

New Build Opening Ceremony

Thank you all who attended the official opening of the new Willoughby classrooms and dining hall. More pictures and details will follow in next weeks newsletter. The photo below shows Daffodil class performing their dance to 'Firework' by Katy Perry.



Food Technology – Alison Cavanagh

Willoughby have been really fortunate this week to be part of two projects that encourage growing our own food. Re-Think Food and PECT have let us borrow a growing tower, which is a quick and easy way of growing edible leaves sustainably. Tulip Class really enjoyed building the tower then learning about and planting the seeds as part of their Science curriculum. Venus Flytrap also worked with a community group called 'Up the Garden Bath' during their Food and Nutrition lessons. This project, which is funded by The National Lottery and IKEA, donate a bath that is then filled with edible plants. The pupils hope to use the plants in their Food lessons in future weeks. Very exciting!



Message for all Parents/Carers - Unwell Pupils

There may be occasions when your son or daughter becomes unwell or has an accident in school where we need to ask parents/carers to collect. Therefore, it is important you have a contingency plan in place if you are without transport.

Tiger Lily Bus Trip

Last term, Tiger Lily pupils each applied for their very own bus pass and last week they travelled to Market Deeping on the bus. Pupils researched local destinations and settled on Market Deeping for their first local venture. The class waited patiently for the bus and boarded using their newly acquired bus passes. On arrival, the pupils visited the different shops and cafes, even booking in for some cake and hot chocolate for next week's visit. The pupils made their way to The Boundary Fish and Chip Shop, ordered a cone of chips and ate these by the river before returning to school. We look forward to future visits to Spalding and Stamford next half term.



Online Safety

It is important to understand how to protect your children when they are online. LCC are offering FREE Online Safety Parent Question and Answer event on 18th May 6:30pm-7:30pm. Please click on the below link to sign up to the event <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-date-with-dan-tickets-287806616337>

Department for Education Guidance

All term time holiday requests received by the school will NOT be authorised unless for exceptional circumstances. This is in line with Priory Trust policies and national legislation, link found on our website. The Department for Education (DfE) guidance identifies that pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children and young people vulnerable to not reaching their potential. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in all phases of their schooling. The Government expects schools to promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence (a child is considered to be persistently absent if their attendance drops below 90%). The table below shows the number of days absence over a year that equate to each percentage absence.

Percentage Attendance	Approximate number of days absent
95%	10 (2 x weeks)
90%	19 (nearly 4 x weeks)
85%	29 (nearly 6 x weeks)

School Uniform for the new academic year

In preparation for the new academic year, we would like to do a batch school uniform order with the supplier. Attached is the order form. Please complete and return to Willoughby for the attention of School Office – Terri. If you prefer to e-mail your order, please send to willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk . To enable the school uniform to be sent home by the end of July, please complete and return your school uniform order by no later than **Wednesday 15th June**. Orders received later than the 15th June, uniforms are not guaranteed by the end of this academic year and may not be available until September. Our preferred method of payment is BACS transfer. When paying online please put your child's name as a reference. Bank details are listed on the order form.



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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Ash	Water Lily	For good phonics work.
Hayden	Sunflower	For staying calm and using his voice positively to express his wishes.
Madison	Poppy	For trying really hard in her maths work.
Jude	Buttercup	For fantastic shape matching in maths.
Shihan	Daffodil	For working really hard on his handwriting.
Oscar	Foxglove	For recognising and saying 15 of his words in my communication.
James	Blue Thistle	For making good progress using symbols to make choices.
All pupils	Tiger Lily	For taking all of the changes in their stride this week.
Jacob	Venus Flytrap	For being aware of his peers needs and supporting them to participate.
Lucas	Tulip	For excellent focus and skills in Forest School.
Ryan	Protea	For improvement in his handwriting skills.
James	Snapdragon	For walking to and from the park so well.
Chloe	Bluebell	For great communication using her voice and interacting with sister Millie.
Connor	Jasmine	For lovely interactions during our yoga session.

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

Date	Event
Monday 9 th May	Space Centre Trip for Protea/Snapdragon and Tulip classes.
Friday 13 th May	Futures Fayre taking place at Willoughby Academy for Year 8 and above Parent/Carers. Morning session 10.00am – 12.00, afternoon session 1.00pm – 2.00pm.
Monday 16 th May	Foxglove class trip to Wild in the Wood, Lincoln.
Thursday 19 th May	HPV Vaccination for Year 8 pupils with parental consent.
Thursday 19 th May	Tiger Lily class trip to Grantham College.
Monday 20 th May	Daffodil class trip to Ferry Meadows, Peterborough.
Friday 27 th May	Academy Jubilee Celebrations, further details to follow.
Friday 27 th May	End of Term.
Monday 6 th June	Start of Summer Term 2.



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