

Goodbye Sharon

Today we say a fond farewell to Sharon. She has worked at Willoughby for 16 years in a variety of classes. This year, Sharon has been supporting pupils in Sunflower class. HLTA Kathryn Paskin said "Sharon will be greatly missed by everyone at Willoughby. She has always been a dedicated team member, who does all she can to support pupils and help their academic and personal development." We wish Sharon all the very best as she moves onto her new job in Sleaford.

National Christmas Jumper Day

It's National Christmas Jumper Day today, pupils and staff were invited to wear their festive knits/non-school uniform in exchange for £1 donation for Save the Children charity. Thank you to everyone who took part and got into the festive spirit. An update on the amount raised will be included in next week's newsletter. Thank you for your support. Next week, pupils and staff are able to wear non-uniform and Christmas jumpers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Details are in the diary dates table at the end of this newsletter.



Ideal School Meals Deadline

Ahead of the Christmas rush, please find next terms menu attached to this newsletter. Ideal School Meals have re-introduced option 2, offering children a wider choice and variety of meal options. Menus will start to be uploaded to the system, with an aim to go live to parents/guardians by the middle of next week. The deadline for the first week of term is **Tuesday 28th December, at 9.00am.**



Emotional Literacy Support Sessions

We are pleased to now offer ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) at Willoughby as part of our pastoral provision. Evelyn has recently completed ELSA training and will work with pupils to support their emotional and mental health needs as well as training staff to further develop our whole school approach at Willoughby. ELSA's are trained and regularly supervised by Educational Psychologists, support is offered in a variety of ways including one to one or group interventions. If you would like more information, please speak to Evelyn.

Elf on the Shelf

The Willoughby Elves are back this year and causing trouble around school. From pant parachutes and taking over Forest School to decorating the office tree with toilet paper. Pupils are enjoying finding the elves from a photo clue each day and are looking forward to more mischief before the end of term.

Medication Reminder

All medication arriving into school must be in its original packaging with a clearly printed prescription label if prescribed. Medication for pupils arriving on school transport must be transported in a labelled medication folder provided by school and should not at any time be placed in the pupil's personal belongings. This will then be signed into school by transport and stored securely in class. Parents and Carers dropping off at school are asked to also sign medications into school at the office and not to leave in pupil's bags.



Sunflower Class

This term Sunflower Class travelled back in time to the Stone Age. We met our Caveman friend called Bob who told us all about what it was like to live in the Stone Age. We made clay pots, created cave paintings and tasted food from the Stone Age period.



Tulip Class

Tulip Class have really enjoyed using the 4D interactive room this term. The room has been a very exciting part of our week. We have learnt a lot about history and the details of people's lives throughout the centuries. We recently made some news videos shared on Tapestry, pretending to be figures from history being interviewed for Tulip News.

Cummins Generator Technologies

Special thanks to Andy and Brian from Cummins Generator Technologies for repairing specialist equipment in school including communication switches and the musical sensory bed.

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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Edward	Water Lily	For taking a symbol across to an adult to ask for a toy.
Matthew	Sunflower	For being so positive when using his new stander.
Noah T	Poppy	For creating a Christmas window display.
Cayson H	Buttercup	For brilliant engagement in class activities.
Harry	Daffodil	For becoming more independent in his work.
William	Foxglove	For using some excellent describing words during literacy.
Stephen	Blue Thistle	For settling into school routine and doing so well at sensory gym.
Leah	Tiger Lily	For being a model student, really polite and helpful to others.
Iona	Venus Flytrap	For using both her hands during lots of activities.
Matthew	Tulip	For joining in and volunteering answers.
Ryan	Protea	For his good work with prefixes this week.
James	Snapdragon	For being brilliant in PSHE lesson.
Athena	Bluebell	For lovely walking in her walker.
Sabine	Jasmine	For standing tall in her new standing frame.

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

Date	Event
Tue 14 th December	Surprise Santa and Christmas lunch. Non-uniform/Christmas Jumpers.
Wed 15 th December	Christmas Disco and Christmas Sale – Party Clothes/Non-uniform/Christmas Jumpers.
Fri 17 th December	Last day of term. Pupils and staff are invited to wear non-uniform and Christmas jumpers.
Tue 4 th January 2022	Staff Training Day.
Wed 5 th January	Start of Spring Term 1.