of the Willoughby pupils, staff and community continues to be truly inspirational. Best wishes for a restful and relaxing festive period.

### Mass Testing Programme in Schools

Yesterday the Government announced mass Covid-19 testing for school pupils and staff, as well as a staggered start in January for secondary school pupils. As a Special School, all Willoughby pupils are expected to return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We have not yet received information about the procedures for in-school testing. We will update you as soon as it is available.

### Updating the school during the Christmas Holidays

It is crucially important, that if your son/daughter tests positive for Covid19 at any stage from Friday 18 December through to Tuesday 5 January 2021, the school is notified via email to [reception@willoughbyschool.com](mailto:reception@willoughbyschool.com) Please quote the first date of symptoms, the date the test was taken and when the result was received.

### Wendy's Retirement Party

Today we bid a fond farewell to one of our longest standing members of staff. Wendy Smith has worked at Willoughby for 27 years and is taking her well-earned retirement. Wendy has worked throughout the school, most recently in Gold class. This week the class held a retirement party for her. We wish Wendy all the best in her retirement and thank her for all she has done for the Willoughby community.



### Bernardine Harrison

On Friday we also said goodbye to Bernardine Harrison, Red Class teacher. Bernardine is leaving Willoughby to take up a new position at University Academy Long Sutton. Bernardine has been at Willoughby for five years, initially starting in Academy 2, before teaching in Turquoise and finishing in Red class. Thank you to Bernardine for your hard work and commitment to Willoughby, we wish you well in your new role.



## JJ Mac Ltd

Last week a local groundworks company JJ Mac Ltd based in Bourne delivered a huge box of assorted Lego sets and Duplo building bricks. These resources will be used next year at the school Lego club. Pictured are Finlay and Aime from Aqua. Thank you, JJ Mac Ltd!



## Christmas Disco Via Teams

Due to current restrictions we were unable to hold a traditional Christmas disco in the school hall. This year we held an alternative Christmas disco via Teams. On Thursday afternoon DJ Will entertained pupils in their class bubbles playing a selection of chart and Christmas songs for all to enjoy. Thank you, DJ Will, for adapting your DJ set and filling the school with lovely festive tunes.

## Christmas Lunch

On Thursday pupils enjoyed Christmas lunch in their class bubbles. Pupils listened to Christmas songs whilst enjoying their turkey lunch with all the trimmings.

## Christmas Story

Over the last few weeks, pupils from across school have been learning about the true meaning of Christmas. They have been rein-acting the Christmas story in the 4D room, dressing up and singing traditional Christmas songs. Pictured are Freddie, Anna and Noah.



## Rudy Run – Sponsored Walk

This week the school united in our fundraising efforts. We are supporting St Barnabas. Pupils walked around the local area and completed laps of the playground. We are pleased to announce that we have exceeded our target and have currently raised £206. Follow the attached link (which remains live until the end of January) <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/willoughbyacademy> to make a donation. Thank you again for supporting us, and in turn the charity. Pictured below are Red Class all ready for their Rudy sponsored walk.



## Mr and Mrs Claus Visit Willoughby School

On Wednesday afternoon we had two very special visitors, Mr and Mrs Claus. Santa and his wife delivered Christmas cheer to each of the classrooms delivering selection boxes to pupils. Cummins kindly bought Cadbury selection packs for all Willoughby pupils.

## Fundraising Thank You

Thank you to Mrs Sinclair who has raised an additional £500 for the Willoughby Foundation by court mounting medals. We are currently fundraising for playground climbing equipment to be sited in upper school.

## Builders Blog

This week's update - Trenches have been dug for the relocation of pipes over the Christmas holidays. There seems to be lots of mud! The builders are all looking forward to Christmas and have enjoyed following the Christmas festivities at Willoughby Academy. Indigo pupils enjoyed baking biscuits and presenting them to Val from Wilmott Dixon, for all of the construction workers to enjoy. Indigo Class have enjoyed interviewing the builders and plan to continue in the new year. Merry Christmas from Indigo class.

## AJM Healthcare – Wheelchair Clinic – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January

If you would like a wheelchair appointment for your child please e-mail [reception@willoughbyschool.com](mailto:reception@willoughbyschool.com) Please detail the nature of your request to enable us to inform the wheelchair technician.



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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Noah	Purple	For amazing Gruffalo character drawings and describing his drawing to adults.
Teddy	Lilac	For a brilliant first full day in school on Thursday.
Ollie	Orange	For good communication within class this week.
Alfie	Amber	For trying hard with his handwriting.
Eva	Gold	For consistently listening to instructions the first time.
Dayton	Yellow	For brilliant writing and for trying to be more independent in his movements.
Charlie	Aqua	For being a kind and mature member of aqua class all week.
Dylan	Turquoise	For being alert and awake when participating in Christmas activities.
Finley	Jade	For being mature and sensible during the recent fire drill in school.
Ryan	Red	Excellent work throughout the term.
Ariel	Blue	For coping so well with all the changes this week due to all the different Christmas activities.
Katie	Indigo	For lots of interaction with her peers, using her voice and focusing on tasks.

**We wish you a safe and enjoyable Christmas. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**