

### **Parents Evening**

Parents evening took place on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to everyone who took the time to meet their Class Teachers to discuss pupil's progress. There was 76% attendance through face to face or telephone contact. Quoted below is feedback received during parents evening.

"My son absolutely loves coming to school every day! It has done wonders for his confidence and all the staff are lovely and caring. We are really happy that he attends Willoughby." "I would recommend the school to another Parent – 100% Yes."

### **Update on fundraising event**

Last Saturday night Micky Stokes and Sarah Needham organised a disco party night to celebrate Alexander's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. The event was held at The Urban Hotel in Grantham. The purpose of the evening was to raise money for Alexander's family to enable them to make memories and to also raise money for Willoughby Academy to purchase equipment for the school. The evening comprised of a disco, a visit from super heroes and Disney princesses, storm troopers, a face painter, candy car, buffet and photo booth area. It was a real family fun evening raising money via the children's and adults raffle. In total the evening raised in excess of £4,000! Thank you to everyone who supported this event and donated raffle prizes. Special thanks also go to Colin Young who kindly supported the auction. Well done to both Micky and Sarah, fantastic joint effort!

### **Music Sessions Update**

Jade, Red, Turquoise and Orange classes had their last 'Together Through Music' session this week with Ben Sellers and Ann Wright. This 5-week project has been running in Special schools all over the county to expose students to high quality music lessons and develop teacher's skills in delivering music in school. The pupils have taken part in whole class drumming ensembles, learning about beat and rhythms and being able to play together.



They have used iPads and specialist apps to compose musical pieces to accompany adults playing guitar and flute or have written lyrics to create a class song. In just 5 weeks pupils and staff have learnt a huge range of skills and been excited and enthused about music. Willoughby will now share this inspiration and knowledge with all staff across the school to develop our music teaching and are looking to include more technology into our lessons to make composing and playing music more accessible to all our students. We thank Ben and Ann for their time and enthusiasm. Look out for more exciting music projects in the future.

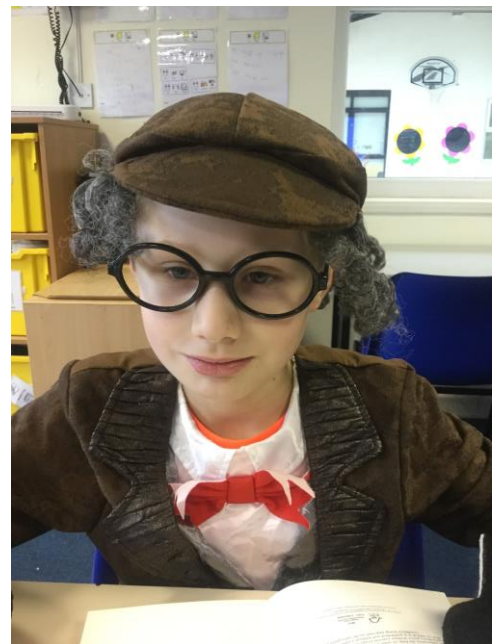


## World Book Day

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. Pupils came dressed in their favourite book characters along with their favourite books. The school was full of imaginative costumes, fun and laughter. Thank you to everyone who took part in World Book Day 2020.







### Request for spare trousers

Early Years classes Lilac and Purple would greatly appreciate any spare trousers you may have. If you have spare trousers aged between 3 years – 6 years please will you kindly donate them for the attention of the school office, thank you.

### Sports Relief – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Red Base will be delivering sports activities to various classes in school throughout Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March (they have been undergoing a sports leadership qualification with James every Thursday so pupils are looking forward to putting their skills to work). On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March pupils and staff are invited to wear sports clothes, this is optional and not compulsory. Dress down day can include football strips, club uniforms, famous sport stars etc. Classes will also take part in a danceathon throughout the day in the 4D room. Please send in £1 donation, all proceeds will be sent to Sport Relief, thank you in advance for your contributions.



### Easter Service

Bourne Baptist Church will be hosting our Easter Service on the morning of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020. All parents, carers and friends of Willoughby are invited to attend. The start time is to be confirmed and will be published in future newsletters.

### Sugar Mill – Charity of the year Little Miracles

The Sugar Mill restaurant, located in Bourne, is currently undergoing a refurbishment. It will re-open on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Little Miracles have been selected to be their charity of the year and will cut the grand opening ribbon at 11am, local press and the Bourne Mayor are also attending. To celebrate the opening event The Sugar Mill will supply teas and coffees, there will also be arts and crafts for children to enjoy. This event is open to the general public, please pop along if you are available.

### Yoga

A group of students have been taking part in a yoga course in school, run by Laura from Tilley & Co. The course incorporates yoga exercises, sensory exploration and breathing exercises to support the body's stress responses. The pupils have been relaxing and connecting with their minds and bodies helping to improve their focus and encouraging them to think more creatively. Once the course is completed pupils will be encouraged to practice the techniques they have learnt at home and within school.

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Please see the Public Health England page on the Willoughby website under the parent's tab, for the latest guidance in relation to the Coronavirus (COVID-19);

<https://www.willoughby.lincs.sch.uk/Public%20Health%20England%20Guidance.asp>

### Diary Dates

Please make a note of the forthcoming dates and events.

Date	Event
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports Relief
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Service, Bourne Baptist Church
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of Term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term 1