

Diwali Workshop - Update

Last Friday we welcomed Sunita into school for the annual Diwali school workshops. Pupils learnt about the festival which included a range of Indian dance styles and movements including Bollywood dancing and were able to experience the colours and textiles of authentic Indian clothing. Pictured are pupils from Yellow and Gold Class enjoying the Diwali festival.



School Photographs

If you ordered your Tempest photographs online, these have been sent home via your child today. All other outstanding photograph orders will be sent home at the end of next week.

Bourne Remembrance Parade

On Sunday 10th November representatives from Willoughby attended the annual Bourne Remembrance parade to lay the school poppy wreath. In attendance were James Husbands, Head Girl Phoebe Matthews and Head Boy Ross Worthington along with their families. Pictured are Amanda and Phoebe Matthews. The beautiful Poppy artwork created by Yellow Class pupils.

Shoe Box Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to buy gifts for this year's shoe box appeal. The boxes have been collated and they are now ready to travel on their journey to the recipient. If you have decided to track your shoebox look out for updates in the near future. Your generosity is truly appreciated, thank you!



Music Workshop

On Monday we welcomed Jamie Booth into school. Jamie visited every class to provide tailored musical workshops. Pupils listened to a music performance by Jamie, they also had the opportunity to feel the guitar as it was played and feel the vibrations. Other classes learnt songs and were able to join in using percussion instruments including shakers and drums. Upper School classes sang along to pop songs and accompanied Jamie with the percussion. Thank you for spending the day at Willoughby and sharing your musical skills and knowledge with all pupils and staff.

Message to Parents/Carer re: Slings

Slings provided by CWD OT are the property of the Integrated Community Equipment Store (ICES) and they have responsibility for the 6 monthly LOLER checks on them. These checks are completed at the home address according to the required schedule. Therefore, home slings will no longer be inspected in school.

'Playmaker' Award Studies

On Monday Red Base were visited by Brett Sinclair Assistant Headteacher of Bourne and Spalding Academies. Brett visited to be interviewed about Leadership, part of Red Base 'Playmaker' award studies. Brett explained that he had been a teacher for 18 years and that his proudest achievement has been supporting Spalding Academy and helping it improve. Finley and Noah, with the support of Teaching Assistant Kirsty gave Brett a tour of Willoughby. Red Base hope to visit Bourne Academy soon.



Minibus Appeal

Micky Stokes our volunteer parent fundraiser has been hard at work organising school fundraising events to raise money towards a new school minibus. The aim is to purchase a specially adapted 16-seater minibus suitable for wheelchair users. We need to raise approximately £18,000 towards a new minibus, to date £6,000 has been successfully raised. Parent Hayley Sinclair has very generously donated £400 towards the school minibus appeal. Hayley works for the RAF and has raised the sum of money through court mounting medals for parades. Thank you to Hayley and to Micky for the fantastic fundraising efforts.

Odd Sock Day – Tuesday 12th November

Thank you to everyone who remembered to wear their odd socks to school on Tuesday. Children were keen to show off their colourful odd socks. This week Jade Class have been busy learning about anti bullying through their PSHE lesson and have created odd socks posters.



Family Dog Workshops

The attached poster, details workshops for parents/carers of a child aged between 3-16 years old with a clinical diagnosis of autism. The workshops are for families who are either looking at getting a dog or who want to train their own pet dog to help their child. The service consists of 3 workshops followed by unlimited e-mail and phone aftercare. The workshops are running at Canwick Village Hall (Montagu Road, Canwick, Lincoln, LN4 2RW, the first workshop starts in July 2020. For further information, please visit the website <https://www.dogsforgood.org/how-we-help/family-dog/> there is also a short YouTube clip providing additional information https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5S6e_UDlcmE



Children in Need Day – Friday 15th November

A big thank you goes to Indigo Class for organising this year's Children in Need event. Class members have been busy baking yummy treats in preparation for the cake and drinks stall. Today pupils had a fun time playing games, including bowling, pinning the bandana on Pudsey and lots of sensory exploration.

Thank you to parents/carers for their Children in Need donations, the amount raised will feature in next week's newsletter. As a school we enjoy supporting this annual event, thank you to everyone's involvement. Photographs from the event will be included in next week's newsletter.

Request for tombola items or chocolate donations

Micky Stokes a Willoughby parent would be extremely grateful for any tombola items or chocolate treats which you are able to donate. Micky is running a tombola stall and there will also be a chocolate stall at the school Christmas Fayre on Thursday 5th December. Please send your donations into school, the school office will collate the items and forward to Micky. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

AJM Wheelchair Clinic – Wednesday 4th December 2019

AJM Wheelchair Services are holding a wheelchair clinic in school on Wednesday 4th December. If you would like to request an appointment for your child please e-mail terricollett@willoughbyschool.com with your child's name, nature of appointment and if you would like to attend the appointment with your child. Please e-mail as soon as possible, appointments tend to get booked quickly.



Willoughby Christmas Fayre

Event: Willoughby Academy Christmas Fayre

Date: Thursday 5th December 2019

Time: 3pm – 4.30pm

Location: School Hall

The Christmas Fayre will include: Visit from Santa, Christmas raffle, chocolate tombola, teddy bear adoption, gifts, sweet stall and £1 staff, Christmas wreaths and table decorations, balloons and more!

Please e-mail reception@willoughbyschool.com (in advance of the Christmas Fayre) if you intend to take your child home. **If we do not hear from you, your child will travel home via school transport as normal.**

Letter from Santa

This Christmas, Huawei and the British Deaf Association have come together to give every deaf child a letter from Santa. Deaf children across the country will have the chance to sign or speak to one of Santa's elves and receive a personalised video from Santa in British Sign Language. If you would like your child to be one of the lucky ones all you need to do is:

- Visit www.letterstosanta.org.uk booking dates open 29th November.
- Select a date and time you and your child will be available to video call.
- Encourage your child to either sign or speak their letter to one of Santa's trusted elves.
- Wait for Santa's personalised video response in BSL.

Santa is very busy at this time of year, so there are a limited number of personalised slots available which will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Diary Dates - Please make a note of the forthcoming diary dates below;

Event	Date
AJM Wheelchair Services In-School Wheelchair Clinic	Wednesday 4 th December
Willoughby School Christmas Fayre	Thursday 5 th December 3pm – 4.30pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 13 th December
Christmas Lunch for pupils	Tuesday 17 th December
Christmas Disco and end of term	Thursday 19 th December
Start of Spring Term 1 (pupils return to school)	Tuesday 7 th January 2020