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'Learning For Life'

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Dear Parents/Carers

This year our half-term holiday took us into November so we have just 7 weeks to go as we look forward to a busy term, as well as all the Christmas events that will soon be upon us.

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Key Dates for the Rest of the Term

NOVEMBER

Mon 5 th	- Back to School - Autumn Term 2
	- KS2 Swimming (8)
Tues 6 th	- Y1/2 Sports Hall Athletics @ South Notts Academy
Weds 7 th	- Y5/6 Indoor Rowing @ TSWA
Mon 12 th	- KS2 FINAL Swim (9)
Tues 13 th	- Y3/4 Football @ TSWA
Weds 14 th	- PM: Reception to Y5 - Flu Vaccine (School Nurse)
	- Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics @ The Becket School
Fri 16 th	- Children in Need Day
Mon 19 th	- KS1/R Start Swimming (1)
Thur 22 nd	- Christmas Club (1 of 4)
Mon 26 th	- KS1/R Swimming (2)
Thur 29 th	- Christmas Club (2 of 4)
Fri 30 th	- Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

Mon 3 rd	- KS1/R Swimming (3)
Weds 5 th	- KS1 Gymnastics
Thur 6 th	- Christmas Club (3 of 4)
Mon 10 th	- KS1/R Swimming (4)
Weds 12 th	- Nativity @ Church (6:30pm start)
Thur 13 th	- Christmas Club (4 of 4)
Fri 14 th	- Christmas Jumper Day
SUNDAY 16 th	- 'Carols for All' @ Willoughby Church
Mon 17 th	- <u>NO SWIMMING</u>
Tues 18 th	- Panto @ L'boro - Beauty and the Beast (back at school about 4:30pm)

- Thur 20th - Christmas Party
Fri 21st - BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

JANUARY 2019

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

Thank you for Support for Daisy - we raised £178.34

We celebrated our harvest/thanksgiving day at the end of term on Daisy Day. Thank you for your support in donating money for Daisy Akoth Adhola, the child we sponsor in Kisumu in Kenya. Please do take the opportunity if you are in school at having a look at the Daisy display by the entrance door, where children's envelopes are exhibited. Your generosity means we are able to cover Daisy's education for the year and send the small surplus to Plan International who work with the children and families in the area. Daisy is now 14 years old and our pledge is to see each child we sponsor through until they leave school at 18 years of age.

Children in Need

School Council were unanimous in their decision to continue to support this national event. This year Children in Need day will take place on Friday 16th November.

We invite you to donate £2 (or more) to this worthwhile cause. Your child can come to school in PJ's or nightwear (e.g. onesies) ... spotty ones if they have one!

Guilder Trophy Winners

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

5/10/18	Edward B (Y2)	19/10/18	Isobel R (Y5)
12/10/18	Polly M (Y2)	26/10/18	Caitlin B (Y6)

Reporting School Absence

Please can I remind you of the importance of reporting absence to the office first thing in the morning either in person or via phone - the best time is between 8:30am-9:00am. Please **do not** inform us by email as sometimes these may not be read until later in the day. If no-one answers the phone, you are able to leave a message.

Jewellery Policy

At the request of our School Council I am writing to remind you of Willoughby's policy on the wearing of jewellery. Members of School Council are concerned that if older children wear bracelets or dangly earrings it sets a bad example for younger children. School's policy on the wearing of jewellery is clear and states: 'No dangly or hooped earrings.' For the safety of all the children please ensure that items of jewellery are not worn to school.

FOWS News on Sponsorship

FOWS are delighted to announce that they have been successful in their application for fund-raising through Co-op to help fund IT equipment for school. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for details of how you can help.

Reverse Calendar

Our School Council, again, unanimously gave a thumbs up in support of an Advent 'Reverse Calendar' - where rather than 'taking something out', the idea is to 'put something in.' Each day during December they are invited to add an item of food to a box in school. At the end of the term the box will be given to a charity to donate food to a food bank. Suggested items (to be in good date): tinned food e.g. canned soups, beans, fruit, sweetcorn etc. pasta, rice, bottled water, mince pies, biscuits and chocolate bars.

Christmas Jumper Day

A final charity event to raise money which was a popular choice when our School Council met is to invite everyone to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 14th December. Donations of £1 (or more) will go to the 'Save the Children' charity which is promoting, 'the silliest, woolliest, most generous day of the year'. Children could wear either a bought jumper or add decorations to jumper or just wear something Christmassy!

Finally ...

- As winter months come upon us there is often an increase in illness. Following sickness many children are keen to return to school quickly. However, in order not to spread germs, please keep them at home for 48 hrs, if they have been sick to ensure they are fully well again.
- Unauthorised absence - Please note holidays cannot be authorised during term time. As our cohorts are small taking your child or children out for just a day or more can have an adverse effect on the attendance data for our school. Please plan ahead and book holidays during the school holidays!
- It was good to see the majority of parents/carers at our recent teacher meetings. Please remember that our 'open door' policy means we are happy to see you to discuss your child's emotional well-being or academic progress at any point during the term.
- Many thanks for your continued support for all that we do together to ensure all the children have a safe and happy environment in which to learn.

Yours sincerely



Alan Guilder
Head Teacher



Friends of Willoughby School has been chosen to be part of the Co-Op's Local Community Fund!

This means that every time you shop at Co-Op, 1% of what you spend on selected products comes directly to us, at no extra cost to you. All you need to do is sign up for a Co-Op card & choose us as your local charity.

1. Please join Co-op if you're not already a member - you can join in-store or online at www.coop.co.uk/membership. It costs just £1.
2. Once you're a Co-op member please set "Friends of Willoughby School" as your chosen charity, you can do this online or by phone.
3. Still not sure how to do this? Please speak to any FOWS member and they'll happily help.

We have this golden opportunity of raising up to £5K over the next year, which will be put towards new IT equipment to benefit the whole school.

Thank you for helping us make a huge difference by supporting our school!