

Willoughby Weekly, Autumn Term 2

Friday 12th November 2021

Parent Governor Vacancy - Closing date Monday 22nd 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 by Monday 22nd 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.

Parental Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Academy questionnaire, please find attached a summary of the replies. Thank you too, for the many positive and complimentary comments that were made. Two common themes came through from the feedback in relation to areas for development. These are after school clubs/activities and greater opportunities for parental involvement in school life. Both of these will be focuses for Willoughby, going forward.

Parent Sensory Provision Coffee Morning – Wednesday 1st December

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**st **December at 10am – 11am**, at Willoughby Academy in the Dining Hall. To book a place please email willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk



Ideal School Meals Ordering Deadline

If you order hot school meals for your child, please note the cut off date has changed to Tuesday's at 9am. For example; if you would like to order meals for week commencing 22nd November, your order deadline is Tuesday 16th November at 9am. Menus for the rest of this term are available to view via your Ideal School Meals account. If you have any questions relating to ordering school meals please contact Ideal School Meals on 01522 719311.



Willoughby Uniform Orders

As we have settled into the academic year, uniform orders going forward will be ordered as a bulk order. If you would like to order new uniform for your child please complete the attached uniform order form or download it from our website. To receive new uniform by the end of this term, please send your completed form to willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk by no later than Monday 29th November. Your uniform order will be sent home with your child week commencing 13th December. Please note our preferred method of payment is BACS transfer, bank details are listed on the order form, thank you.

'Once upon a Christmas Eve'

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a whole school Christmas Presentation. It will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday 16th December at 1.30pm** in the new hall at Willoughby Academy. All pupils are involved. There will be refreshments served from 1pm and a Christmas Stall will be run by Tiger Lily class. We hope this will be the first of many performing arts events. Details of how to book tickets will be published in future weeks.

Poppy Class - Remembrance Day Activities

On Thursday Poppy class enjoyed a day of Remembrance. We learnt about our class flower and the meaning of Remembrance Day. We made collage poppies in maths and the pupils created some really great poppy patterns. We also did some threading in funky fingers and created our own playdough poppies. The children joined in with the 2 minutes silence whilst watching the CBeebies remembrance clip. Next week we will explore our exciting new 'Dino Diner' in our outdoor area, created by Bernie. We can't wait!







Member of Parliament Visit – Gareth Davies

On Friday Willoughby welcomed Conservative MP Gareth Davies and his colleague Kelham Cook. Gareth's constituency is Grantham and Stamford, which includes Bourne. The visitors toured the school, visiting every classroom. They also met pupils and staff from across the Academy. Pupils from Protea and Snapdragon class prepared and asked Gareth a range of questions. They found out that Gareth spends Monday to Thursday working in London at the Houses of Parliament. On Friday's he is able to meet people and visit places in his constituency. He enjoys his job, and has to work very long hours starting early in the morning and often finishing very late at night. He is also a big fan of country music.



Squid Games

Some children in school have been talking about Squid Games and replicating the game content. We would like to remind parents and carers that Squid Games has a recommended age of 15+ years and is not suitable for our young people or school environment. A letter will be sent to all parents/carers. Please follow the link to find further information on keeping your child safe online https://www.internetmatters.org/



Bourne Remembrance Parade – Sunday 14th November

Representatives from Willoughby Academy are attending the Bourne Remembrance parade this Sunday. The main parade starts at the bus station, and proceeds along South Street to the War Memorial at Wellhead. Headteacher James, Snapdragon Teacher Nicola, Headboy Robbie and Headgirl Izzy along with members of the Voice of Willoughby (formally the school council) will be walking in the parade and laying a poppy wreath. The picture (left) is of window poppy art display created by the pupils in Protea class.

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Children in Need – Friday 19th November

Children Children in Need Pudsey Day will take place next Friday 19th November. The biggest fundraising event will return to our screens live from 7pm on BBC one and BBC iPlayer. Children in Need is in it's 41st year and started in 1980 and has since raised over £1 billon for

more than 3,900 local charities and projects. Willoughby Academy will have a non-uniform day on Friday 19th November for pupils and staff. To support this fundraising event please send £1 donation, all money raised will go directly to Children in Need.

Monday 22nd November

Please note Willoughby Academy is closed to pupils due to a staff training day.

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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Savannah	Water Lily	For working hard during numeracy.
Hayden	Sunflower	For superb work in phonics and using his manners when asking for help.
Max	Рорру	For trying all the swings in the sensory programme.
Teddy	Buttercup	For excellent home learning.
Shihan	Daffodil	For working extremely hard on improving his handwriting.
Tallulah	Foxglove	For recognising rhyming words within our poems in literacy.
Kai	Blue Thistle	For lovely talking, singing and for listening and responding appropriately.
Robbie	Tiger Lily	For good explanations with his communication.
Finlay	Venus Flytrap	For asking superb questions to further his learning about the War.
Matthew	Tulip	For joining in with all our lessons and showing us signs for words we are using.
Luke	Protea	For independently participating in all discussions during formal lessons.
Charlie D	Snapdragon	For remembering the three different rocks in science lesson.
Oscar	Bluebell	For fantastic reactions to lots of different sounds and textures this week.
Deimante	Jasmine	Great switch work whilst activating the animations on screen.

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

Date	Event
Thursday 18 th November	Covid-19 vaccination date for pupils aged between 12-15 years old.
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need Day – Non-uniform day for pupils and staff - £1 donation.
Monday 22 nd November	Staff Training Day – Academy closed to pupils.
Wednesday 1st December	Parental Sensory Coffee Morning, hosted by OT Jo Judge 10am-11am.
Friday 10 th December	National Christmas Jumper Day, suggested £1 donation for Save the Children.
Tuesday 14 th December	Surprise Santa and Ideal School Meals – Christmas Lunch.
Thursday 16 th December	Whole Academy Christmas Presentation – further details to follow.
Friday 17 th December	Last day or term. Pupils and staff are invited to wear Christmas jumpers.
Tuesday 4 th January	Staff Training Day.
Wednesday 5 th January	Start of Term.