



WILLOUGHBY A PRIORY ACADEMY

Willoughby Weekly

Friday 9th September 2022

Welcome

A very warm welcome back to all members of the Willoughby community. I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing summer holiday. We start the new academic year with 135 pupils across 15 classes and over 80 members of staff. An especially warm welcome to new Willoughby staff members and 10 new Willoughby pupils and their families.

Former Pupil

On Monday, we had a special visitor, Zackary who is a former Willoughby pupil. In September 2021, Zackary left Willoughby to join a mainstream school. The move has been hugely successful. During his visit, Zackary was able to reconnect with his school friends, who were excited to see him again. He enjoyed his time visiting Willoughby and had a tour of the new school buildings and facilities.



HM Queen Elizabeth II

Willoughby Academy expresses its deepest sympathies to the Royal Family on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to her other realms and territories is unparalleled, and we offer our heartfelt thanks for her service over the last 70 years. Willoughby will observe the national period of mourning, and continue to guide and support our pupils during this time. Unless otherwise stated, please assume that any activities and events we have scheduled will continue as planned. We await further information from the Department for Education on arrangements for Her Majesty's funeral and the eventual coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Details will be shared as soon as they are available.

Food and Nutrition Update

Welcome back everyone to Food and Nutrition. This term we are following the whole school theme of 'All about me' focussing on the need for a healthy breakfast, and the positive impact a good start to the day can have on our school life and learning. Pupils will be making healthy muesli bars, fruit pots, dishes with eggs, breakfast scones and muffins, to name just a few of the dishes. A great start has been made already with some pupils tasting a range of breakfast products and expressing their likes and dislikes. Some of the older pupils have made some delicious low sugar breakfast bars, to which they chose an array of fruits to add to the recipe. An exciting year ahead!



Ideal School Meals

If your child has meals provided by Ideal School Meals, please be aware of the online ordering deadline which is 9am Tuesday the week before. For example, if you are ordering meals for w/c 19th September, the deadline to order meals is Tuesday 13th September at 9am. If you have any queries, please contact Ideal School Meals direct on 01522 246424 or e-mail orders@idealschoolmeals.co.uk

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Nut Free School

We need to raise awareness that some of our pupils at Willoughby suffer from allergies. In particular allergies to nuts. People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction. Being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties). First aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens which are required immediately if this occurs. We cannot have nuts in school in any form. Please can we ask that you have no nut products in lunch boxes or brought into school. Example of nuts found in foods include:

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Chocolate spreads
- Cereal bars
- Some granola bars
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits/cookies that contain nuts
- Peanut butter cakes
- Sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive. We understand that this is an additional thing to check, and we know that you will recognise the importance of taking such precautions. We appreciate that lots of parents send in snacks for their son/daughter, cakes on birthdays, this is still permitted, all we ask is you think 'Nut Free'

NHS Annual Flu Vaccination

Please find the attached NHS flu vaccination letter. If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine, please follow the instructions detailed in the letter and enter code **EE120763** to select Willoughby Academy. Flu vaccinations will take place at Willoughby Academy on **Friday 14th October**. Please complete the online consent form as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service on 01522 572950 (8.30am – 4.30pm Mon-Fri).



Makaton Sign of the Week

5th – 11th September, this week's sign is Pen.

Star of the Week

Pupil	Class	Reason
Whole class	Daisy	For settling in to their new class.
Whole class	Water Lily	For an amazing first week.
Whole Class	Sunflower	For settling back into the school routine.
Whole class	Poppy	For settling in amazingly well.
Whole Class	Buttercup	For an amazing start to school and responding well to new routines.
Matthew	Daffodil	Mathew has won the star of the week for fantastic walking in his walker!
Whole class	Foxglove	Everyone has settled into their new classrooms and staff.
Fred	Leopard Lily	For making toast in the independence room and enjoying his time in there.
Anna	Tiger Lily	For an amazingly positive return to school!
Tommy	Venus Flytrap	For being so kind to his friends.
James	Protea	For being increasingly communicative throughout the school.
Whole Class	Snapdragon	For a brilliant first week back.
Ollie and Imogen	Bluebell	For saying his numbers really well while the class do their number song. For taking a few steps whilst being supported at the hips.

Sabine and Matthew	Jasmine	For standing beautifully in her standing frame. For superb interactions with staff during his communication session.
Whole Class	Cherry Blossom	For being superb Blossoms in their first week in a new class.

Pastoral Manager Vacancy

Willoughby are recruiting a Pastoral Manager. Please visit [The Priory Federation of Academies Trust - Vacancies \(prioryacademies.co.uk\)](http://The Priory Federation of Academies Trust - Vacancies (prioryacademies.co.uk)) for more details.



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 4 th October	Pupil and staff School Photos – Tempest Photography.
Friday 14 th October	NHS Flu vaccination for pupils and staff.
Friday 21 st October	End of term.
Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October	Half Term.
Monday 31 st October	Autumn Term 2.

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