



Willoughby School

Willoughby Weekly, Spring Term 1

Friday 11th January 2019

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year and welcome back to all pupils and staff at Willoughby School. We are looking forward to starting Spring Term 2019.

Emergency Closure Details Procedure

With cold weather on its way, please read the below procedure information, if the school closes in the event of heavy snow or an emergency. If weather conditions prevent the school from opening the decision would be made by approximately 7:30am. The decision to close the school would be publicised in the following ways:

- The school website homepage
- The school Twitter page
- TXT Round message (please ensure that the school has an up-to-date contact mobile phone number)
- The Lincolnshire County Council website www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

It is unlikely that the school telephone will be answered, so please firstly check the above communication routes for news. The school will also inform all transport operators. We are unable to ring every parent, but the TXT Round service is in place. The only consideration with TXT round is that when mobile networks get busy, the time taken to deliver the message can be affected.

Were the school to close during the school day we will make contact with every parent/carer of children affected, to ensure that someone will be able to meet them from their transport or collect them from school. The news of the closure will also be published via the school website, Twitter and TXT Round. If you have any queries or questions in relation to potential school closures please contact the school.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

If by any chance you have received a gift over Christmas which was unwanted and you know you won't use it, we are more than happy to receive it. We are always looking for donated gifts for future raffles and forthcoming fundraising events. The School Office will collate any unwanted gifts, thank you for your support.

Packed Lunch Boxes

Please can parents/carers clearly mark packed lunch boxes with their child's name. We are no longer able to store packed lunches in the school fridge. If you would like to keep the contents chilled please include an ice block into the packed lunch, thank you.

Wooden Christmas Baubles – Thank you

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Gilding for their time and effort in supplying each pupil with a handmade wooden Christmas bauble.

Izzy's Lovin' it at Bourne Fast Food Restaurant

The following article featured in the local Rutland & Stamford Mercury newspaper.

A teenager from Bourne is lovin' life after taking part in an inclusive work experience programme at the town's McDonald's outlet. Izzy Tiley, 15, who suffers from Soto's Syndrome, a chromosome-based disorder, as well as autism and nystagmus, has been on a work experience placement at the Bourne restaurant on Milestone Road during the last three weeks.

She has been helping out staff in the restaurant and engaging with customers for two hours a week to build up life skills, improve her confidence and give her more social opportunities.

Her mum, Laura, said: "It's fantastic to see a business as large as McDonald's taking on people who are differently abled. "Since Izzy started, they've been incredibly kind, supporting her and making her feel at ease. "This opportunity has given her a real desire to work and we're all really impressed with the strength and work ethic."

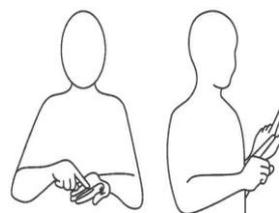
Izzy was offered the experience after being a customer at the fast-food chain and getting to know the staff and showing an interest in the business.

Matt Jarrett, the franchisee of the Bourne restaurant, said: "At McDonald's, we are fortunate to have one of the most diverse workforces in the UK. "It's fantastic having Izzy as part of the team."



Makaton Sign of the Week is January

Finger spell 'J' + Finger spell 'Y' = January



Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF)

LPCF listen to parents/carers voices to make sure their views are heard by services. LPCF meet and talk to parents/carers at events and coffee mornings. LPCF organise special workshops and information events for parents/carers to share and gather information/knowledge. Meetings are held in a variety of locations including Sleaford, Spalding, Boston, Bourne and Woodhall Spa. For further details e-mail admin@lincspcf.org.uk or view www.lincspcf.org.uk, contact phone number is 07925 232466.

Early Support Care Co-ordination (ESCO) Drop in Appointments

ESCO drop in appointments provide the opportunity for you, as a parent or carer of a child with a disability, to meet with a skilled professional for a friendly and confidential consultation. Please see the attached poster detailing further information.