

**Parent Governor Vacancy – Closing date Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Have you ever considered becoming a School Governor? Willoughby Academy Local Governing Body has a vacancy for a parent governor. We would love to attract the skills and experience of parents/carers from our school to fill this role. Governors do not have to be specialists in education and we are interested in recruiting those who would bring a community view to our strategic discussions and also skills from outside the education sector. In return you would have the satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference to the education of children in your locality as well as developing new skills, gaining experience and increasing knowledge. We currently have four meetings each year, which take place on Monday evenings at 6:00pm and last for approximately two hours. Depending on your skills and experience, you may be asked to be a lead governor in a specific area for example Safeguarding, Disadvantaged Pupil Funding or Careers. If you feel you have the appropriate experience and skills to join us in continuing to develop Willoughby Academy, please contact the Clerk to the LGB, Mrs Kate Michelson, [kmichelson@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:kmichelson@prioryacademies.co.uk) by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**, providing a brief overview of your experience and how you can support our Local Governing body. Your details will be passed on to the Chair of Governors, Mr Mark Thomas, for an informal conversation, prior to completing an application form. Please note that this position is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

**The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Every year Willoughby Academy supports The Royal British Legion with the annual poppy appeal. We have received the following Royal British Legion Poppy items for sale. They are available to purchase from the school office. If you would like your child to purchase an item please send the donation into school with your child’s name clearly marked. All funds raised will go directly to The Royal British Legion, thank you for your support. Suggested Donations: Lapel Pins £2/Wristbands adult £2/Child £1/Slap ruler £1.50/Wooden cross £2/Reflective poppy 50p/Silicon wristband £1/Zip pull 50p.



**Parent Sensory Provision Coffee Morning**

Would you like help and advice on how to support your child’s sensory needs at home? If you do, please come along to the Parent Sensory Provision coffee morning led by Jo Judge – Willoughby’s Sensory OT. This is being held on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10am – 11am**, at Willoughby Academy in the Dining Hall. To book a place please email [willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk)

**Catering Work Experience**

Finley from Protea class has started his work experience placement with the Catering Team. Finley is working closely with Bridgette, Teresa and Sue delivering pupil meals around the academy. Look out for further work experience updates during this term.



**Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day**

This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day and it’s taking place on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. Pupils and staff are invited to wear their festive Christmas knits to school. Please send £1 into school on 10<sup>th</sup> December, all proceeds go to Save the Children. In addition to the 10<sup>th</sup> December, pupils and staff are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** and **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, payment is not required for these two dates.

### RAF Visit – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Pupils in Protea, Snapdragon and Tulip class were visited by the RAF on Thursday and completed the RAF Glider Challenge. Pupils learnt what makes an aircraft fly and built and tested their own models.



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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Ajay	Water Lily	For trying to find this name during class registration.
Teddy	Sunflower	For his great work in cooking and following instructions in Forest school.
Madison	Poppy	For amazing signing this week.
Cayson	Buttercup	For fantastic engagement in all learning activities.
Freddie	Daffodil	For sharing some really interesting facts in lessons.
Scarlett	Foxglove	For counting to three using her voice, whilst pointing to objects during maths.
Ariel	Blue Thistle	For good communication during our PE lesson.
Katie	Tiger Lily	For good communication throughout the week.
Finley	Venus Flytrap	For excellent Maths work.
Lucas	Tulip	For superb history knowledge and contributions to class conversations.
James	Protea	For sharing knowledge in science.
Charlie	Snapdragon	For excellent engagement and wonderful behaviour this week.
Athena	Bluebell	For independently throwing the ball in PE to knock the skittles down.
Brody	Jasmine	For great responses whilst exploring the pumpkin during our horticulture session.

**Diary Dates** - Please make a note of the following academy dates

Date	Event
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Covid-19 vaccination date for pupils aged between 12-15 years old. NHS vaccination letter has been e-mailed to parents/carers.
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Staff Training Day – Academy closed to pupils.</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	National Christmas Jumper Day, suggested £1 donation for Save the Children.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Surprise Santa and Ideal School Meals – Christmas Lunch. Pupils and staff are invited to wear Christmas jumpers.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupils and staff invited to wear Christmas jumpers on the last day of term.