



### Introducing Jess Coupland – Red Base

#### Class Teacher

Staff and pupils welcome Jess Coupland who joined Willoughby School in January. This week Red Base pupils enjoyed interviewing their new teacher.

**Where do you live?** Deeping St Nicholas.

**What's your favourite drink?** Vimto.

**Favourite clothes?** PJ's!

**What's your favourite flavour of crisps?** Prawn cocktail.

**What do you like about Red Base?** The students and staff, the welcome I've received, the happy smiles and positive attitude to learning.

**What's your favourite book?** I enjoy reading, a particular favourite is the BFG.

**What's your favourite food?** Any chocolate!



Red Base pupils were very inquisitive and asked Jess many more questions. Olivia, said "Jess makes me feel happy" and pupil Jake said "I like the games we play with Jess".

A warm Willoughby welcome also goes to the following new members of staff who joined the school in January: Rebecca Stafford (Teaching Assistant) in Yellow Class and congratulations to Heather Walker and Matthew Baker who are due to start their apprenticeships with us. Heather has already completed her work experience placement in Purple class so the children are very familiar with her.

#### Sensory Wall Garden

During the half term holiday, a sensory wall garden was installed in the lower school playground. The sensory wall is made up of colourful panels which reflect in the sunlight along with textured grass and xylophone musical instruments for children to enjoy.



#### Colsterworth Music Festival

Today pupils from Orange Class travelled to Meres Sports Centre in Grantham to compete in the SEND wheelchair dance competition. The competition is part of the Colsterworth Music Festival.

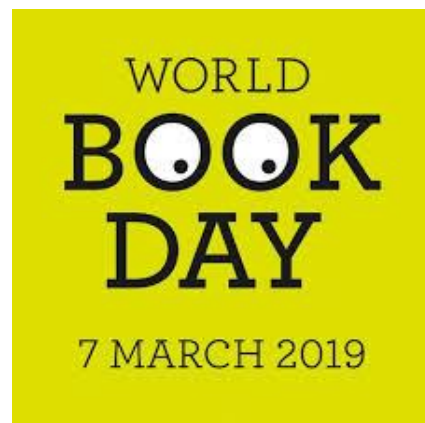
Pupils have worked hard practicing their marching dance in movement to the music. We wish pupils and staff the best of luck, further details and photographs will appear in next week's newsletter.

#### The Christmas Card Recycle Challenge

Thank you to everyone who donated their Christmas cards, we came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 40 schools and have won a £100 Amazon Voucher! Thank to Purple class teacher Kelly for coordinating the challenge and Micky Stokes for sourcing so many cards to be recycled.

### World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 provided in a named bag). We look forward to celebrating World Book Day together.



### Medication in School

Please can parents/carers be aware that there is a difference in the way over the counter (Calpol, Nurofen) and prescription only medication is administered in school.

The school is governed by legislation that protects children and young people. It is in place to ensure good practice and strict procedures - ensuring children and young people are not placed at a disadvantage when on medication, short or long term.

To help us continue to support pupils in this way can I please ask parents/carers to ensure that all medication - whether over the counter or prescribed is clearly labelled with the child's name and written permission is given and dated. Any prescription medication must have a pharmacy label showing, date of issue, dose and frequency of dose.

### The Rotary Club hosting an afternoon tea event

Please find the attached poster detailing the Rotary Club afternoon tea taking place at Bourne Abbey Church Hall on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. For tickets please contact the numbers detailed on the poster.



### Makaton – Sign of the Week = March



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### Diary Dates

World Book Day  
Red Nose Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

### Big Battery Hunt

Duracell have launched a campaign called the Big Battery Hunt. Your child has been challenged to collect as many batteries as possible. Each class has their own collection box, please send batteries into school and we will add them to the collection boxes. Please note we are only collecting AAA, AA, C and D batteries for this activity. The competition ends on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Happy hunting!

