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'Learning For Life'

2018 December

Dear Parents/Carers

I write ahead of the busy end of term, with updates and news in this, the final edition of the newsletter for 2018.

This issue contains:

- Class Organisation and Christmas Cards
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Class Organisation and Christmas Cards

In school we will once again have a Christmas post box available for children who wish to send each other cards. Please can you ensure if your child is sending cards that they include first name and surname initial on the envelope along with year group.

In summary our class structure is:

Year	Class	Key Stage Group
Reception (Foundation 2)	Class 1	F2 (Foundation 2)
Year 1	Class 1	KS1
Year 2	Class 1	KS1
Year 3	Class 2	KS2 (lower KS2)
Year 4	Class 2	KS2 (lower KS2)
Year 5	Class 2	KS2 (upper KS2)
Year 6	Class 2	KS2 (upper KS2)

Key Dates for the Rest of the Term

DECEMBER

- Thursday 6th - Christmas Club (3 of 4)
- Monday 10th - Last swimming session for KS1/R before Christmas
- Wednesday 12th - Nativity @ Church - 6:30pm start
(Children should aim to arrive from 6:15pm)
- Thursday 13th - Final Christmas Club
- Friday 14th - Christmas Jumper Day ('Save the Children')
- Sunday 16th - 'Carols for All' - 6:00pm @ Willoughby Church

- Tuesday 18th - 'Beauty and the Beast' pantomime at Loughborough Town Hall. We will leave school at 1:00pm.
Children will not return to school until after the end of the normal school day. Please be ready to pick them up at 4:30pm. We will text you if there is a significant variation to this time.
- Wednesday 19th - School Christmas Dinner
- Thursday 20th - Christmas Party - children may wear party clothes all day. No packed lunches or dinners as they will be bringing in party food to share (list of food requests will be sent out the week before the party)
- Fri 21st - **END OF TERM: BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
Children may bring in sensible games to share with others (not toys or expensive electronic games please). Please stress to your child it is their responsibility to look after the game (e.g. to ensure all the pieces get put back in the box).
Children will NOT need their P.E. kit after Friday 14th

JANUARY 2019

- Mon 7th - INSET Day (School Closed to Children)
- Tues 8th - First Day Back - Start of Spring Term 1

Governor News

At the Autumn term meeting of the Full Governing Board, Dr Adrian Bath was re-elected to serve as Chair for a further two years. Governors felt it was really helpful for Adrian to continue in this role to offer experience and stability whilst a new Head is appointed to lead the school after the Summer holidays. I am personally grateful to Adrian for all the hard work he does on behalf of the Governing Body and for accepting the nomination.

It was also decided that the vice-chair position would be for a two year period. Tom Bateson stood down as vice-chair, although continues as a parent governor and link governor for Health & Safety. Sander Tiel was elected as the new vice-chair to support Adrian. My thanks to both Tom and Sander for all that they do on behalf of our parents for the school.

Swimming Contributions

It would be helpful if all voluntary contributions are paid for swimming before the end of term. However, if with all the expense at Christmas you feel you would prefer to leave this until the New Year then we quite understand.

Based on a voluntary contribution of £4.00 per child, per session towards swimming (which includes transport) we are asking for a voluntary contribution for a KS2 child of £36 or £32 for a KS1/Reception child (as they have one less session).

Thank you for Support of our Charities

Thank you for your on-going support for our charity efforts as a school to raise money for those less fortunate. Doing good for others is an important part of a 'learning for life' lesson.

Our 'Children in Need' dressing up day raised £142. Thank you for your generosity.

Throughout December children are invited to bring an item of food to add to our 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. We have been asked by a charity that support asylum seekers, who have escaped from war and famine in their own country for packets of cereal, as they are particularly short of these - 500g size of Cornflakes, Rice Krispies etc. We will also be supporting another charity for those in need through Project 5000, where tinned products would be particularly welcome.

Finally, a reminder that Friday 14th is Christmas Jumper Day in support of 'Save the Children'.

Rushcliffe Learning Alliance Pupil Parliament Petition

The two oldest children who sit on the school council, by virtue of their office represent Willoughby at the Rushcliffe Learning Alliance Pupil Parliament (RLAPP) which meets once a term in the Council Chamber in Nottingham. They reported back that the petition chosen was: "Trees that are cut down are replaced with new ones at the same rate." You will find a link to sign the petition on the home page of our website.

Guilder Trophy Winners

Congratulations to our recent winners of the Guilder Trophy, awarded for effort in work, behaviour and other aspects of school life:

8/11/18	Arabella B (Y2)
16/11/18	Cleo M (Y3)
23/11/18	William B (Y4)

Annual Consultation on Admission Arrangements

This consultation invites you to give your views about the proposed admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Nottinghamshire for 2020-2021. These arrangements are relevant for children who will be starting primary school, moving to junior school, moving to secondary school and children transferring school during the school year 2020-2021. You will find the full consultation document at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation

Emergency Closure & Text Messages

If for any reason we feel we may need to close, Mr Guilder will liaise with the Chair of Governors, Adrian Bath, to make a decision. (If it is a Friday, Miss Smith will liaise with Adrian Bath to make a decision.)

We have the following procedures in place if we have to close the school at short notice (e.g. heating/electrics failure, severe weather):

- We will inform you via the text messaging service.
- A notice will be posted on the school gate by Debbie Brooks, to inform all parents that school is closed.
- We will also get it announced on local radio station, BBC Radio Nottingham and a notification will be on their website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/nottingham>

We do not operate a phone chain so if you have problems with your mobile signal you might like to make a private arrangement for a parent friend to inform you.

Keyworth Cricket Club

Barry Baker, President of Keyworth Cricket Club has asked us to forward the following information:

Keyworth Cricket Club will be running Indoor Cricket Coaching every week from January for boys and girls through to when Outdoor cricket starts in April. 'New' Players are always welcome to join, simply contact Barry Baker bqbaker@btopenworld.com to register interest or ask questions.

Every Monday evening 6.30-7.30pm in the Sports Hall at Keyworth Leisure Centre beginning from 14 January. These sessions are with a 'soft ball' and for boy and girl beginners or those children not yet ready to play with a 'hard ball'. Cost is £4 per session, the first week is 'free' as a 'taster' for 'new' players. Year 6 to Year 3 children welcome. Just turn up in leisure clothing and trainer shoes, all equipment is provided.

Every Friday evening 5-6pm in the Woodhead Hall (besides Larwood & Voce) at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground beginning from 4 January. These sessions are with a 'hard ball' and for boys already experienced in cricket and ready to play with a 'hard ball'. Cost is £4 per session, the first week is 'free' as a 'taster' for 'new' players. Year 6 & 5 children welcome. Just turn up in leisure clothing and trainer shoes, all equipment is provided. A girls 'hard ball' weekly session is available on Saturday mornings at Trent Bridge (9-10am in Sobers Hall) but parents of new players interested should first contact the club.

Keyworth CC is ECB ClubMark accredited and our Coaches are fully trained, certified, ECB qualified and DBS holders.

Finally, I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and joyful New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Guilder', with a horizontal line underneath.

Alan Guilder
Head Teacher

Electronic copies of newsletters

The Government continues to encourage all schools to have electronic communication with parent/carers. You can access the newsletter on our school website. A hard copy is displayed on the school notice board. If you would prefer to receive newsletters by email please inform the school office.

To read all details of the newsletter 2018 December go to www.willoughby.notts.sch.uk and click on 'About' tab, then 'Newsletters' tab

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Payment of voluntary contributions can be made by cash, cheque (payable to Willoughby Primary School) or via bank transfer, details of which are below:

Bank: Santander
 Account Name: Willoughby School Fund
 Sort Code: 09-01-54
 Account Number: 31744009

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KS2 Swimming (Y3-6)

Family name

I enclose/have transferred by interbank transfer (please delete as appropriate)

a voluntary contribution of
£36.00 (per child)

KS1 Swimming (YR-2)

Family name

I enclose/have transferred by interbank transfer (please delete as appropriate)

a voluntary contribution of
£32.00 (per child)