



Willoughby School

Willoughby Weekly, Autumn Term 2

Thursday 20th December

Christmas Fayre and Christmas Jumper Day

The school Christmas Fayre and Christmas jumper day took place on Friday 14th December. It was fantastic to see so many parents/carers and friends of Willoughby School support this annual event. Set up in the school hall were various stalls including tombola, chocolate raffle, gift and refreshment stalls. Children also had the opportunity to meet Santa and receive a gift. With your help and support over **1,175 raffle ticket books were sold** and the amount raised on the day was an incredible **£2,073.82!!**

Well done to everyone involved, special thanks go to Micky Stokes for her hard work and dedication in organising the fundraising event. Thank you to Academy 2 who supported the event through the mini enterprise scheme by selling biscuits and handmade table decorations. We would also like to thank the volunteers for their help and support in setting up the stalls and the hall for the event. Our thanks also go to Bourne Grammar Students who sold additional raffle tickets on the day and helped Santa co-ordinate all his visitors!



Pictured above are Lilac Class in their festive knitwear.



Pictured left are pupils from Red Base on the "Guess the name of the Teddy Stall" and "Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake" stall.

Christmas Disco

For the last day of term, pupils were treated to a school Christmas Disco and another chance for pupils and staff to wear their festive Christmas jumpers. Each class had the opportunity to explore the Christmas lights and listen to festive songs provided by D.J Will a former pupil of the school.

Willoughby Annual Christmas Sale

The Christmas Sale took place in school on Monday 17th December. Pupils had the opportunity to go Christmas shopping to buy gifts for family members. Pupils took their Christmas gifts back to class to gift wrap with help from staff. Thank you to everyone who supported this Willoughby School tradition, the sale raised an impressive £472.40. Special thanks go to Academy 1 for organising and co-ordinating the event.

Thank you Santa and Tinkerbell

Thank you to Santa and Tinkerbell for visiting Willoughby School during your busiest time of the year. They welcomed over 40 pupils and visitors into Santa's Grotto and provided presents to each of the children. Pictured is a pupil from Academy 2 receiving her gift.



Turquoise Class Christmas Trip

Turquoise Class enjoyed spending time at Waterside Garden Centre. Pupils enjoyed the opportunity to explore the wonderful Christmas displays and visited the café for their morning snack. Pictured are pupils and staff enjoying their Christmas outing.



Christmas Dinner in the School Hall

Another Willoughby School tradition took place during Wednesday lunchtime. The school hall dinner tables were decorated for Christmas along with Christmas crackers. Pupils enjoyed their Christmas dinner together.

Carols Around the Tree

Carols around the Christmas tree took place on Wednesday 19th December, the event was well attended by parents/carers and friends of Willoughby. Beautiful singing voices were heard, as people sang popular Christmas carols. Thank you to Izzy, Jon-Pall and Zhi Chen who were brave and spoke in front of all the visitors. As a special treat Willoughby School were lucky enough to have a special guest, Santa arrived on his sleigh. He gave each child a present and wished them a Merry Christmas.

Ideal School Meals

The last day Ideal School Meals are available for contact is Friday 21st December and they return on Wednesday 2nd January, however you are still able to order meals during the Christmas



period. Please be aware that the cut-off date for meals weeks commencing **7th January** is New Year's Eve at midnight.

Christmas Safety

Festive tea lights, singing Santa and flashing Christmas wands are all very exciting and fun but also are all powered by lithium button batteries, many of them easily accessible to curious little fingers.

This Christmas we are making families aware of the potentially dangerous products and to be careful about where they store spare and used batteries.

Even an apparently 'flat' battery has enough power to cause serious harm if it gets stuck. We're concerned as some of our pupils explore objects through their mouths, which could have potentially lethal consequences.

Most button batteries pass through the body without a problem. But if a button battery - particularly a lithium coin battery, gets stuck in the throat or gullet, energy from the battery reacts with saliva to make the body create caustic soda. This is the same chemical used to unblock drains! This can burn a hole through the throat and can lead to internal bleeding and death. The reaction can happen in as little as two hours. Button batteries are also dangerous if they get stuck in a child's nose or ear. Please take care with batteries this Christmas.



Christmas Card Recycling Challenge

In January, Willoughby are taking part in a Christmas card recycling challenge for a fabulous first prize of £150 Amazon voucher! Please can you save up all your Christmas cards and send them into school by **Monday 31st January**. We cannot take cards with glitter, ribbons or foil as these cannot be recycled.

Christmas Story Booklet

A Christmas booklet called Outside/In has been sent home with pupils this week, courtesy of the Gideons.

Term Dates Reminder

Pupils return to school on Monday 7th January 2019.

Have a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year!