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'Learning For Life'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome to a new decade! We welcome the children back to the Spring term 1 of 2020. I hope you all had a good Christmas and a chance to rest. We have enjoyed listening to and reading all the news the children have shared about their holiday.

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### Key Dates for Spring Term

#### JANUARY

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| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>     | - | INSET Day - School Closed to pupils  |
| Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>    | - | First day of Spring Term for pupils  |
| Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>   | - | 9.30 am Yr 3 & 4 Mark Ingham talk about Bikeability<br>3.45-4.45pm Sam Clements Dodgeball (1 of 6)                             |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>    | - | Reception & KS1 Swimming begins again (4 of 8)   |
| Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>   | - | 3:30pm - 4:30pm - Board Games Club for Y1-Y6 (1 of 2)  |
| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>    | - | 3:30pm - 5:30pm - Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics @ SNA [TBC]<br>3.45pm Governor Committee meetings                                  |
| Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>  | - | 3.45-4.45pm Sam Clements Dodgeball (2 of 6)  |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>    | - | Drumba Starts (1 of 6)   |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>    | - | R & KS1 Swimming (5 of 8)  |
| Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>   | - | 3:30pm - 4:30pm - Board Games Club for Y1-Y6 (2 of 2)  |
| Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | - | School Council Meeting<br>3.45-4.45pm Sam Clements Dodgeball (3 of 6)  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> | - | Drumba (2 of 6)  |
| Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>    | - | R & KS1 Swimming (6 of 8)<br>Indoor Rowing SWA Yr5/6   |
| Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>   | - | 2.15-3.15pm - Winter Art Activity for Prospective September Starters<br>3:30pm - 4:30pm - Construction Club for Y1-Y6 (1 of 2) |
| Weds 29 <sup>th</sup>   | - | Full Governor Meeting  |
| Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>  | - | Yr3/4 Bikeability- 9.45-12.00 Yr3 1-3.15pm Yr4<br>3.45-4.45pm Sam Clements Dodgeball (4 of 6)                                  |
| Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>    | - | Drumba (3 of 6)  |

## **FEBRUARY**

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> - R & KS1 Swimming (7 of 8)
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> - 3:30pm - 4:30pm - Construction Club for Y1-Y6 (2 of 2)
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> - 3.45-4.45pm Sam Clements Dodgeball (5 of 6)  
3:45pm - 5:00pm - Y3/4 Invasion Games @ SWA
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> - Drumba (4 of 6)  
- Pupil Parliament
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> - Last swimming KS1 & R
- Weds 12<sup>th</sup> - 3:40pm - 6:30pm - Parent Teacher Meetings
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> - School Council Meeting  
- 3.45-4.45pm Sam Clements Dodgeball (6 of 6)
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> - HALF TERM
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup>
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> - RLA INSET Day - School Closed to pupils
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup> - First day back for Spring 2 Term
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> - KS1 cricket festival
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> - Last Drumba (6 of 6)

## **MARCH**

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> - Book Week
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> - Spring Club (1 of 4)
- Weds 11<sup>th</sup> - Spring Club (2 of 4)
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> - School Council Meeting
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> - Sport Relief
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> - Spring Club (3 of 4)
- Weds 25<sup>th</sup> - Spring Club (4 of 4)
- Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> - Top Link Yr3/4 9.30-12.00 am  
- Singing Event [TBC]
- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> - am: Easter Bonnet Parade & pm Egg Rolling

## **APRIL**

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> - am: Egg Decorating (Except Yr 5/6)  
- Yr5/6 Bikeability- 9.45-12.00 Level 1  
- 1-3pm Level 2 lesson 1
- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> - Yr5/6 Bikeability- 10.00-12.00 Level 2 lesson 2  
- 1-3pm Level 2 lesson 3
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> - Easter Games  
- Last day of Spring Term
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - SUMMER TERM COMMENCES

## **Willoughby Award Winners**

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

6/12 Zachary (Y6)            20/12 Izzy A (Y4)  
13/12 Rosie R (Y2)

## **Contribution for Swimming**

Swimming resumes for Class 1 on Monday 13<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 £4.50 per child, per session towards swimming (which includes transport). If you are still to contribute it works out at £40.50 for a KS2 child or £36 for a

KS1/Reception child (as they have one less session). Return slips are attached to the December 2019 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

### **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'.

### **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.

### **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 which is free of charge and a lovely way to sit and play a game or make something out of construction toys with their friends. 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 and save time chasing up absentees. My thanks to staff who give up 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.

We also have a new after school sports club opportunity which you should have received information about- Clements Coaching. Sam is a resident in the village and has set up his own sports coaching company. He is currently offering a 6 week block of after school sessions on a Thursday at the village hall. Sign up letters are available in the office if you have missed them.

### **Recycle, Reuse, Reduce**

As a whole school we are having a general theme of 'Recycle, Reuse, Reduce' which will run throughout this Spring term alongside other topics in class. Every week will have an activity and/or theme which will help reinforce these valuable themes.

Week	Theme	Activity
Wk 1	New Year- new resolve!	Everyone make a 'recycling' resolution.
Wk 2	Recycle/reuse/reduce challenge card	12 challenges to have a go at. Challenge card to be completed over the term.
Wk 3	Musical Instruments out of 'junk'	Whole school DT activity to construct a musical instrument out of everyday junk.

Wk 4	Waste free lunch	A day of packed lunches with no waste and no food waste in dinner room.
Wk 5	Recycle/reuse a toy	Children all bring in a toy/game to swap and reuse.
Wk 6	Poster competition	Half-term competition to design a poster to encourage recycling etc.
	Half	Term
Wk 7	Recycle Art	Use already used/scrap items to create some art.
Wk 8	Recycle/reuse a book during book week	All children bring in a book to swap and reuse
Wk 9	Recycle with Michael	Scheme to collect recycled clothes
Wk 10	Walk to School	Reduce car emissions by walking to school/down Main Street
Wk 11	Litter pick	Class groups do a litter pick around school & the village
Wk 12	Recycle review	What have we learned?

If you feel you could help and/or contribute to any of these themes please let any of the staff know. We always welcome help, advice and expertise!

Also the start of a New Year it is a good time to remind everyone that we encourage healthy snacks for breaks. Equally, 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.

### Volunteers

After advertising in the Parish magazine for volunteers to come into school back in September we had a very positive response. It has taken a while to get everything organised but we now have a group of 6 volunteers who will be coming into school on a regular basis to help listen to readers and do some craft with the children. I am very grateful to Mrs Lambton in the office for sorting out all the DBS checks, but now that everyone is authorised each class will have a designated volunteer to listen to children read. Also, one of our volunteers is going to be doing some rag-rugging with groups of children this term which will be wonderful opportunity to learn a new skill.

### Finally ...

- Information about Nottinghamshire's SEND local offer - *The SEND local offer is a comprehensive guide for families and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0-25, all contained within one website. It includes information on education, health and social care, short breaks, developing independence, transport and things to do. It will enable you to search for services within your own community and across Nottinghamshire as a whole. To access their site please go to : [Nottinghamshire.sendlocaloffer.org.uk](http://Nottinghamshire.sendlocaloffer.org.uk) or search for 'Notts Local Offer'*
- 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.
- There is still a nasty sickness bug about! 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 we do operate an 'open door' policy for our parents/carers who need to discuss any urgent issues at the start or end of the school day with staff.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Beatrice Smith  
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