

Christmas Message

Thank you for everyone's support during the build up to Christmas. As you will read below there has been a huge number of Christmas events this week and throughout December. Thank you for everyone's support in attending the events and your generosity through the donation of gifts, financial contributions and the many cards and gifts received. This week's Christmas Sale, Christmas Meal and Christmas Service have all been supported by the whole Willoughby Community. Thank you.

Willoughby Christmas Sale

On Monday, classes went to the Willoughby Christmas sale held in school. Red base pupils organised this year's sale and were in charge of their own stalls. Pictured below are Red Base pupils ready to sell their items at the Christmas Sale. Finley was the Customer Services Advisor, helping shoppers throughout the day. After the sale, pupils returned to their classrooms to wrap their gifts, please no peeking until the 25th December!

Thank you to everyone who donated items and sent their Christmas sale money into school, pupils enjoyed the opportunity to choose presents for their family members. Thank you to Red Base for organising the annual event. A total £417 was raised.



Cummins Santa Visit

On Monday afternoon we welcomed a very special visitor into school – Santa arrived on his sleigh to wish pupils a very Happy Christmas. Pupils went outside to the canopy area with their class teachers to meet Santa, each child was given a selection box. Thank you to Anita, Hellwen, David, Jackie and Sharon from Cummins for their Christmas best wishes to all at Willoughby.



School Minibus Update

Our application for a Lord's Taverners minibus has been approved and they have confirmed that Willoughby has been added to their wait list to receive a minibus. We are listed to receive a 16-seat wheelchair accessible minibus.

As a school we need to contribute £18,000 towards the cost. Currently we have raised £10,885.20, we will keep you updated as this figure increases. We are hoping to receive the minibus by September 2020.

Christmas Dinner

On Tuesday afternoon pupils enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner. Pictured are Lilac Class sitting together at their Christmas table with festive hats and crackers. Thank you to Bridgette and Ideal School meals for the delicious dinner.



Christmas Carol Service – Bourne Abbey Church

On Wednesday morning we gathered in Bourne Abbey church for a very special Christmas service lead by James and Father Chris. We sang, When Santa got stuck up the chimney, Away in a Manger, Silent Night (performed by Red Class on the recorders) Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer (led by Gold Class, including Makaton signing). We also enjoyed listening to a Christmas poem by Indigo Class, a reading by Mark Thomas (Willoughby Governor) and two further readings by Jade and Red Class pupils. Thank you to everyone who attended the service and thank you to Father Chris and Bourne Abbey Church for inviting Willoughby pupils, parents and carers.

NHS Advice for Parents/Carers

Please find the attached information sheet from the NHS in relation to the health and wellbeing of children over the festive period. It provides a chart to help you access the right type of care for a range of illnesses and injuries.

Diary Dates – Term Dates

Spring Term 1	
Monday 6 th January 2020	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	Start of Term (pupils return to school)
Friday 14 th February 2020	End of Term
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	Half Term

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!