

Celebration of Life

On the last day of term Willoughby pupils and staff celebrated the life of Bethany Baker who sadly passed away on 17th December 2019. Bethany was a pupil here at Willoughby for over fifteen years and is dearly missed by everyone. A Celebration of Life assembly took place on Friday 14th February, Bethany's family attended along with pupils and staff members who all wore bright coloured clothing in exchange for a donation for Bethany's chosen charities. We are very pleased to report that a total of £194.00 was raised for the British Heart Foundation and SENSE. Thank you to everyone who took part in this special occasion and for your very generous donations.



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World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March. Pupils are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book if they wish to, however this is non-compulsory. Pupils are also encouraged to bring their favourite book into school (please ensure the book is clearly named or in a named bag). We look forward to celebrating World Book Day together. Please click on the link below for character dress-up ideas for World Book Day.

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/article?articleId=15-world-book-day-dress-up-ideas>



Fundraising Thanks

On Tuesday we welcomed Micky into school to present her with a bouquet of flowers. Pictured are pupils Charlie, Kayden, Tallulah and Noah in the Sensory Integration Suite, which has recently been refurbished from funds that Micky has raised. In total Micky has raised almost £40,000 and over £20,000 worth of school trikes which pupils enjoy riding weekly in school. Willoughby Academy have now raised the £18,000 required as a self-help donation towards a new 16 seat wheelchair accessible minibus from the Lord's Taverners charity. We should receive the minibus in September. Micky is a



parent fundraiser and works endlessly to raise funds for the school. She does not receive any wage from the Academy, every penny she raises goes into the Willoughby Foundation fund and benefits our pupils. Micky has built excellent relationships with local companies, who have donated generously to all of her projects. We have used money raised for things that we would not otherwise be able to afford, if relying solely on the school budget, such as the recent refurbishment of the Hot Spa room and Sensory Integration Suite (pictured above) arranged science days, Zoolab visits and music therapies. Prior to the minibus project Micky managed to persuade several local companies to buy a specially adapted trike. The average cost of the trikes is £2,700 and Micky managed to secure 8 new trikes! Some of our pupils have never experienced riding a bike and it is amazing to see their reaction to an experience most of us take for granted. We would like to say a big Willoughby thank you to Micky!

Coronavirus Update

Further details in relation to Covid-19 are attached to this newsletter, published by Public Health England. Further information is also available via the websites below;

Gov.uk; <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Musical Performance by The Chapel Hill Duo

On Wednesday morning the whole school were entertained by The Chapel Hill Duo. Sarah and Jaya, who play the violin and cello, entertained us with a wide range of musical styles including film, jazz, classical, pop and folk music. The session was fun and engaging and a definite highlight was when they played George Ezra's Shotgun and everyone sang along.

Mumps Advice

We have just been notified of a confirmed case of Mumps at the Priory Academy LSST – please see the advice below. The Public Health Agency advice is to exclude the individual for **5 days** after the onset of the swelling of the parotid glands (at the side of the face under the ears). The NHS guidance confirms that symptoms are similar to those of glandular fever and tonsillitis, but the GP will confirm, test and notify the authorities.

Complications can include:

- Pain and swelling of the testicles for 1 in 4 males who get mumps after puberty.
- Swelling of the ovaries in 1 in 20 females who get mumps after puberty.
- Viral meningitis can occur if the mumps virus spreads into the outer protective layer of the brain (the meninges). It occurs in about 1 in 7 cases of mumps.
- About 1 in 20 cases of mumps lead to short-term inflammation of the pancreas (acute pancreatitis). The most common symptom is sudden pain in the centre of the stomach.

Infection Control is key to containing the outbreak:

- Mumps is spread in the same way as colds and flu through infected droplets of saliva that can be inhaled or picked up from surfaces and transferred into the mouth or nose.
- A person is most contagious a few days before the symptoms develop and for a few days afterwards.
- It is important to prevent the infection spreading to others, particularly teenagers and young adults who have not been vaccinated.

Mumps and Pregnancy – the quote from the NHS website is:

"In the past it was thought developing mumps during pregnancy increased the risk of miscarriage, but there's little evidence to support this. But, as a general precaution it's recommended pregnant women avoid close contact with people known to have an active mumps infection (or any other type of infection). If you're pregnant and you think you've come into contact with someone with mumps but you haven't been vaccinated, contact your GP or midwife for advice".

Sports Relief – Friday 13th March

Red Base will be delivering sports activities to various classes in school throughout Thursday 12th and Friday 13th 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 13th March pupils and staff are invited to wear a sports themed dress down day, 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.

Diary Dates

Please make a note of the forthcoming dates and events.

Date	Event
Wednesday 4 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day 2020
Friday 13 th March	Sports Relief
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter Service
Friday 3 rd April	End of Term