

## Willoughby Weekly

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### Scifest Activities – Update from Gemma Richards (Science Co-ordinator)

The Scifest Team have been working with sponsors to provide engaging presentations and workshops for the young people of Bourne. These will be delivered during the week of 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> October. Here at Willoughby Bluebell, Jasmine and Sunflower classes are looking forward to a visit from Zoolab. They will be exploring a range of mini beasts and furry visitors and learning about their habitats. Venus Flytrap and Snapdragon will be going on an adventure far, far away, as they explore the night sky and beyond through a planetarium experience. We are all looking forward to a visit from Dr Mark Pritchards 'Science Magic Show', who performs magic tricks that are all science based. Please look out for photographs posted on Tapestry, it will be an exciting week!

### Parent/Carers Coffee Morning – Independent Travel Training

Our first parent/carer coffee morning for this academic year will take place on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of November 10:00am-11:15am** with guest speaker Mike Powell. Mike will be talking about independent travel training. This service is provided by Lincolnshire County Council and designed to equip young people with the skills and confidence to travel by bus, foot or train independently. We warmly invite any families interested in using this service now or in the future to attend to find out more. Willoughby coffee mornings are small, informal and a lovely way to meet other parents and carers. To book please email [willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk)

### Work Experience Update

Lucas is enjoying his first work experience placement working as a school gardener. Lucas has been busy planting grass seed, digging borders and helping Site Manager Dave keep the school grounds tidy.

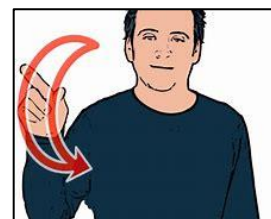
### Pupil School Photographs

On Tuesday pupils had their annual school photograph taken by Tempest Photography. Tempest Photography will contact all parents/carers by e-mail over the next few days. Contained in the e-mail will be a link directing you to Tempest Photography website. Parents/carers have 14 days to order with free back to school delivery. After 14 days, parents/carers are still able to order but will be required to pay postage and packaging to your home address.



### Message to all Parent/Carers

Please can all lunch boxes sent into school contain an ice block to help keep them cool. We are unable to store pupil's packed lunches in a fridge. Many thanks.



### Makaton Sign of the Week - Moon

### Parents Evening

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attend Parents Evening yesterday. The second opportunity to visit Willoughby and discuss your child's progress will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

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## Safety When Online

The internet is a valuable resource, therefore it is essential parents/carers help their child(ren) with SEND have positive and safe experiences that enrich their lives. The link below sets out support and guidance on how to achieve this successfully. [Help children with SEND have safe experiences online | Internet Matters](#)

## Sleep Talker

Pupil Intervention Manager Evelyn Cox and Teaching Assistant Dawn Tucker have now completed Sleep Talker training. They are able to offer support to Willoughby families exploring sleep related issues, suggested strategies and signposting to sleep services if needed. Evelyn and Dawn are hosting a coffee morning **on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10.15am – 11.15am** to share further guidance and information. To book onto the coffee morning please e-mail [willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk)



## Christmas Events – Key Dates

As we are now in October we would like to confirm key Christmas dates with you. Performing Arts Teacher Hilary would like to share the exciting news of Christmas performances. On **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** pupils from Upper School will share their Christmas Performance (1.30pm – 2.30pm). To attend the Upper School Christmas performance please e-mail [willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk) please provide guest names (maximum 2 people). For your information Upper School classes include: Venus Flytrap, Foxglove, Tiger Lily, Leopard Lily, Protea, Snapdragon and Jasmine.

On **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Save the Children National Christmas Jumper day. Pupils and staff are invited to wear their festive Christmas knitwear to school. Ideal School Meals will also be serving their traditional Christmas lunch. Please check your online Ideal School Meals menu to select the Christmas meal options closer to the date.

On **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** pupils from Lower School will be involved with a Christmas Nativity (9.30am – 10.15am). To attend the Lower School Christmas nativity please e-mail [willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk) please provide guest names (maximum 2 people). For your information Lower School classes include: Buttercup, Poppy, Sunflower, Water Lily, Daisy, Daffodil, Cherry Blossom and Bluebell.

## Ponies Visiting Willoughby

Next Thursday we have ponies visiting pupils in Bluebell and Jasmine classes. We are looking forward to welcoming our special guests to Willoughby and for pupils to have hands on experience with the ponies. The pony experience has been funded by the Willoughby Foundation. Further photos will follow in next week's newsletter.



## World Cerebral Palsy Day

Yesterday was Cerebral Palsy Day, Riley's Dad has kindly donated green ribbons for us to wear to highlight this special day.



## Star of the Week

Pupil	Class	Reason
Sidney	Daisy	For concentrating really hard on his sentence work.
Max	Water Lily	For joining in with sounds, songs, actions and circle time.
Noah	Sunflower	For clear communication with his symbols.
Cayson	Poppy	For his amazing efforts in all phonics lessons.
Georgia	Buttercup	For using her walker for the first time in school.
Leah	Daffodil	For brilliant phonics.
Oscar	Foxglove	For good phonics work.
Stephen	Leopard Lily	For great work in the Sensory Integration Room.
Leah	Tiger Lily	For impressive progress with her life skills.
Dayton	Venus Flytrap	For good work on his physio and OT programmes.
Sky	Protea	For improving her numeracy skills.
Imogen	Snapdragon	For having a fantastic first full week.
Esmæe	Bluebell	For good communication and initiation of interaction.
Abi	Jasmine	For superb interactions during our Forest School session.
Alfie	Cherry Blossom	For being 'Star Baker' and increased independence in the classroom.

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	NHS Flu vaccination for pupils and staff.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	End of Autumn Term 1.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Start of Autumn Term 2.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee Morning for parents/carers. Independent Travel Training 10:00 – 11.15.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Upper School Christmas Performance</b> (1.30pm – 2.30pm) classes: Venus Flytrap, Foxglove, Tiger Lily, Leopard Lily, Protea, Snapdragon and Jasmine.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Ideal School Meals – Christmas lunch.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Lower School Christmas Nativity</b> Play (9.30am – 10.15am) classes: Buttercup, Poppy, Sunflower, Water Lily, Daisy, Daffodil, Cherry Blossom, Bluebell.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Coffee morning for parents/carers. Sleep Talker 10.15am – 11.15am.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term 2.

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