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'Learning For Life'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! We welcome children back to the Spring term 1 of 2019. I hope you had a good Christmas. We have enjoyed listening and reading all the news the children have to share.

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### **Vision 2022**

Vision 2022 which underpins and aims to sustain and develop further our outstanding achievements, delivering 'Learning for Life' continues to steer our development plan as a school, helping us to set priorities and keep our eyes fixed on what is important for us as a school community. If you would like to read more fully about this, please visit our website [www.willoughby.notts.sch.uk](http://www.willoughby.notts.sch.uk) and from the tab 'About', click on 'Introducing Willoughby Primary School' and click on the link 'Vision 2022 - Learning for Life'.

### **Letter from the Chair of Governors**

I want to update you on progress towards recruitment of a headteacher to take over from Mr Guilder on his retirement at the end of the school year. Governors have drafted and agreed the advertisement and job description plus an information pack that will be sent to potential applicants to tell them more about the job and the school. Foremost among our requirements is a commitment to teach for 50% of the headteacher's time, as at present.

The Governing Board met with the local authority's recruitment adviser on 9<sup>th</sup> January to formally agree the recruitment process and the timetable. Our aim is to interview shortlisted candidates and to make an appointment by the end of March, to start in post after the summer holidays. We will let you know when the advertisement goes live, probably in early February.

*Adrian Bath*

### **Key Dates for Spring Term**

#### **JANUARY**

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day - School Closed to pupils
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> - First day of Spring Term for pupils
- Weds 9<sup>th</sup> - 4:30pm Extra-ordinary Full Governor Meeting

- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Swimming (5)
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> - 'Winter Art Activity' for prospective new Sept '19 intake
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm (Y1-6) Board Games Club (1 of 2)
- 4pm - 6pm Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics @ South Wolds Academy
- Weds 16<sup>th</sup> - 3:45pm Governor Committees
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> - KS1 Swimming (6)
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> - 3:30pm - 4:30pm (Y1-6) Board Games Club (2 of 2)
- 4pm - 6pm Year 5/6 Indoor Rowing @ South Wolds Academy
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> - School Council
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Swimming (7)
- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> - 3:30pm - 4:30pm (Y1-6) Construction Club (1 of 2)
- Weds 30<sup>th</sup> - 4:00pm - 5:30pm: Y5/6 Indoor Cricket @ The Becket School
- 4:30pm - Full Governor Meetings

## **FEBRUARY**

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Final Swim (8)
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> - 3:30pm - 4:30pm (Y1-6) Construction Club (2 of 2)
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> - 3:45pm - 5:00pm - Y3/4 Invasion Festival @ SWA
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> - 2:00pm RLAPP @ County Hall
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> - 'Recycle with Michael' Clothing Collection (Salvation Army)
- Weds 13<sup>th</sup> - 3:40pm - 6:30pm: Parent/Teacher Meetings
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> - School Council
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> - RLA INSET (School Closed to Pupils)**
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> - **HALF TERM**
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Start of Spring Term 2

## **MARCH**

- Weds 6<sup>th</sup> - Y1 & 2: Peter Hammond - Great Fire of London & Samuel Pepys
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> - 3:45pm - 5:00pm - Y5/6 Tag Rugby
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> - Red Nose Day
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> - KS2: Partake History - Romans
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> - School Council
- Willoughby Primary Performs: [TBC]

## **APRIL**

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> - Easter Bonnet Parade
- Egg Rolling
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1:45pm - 3:15pm - Y6 Sports Afternoon
- Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> - Egg Decorating (am)
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> - Easter Games
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - **MON** - **EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> - First Day of Summer Term 2019

### **Christmas Fair Thanks**

We enjoyed another busy Christmas Fair. My thanks to everyone who helped in any way from donating items, to running a stall, to spending money on the night. The sum of £501.97 was raised which was a slight loss as our expenditure on the children for the festive period including costs for every child for the Panto at Loughborough, parties etc. was £562.39. The reason for this is FOWS have decided to move the Silent Auction (which makes a substantial amount) to later in the year. My thanks to FOWS, who paid the cost for the coach to and from the Panto (£220).

Thank you to the KS2 children, who designed, created and ran their own games for everyone to participate in.

### **Guilder Trophy Winners**

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

30/11 Eleanor B (Y2)	14/12 Isla K (Y2)
7/12 Louis W (Y3)	21/12 Duke R (Y2)

### **Contribution for Swimming**

Swimming resumes for Class 1 on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you to everyone who has sent payment before Christmas. We now need to ask for any outstanding contributions based on a voluntary contribution of £4.00 per child, per session towards swimming (which includes transport). If you are still to contribute it works out at £36 for a KS2 child or £32 for a KS1/Reception child (as they have one less session). Return slips are attached to the December 2018 newsletter. 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

### **After School Clubs**

Every term we offer a block of after school clubs to our Years 1 to 6 which always prove very popular. You will have received information about this term's Board Games and Construction Club. To help assist us, please return slips promptly and if your child is signed-up please ensure they are committed to the nights they say to help clubs run smoothly. My thanks to staff who give of their time to run these clubs. If you are able to sit with a group and help oversee a board game, please let me know.

### **Healthy Eating**

At the start of a New Year it is a good time to remind everyone that we have a ban on unhealthy snacks. If your child has a packed lunch please consider carefully the contents of their lunch box. It should not contain chocolate and other sugary drinks and snacks.

### **Consultations on Policies**

Our Governing Body works extremely hard at ensuring that all our policies are kept up to date and reflect best practice, drawing on model policies from the Local Authority. Our Policies can be viewed on the School website under the Policies tab. As part of reviewing them we are encouraged to consult with any interested parties. If there is a particular policy you would like to comment on and suggest contributions to, please email [office@willoughby.nott.sch.uk](mailto:office@willoughby.nott.sch.uk) or speak to a parent-governor representative.

### **Foster Carers needed**

The County Council needs people throughout the county to provide safe and loving foster homes for children and young people this year. The New Year is a time for resolutions to make a positive change in your life and the lives of others, could you be the difference in a child's life in 2019?

When families reach a point where they can't look after their own children, foster carers provide support by opening their hearts and homes to help children in care.

Nottinghamshire County Council are looking for people who could become foster carers this year and help children and teenagers in need of stable, loving homes.

Read all about fostering with Nottinghamshire County Council [on their website](#) or call them on 0300 500 80 80 and find out how you could be the difference in a child's life in 2019.

### **A52/A60 and A52/A606 Junctions**

#### **Subject: Improvements to the A52/A60 Nottingham Knight and A52/A606 Wheatcroft Junctions - Public Information Events**

Highways England is currently developing proposed improvements to two junctions on the A52; the A52/A60 Nottingham Knight Junction and the A52/A606 Wheatcroft Junction, as part of wider scheme to develop the junctions along the A52 in Nottingham.

Together with AECOM (appointed design consultants), they have undertaken preliminary work to create outline designs of the junctions, including a scoping exercise to identify impacts on people who will be affected by the junction improvements.

They have identified staff and the parents of pupils as potentially having an interest in the scheme and would like to invite you to one of the public information events being held for the local community; where a member of the project team will be on hand to talk you through the scheme proposals.

#### **Public information events:**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>St. Peter's Rooms</b> Church Street, Ruddington NG11 6HA	Friday 18 January 2019	1pm to 5pm
<b>St. Peter's Rooms</b> Church Street, Ruddington NG11 6HA	Saturday 19 January 2019	10am to 4pm
<b>Notcutts Garden Centre Car Park</b> <b>Highways England Engagement Van</b> Landmere Lane, Edwalton, NG12 4DE	Saturday 26 January 2019	10am to 4pm

You can also find more information about the scheme on their webpage:

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a52-nottingham-junctions/> where you can sign up for updates.

#### **Finally ...**

- Please could you help us to keep costs to a minimum by supplying your child with their own pencil case? Children need a pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, and a set of colouring pencils and felt pens.
- 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 hours, after they have been sick to ensure they are fully well again.

Thank you for your ongoing support for all that we do as a school in this community to benefit our children. Please can I remind you that although we insist that children do not come into school before the whistle (except if weather conditions are poor), we still operate an 'open door' policy for our parents/carers who need to discuss any urgent issues at the start of the school day with staff.

Yours sincerely

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

Alan Guilder  
Head Teacher