Willoughby Academy

Willoughby Weekly, Autumn Term 2

Friday 17th December 2021

# **Christmas Sale**

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated gifts to the annual Willoughby Christmas Sale. Tiger Lily pupils organised the event and sorted the gifts into categories. Pictured are Jess, with pupils Izzy and Ben from Tiger Lily class. Special thanks to Hilary Hull for co-ordinating all Willoughby Academy Christmas activities this year, she is now affectionately known as Mrs Christmas!

# **Christmas Cards Competition**

Classes took part in the annual Christmas Card competition to design and create a personalised card. The winning cards are featured below. Congratulations to Finley O, Vinnie, Honey-Bea, Harvey, Finlay T for their winning festive designs.

Menus for next term are available online <u>www.schoolmealsonline.com</u> Ideal School Meals have re-introduced option 2, offering children a wider choice and variety of meal options. The deadline to order meals for the first week of term is 9.00am on Tuesday 28th December.

### Santa visits Willoughby

**Ideal School Meals Deadline** 

On Tuesday we had a very special guest, Santa arrived at Willoughby to meet and greet all our pupils and spread the Christmas cheer. Classes went outside to greet Santa on his sleigh. Children had the opportunity to chat with Santa and everyone received a Cadbury Selection Box. Special thanks and appreciation to Cummins Generator Technologies.

### Food and Nutrition Update

A family/pupil Christmas Food workshop was held last Friday. Fun was had by everyone and family members were able to gain an insight into what their children have learnt in their food lessons. Families went home with some Christmas treats including Pudding Truffles and grinch Kebabs, along with ideas as to how they could cook with their children at home. Thank you to those families who came, and I look forward to offering more sessions next year. Happy Christmas to you all - Alison Cavanagh.

### **Christmas Lunch**

On Tuesday pupils enjoyed their Christmas lunches in the new dining hall and celebrated Christmas with crackers and music. Pupils enjoyed their meals with all the trimmings and a delicious chocolate log for dessert. It was lovely to see so many of the children enjoying their Christmas meals in the hall and classrooms. Merry Christmas to all Willoughby pupils from the Catering Team.









#### Save the Children Update

Last Friday we had a non-uniform/Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children in exchange for £1 donation. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the event. In total Willoughby Academy raised £124.55.

#### **Tree Planting**

Site Manager Dave Conlon and Site Assistant Nicola would like to thank pupils and staff for helping to plant trees in the Paddock. Willoughby received 400 saplings from the Woodland Trust, that have been planted over the last fortnight. The picture (right) shows some of the recently planted hedging.



### **Poppy Class**

Poppy Class pupils have been busy enjoying their Christmas activities including making their very own Christmas cakes to take home for their families. Pictured are Sidney and Joseph enjoying festive activities.

### **Carers First**

A reminder that a parents/carers coffee morning will be taking place on  $2^{nd}$  February 10am – 11.30am. The guest speaker is Sheena Goddey.

#### **Rotary Club of Bourne**

Thank you to Rotary Club of Bourne (Cecil Hodgkinson Charity) for donating a £35 art prize. Water Lily class were awarded the prize for their winning classroom door Christmas scene. Special commendations went to Tulip class. As a treat, Water Lily pupils visited the Escape playcentre based in Bourne for a fun filled soft play trip.







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

Date	Event
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Staff Training Day.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring Term 1.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Parental Sensory Coffee Morning, hosted by Jo Judge 10am-11.30am
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Carers First – Parents/carers coffee morning 10am – 11.30am, guest speaker Sheena Goddey, taking place at Willoughby Academy in the Dining Hall.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Start of Spring Term 2.

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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Alfie	Water Lily	For fantastic signing 1 to 20.
Lexi	Sunflower	For working hard in cooking and also beginning to be more independent.
Noah	Рорру	For superb manners and asking for help.
Daisy-May	Buttercup	For choosing to use the rocking horse independently.
Shihan	Daffodil	For fantastic contributions all week.
Jon-Pall	Foxglove	For excellent listening and interaction with his swing room sessions.
Freddie	Blue Thistle	For joining in with Christmas activities, especially at the Christmas disco.
Robbie	Tiger Lily	For his independent cooking skills.
Finley O	Venus Flytrap	For wearing his processor in school all week.
Kayden	Tulip	For helpfulness and independence.
Alfie	Protea	For his excellent hard work in Science this term.
Thomas	Snapdragon	For brilliant social interaction with his friends during playtime.
Chloe	Bluebell	For great exploration.
Jay	Jasmine	Jay turning his head whilst listening to an adult and using his big voice!

# **Christmas Cake Designs**

Many congratulations to Jess in Protea Class. Her Christmas cake design, won the competition run by Food and Nutrition teacher Alison, which was judged by Lee the Head chef from Cummins. In his feedback Lee said "Sometimes the simple designs are the most difficult to get right and this cake has absolutely nailed it, with a neatly rolled hat and precisely positioned eyes and nose. Much trickier than it looks, well done!" Very well done Jess.

### **Christmas Photos**

Dunelm in Peterborough kindly had a gifting tree in store for our pupils. Thanks to so many generous people, every child at Willoughby has received a present. On our last day of term, Ben came to school dressed up in the Christmas spirit.







We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!