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'Learning For Life'

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Dear Parents/Carers

I write with an update as we approach the half-term break. Please can I remind you that **school is closed on Friday 15th February** as staff are at a professional training day with other colleagues across the Rushcliffe Schools Alliance. We return after the holidays on Monday 25th February.

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New Arrangements at Pick-up Time

We have a number of local residents who have expressed their concern for the safety of our children at pick-up time. Obviously the safety of our children is paramount and increasingly I have noticed a tendency for parents and children to spill onto the road outside school. Even though vehicle speeds are low, I am aware that home time is potentially the highest risk point of the day. To significantly reduce the risk we will ask all those picking up children to come **onto** the playground and we will speak to the children about staying on the pavement as they walk home. A member of staff will continue to remain at the gate to see that children are leaving with their adult. I hope this arrangement will improve safety and be fully endorsed by everyone.

Book Week

Our School Council have discussed World Book Day, which is on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a fictional character on this day. This is not a fund-raising event; it is part of our Book Week which runs from Monday 4th March. Staff are planning book activities and story swaps for the week. There will also be a competition - details to follow. On World Book Day, every child will receive a token that can be exchanged for one of twelve (exclusive, new and completely free) World Book Day books. If you would prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full-price book or audiobook instead.

Staff Change of Roles

Mrs Dornan is going to support work in KS2 every Thursday in place of Mrs Brooks. Mrs Brooks will move to the role of Teaching Assistant for the Reception group. The new job share arrangement for Year R will therefore be: Mon-Weds (inclusive): Mrs Dornan, Thurs - Fri (am): Mrs Brooks. This change of roles will begin after the half-term break.

Future of Singing Club

Unfortunately there were not sufficient numbers for 'Rattle and Roll' to run a singing club at lunch-times on a Tuesday. Only 8 children had signed up and they require a minimum of 15 to make it viable.

Guilder Trophy Winners

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

11/1 Natalie F (Y5)

25/1 Rosie S (Y3)

18/1 Evie J (Y4)

1/2 Sam N (Y3)

Willoughby Primary School Performs ...

Children are busy learning songs from 'Joseph'. All our children from Reception through to Year 6 will be involved in some way so please keep the date free to come and join us at the Village Hall, on Tuesday 26th March, from 6:30pm.

School Meals

There will be a small increase of 1p on the price of a school meal to £2.30 per day, which will take effect after the Easter break (i.e. Summer term). This will mean the cost for a week is £11.50. Children in Reception and KS1 will continue to have meals provided free of charge.

Health Texting Service

Nottinghamshire Healthcare's Healthy Family Teams have launched a new text messaging service for parents and carers to access confidential health advice, with effect from Tuesday 29 January.

The [Parentline](#) text messaging service is an easy way for parents and carers to confidentially ask for help about a range of issues, such as feeding and nutrition, emotional health and wellbeing, child development, behaviour difficulties and family health. They can also find out how to access other local services for example, School Health Team, breastfeeding support or health visitor led sessions.

Parents and carers of children aged 0 -19 in Nottinghamshire can contact the text messaging service for advice on **Parentline 07520 619919**.

The service does not replace face-to-face contact with Healthy Family Teams but aims to offer an alternative, accessible method of contact and a flexible way to provide support.

Parentline is available from Monday to Friday 9.00am - 4.30pm excluding bank holidays. Messages sent to the dedicated number are delivered to a secure website, and responded to by the Healthy Family Team. Texts are usually replied to within one working day. Automatic replies will be sent to any messages received out of hours explaining where to get help if their question is urgent, and when they can expect a response.

Little Wickets

Little Wickets are now taking books for half-term with early booking discounts available until 11/2/19. Please see their letter attached to the end of this Newsletter.

High Level Needs Consultation

The high costs of delivering education to children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) has meant that NCC has an imperative to bring the budget under control. Parents are encouraged to respond to the consultation by the 15th February. The link to the NCC consultation website is: <https://consult.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/children-and-families-services/high-needs-review-consultation>

Drumba Sessions

I hope your child is enjoying their Drumba sessions on Fridays. These are being paid for out of our School Sports Premium. It is an exercise format that combines drumsticks with dance steps to create a fast paced, intense cardio workout for the upper and lower body. As a school we are required to show the impact of this funding stream and consider the benefit on pupils' physical well being. Drumba offers us an alternative activity alongside traditional sporting activities, is inclusive and ensures full participation rates.

Finally ...

- 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 affect on the attendance data for our school. Please plan ahead and book holidays during the school holidays!
- Parent/Teacher Meetings - a reminder that we hope to see all our parent/carers on Wednesday 13th February. Where parents are unable to make this date, alternative arrangements have been made. If you have not made an appointment, please contact the office to discuss a suitable time.

Many thanks for your on-going support for all that we do to ensure the very best learning experience for our children.

Yours sincerely

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

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Dear Parents/Carers/ Grandparents

A new school term may only just have started but before you know it the next set of holidays will be here. It's time to get ahead of the game. We are now taking bookings for our **February Half Term** and Summer Holiday Activities: **Soft-ball Holiday Camps for Reception to Year 6 children.**

LITTLE WICKETS FEBRUARY HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

Soft Ball Cricket Fun, Skills & Games **For all Primary School Aged Girls & Boys 4* - 11 Years**

All abilities welcome.

Book anything from a Half Day to all 3 Days

***Please note that 4 Year Olds can only attend for Half Days even if they are in full time school**

Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th Feb 2019
Indoors & Outside (weather permitting)

Rushcliffe School, Small Sports Hall (Next to the Netball Courts)
Boundary Road, West Bridgford, NG2 7BW

Early Booking Discounts Available until 11/02/19

More than just batting, bowling & fielding; the qualified, vetted and experienced Little Wickets' coaching team will ensure that the 'Spirit of Cricket', good sportsmanship, joining in and having fun is at the heart of everything we do. Separated into small activity groups based on their age and ability the children will develop all-round technical skills, a sense of fair play and teamwork. Games throughout the day will ensure their new skills are put to the test.

Registration from 8.30am - Pick up no later than 4pm

Activities from 9.00am - 3.30pm each day

Morning-only kids can be picked up at 12.15pm or stay to have lunch and be collected at 1pm.
Kids should bring their own packed lunch & plenty of drinks.

Places are limited so if you are interested please let us know as soon as possible
& TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT

Half Day cost is £15.00 (after 11/02/19 this will be £20.00)

Full Day cost is £25.00 (after 11/02/19 this will be £30.00)

10% Younger sibling & Twins discount available on request by emailing info@littlewickets.com
(Place will only be secured upon receipt of payment)

Book Online for Feb at Rushcliffe: <https://littlewickets.class4kids.co.uk/camp/228>