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'Learning For Life'

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Dear Parents/Carers

I write with an update of all the things happening this Spring Term which leads into the Easter break. The last day of term will be Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The Spring holiday (which incorporates Easter), runs from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, with Summer Term commencing on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

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### Dates for Rest of the Term

<u>MARCH</u>		
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Book Week
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup>	-	Recycling Art Club (1 of 4)
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	-	World Book Day - Dressing up
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Last Drumba
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Peter Hammond - KS2 Anglo-Saxons - Recycling Art Club (2 of 4)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Council Meeting
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	-	Sport Relief- Dressing up Yoga with Namib Yogi pm Village Hall
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	-	Bags 2 School collection- put bags under the canopy
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	-	Spring Club (3 of 4)
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Assessment Week - English tests in school
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	-	Dodgeball Yr 5/6 East Leake 3.45pm
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Spring Club (4 of 4)
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	-	Top Link Yr3/4 9.30-12.00 am- postponed until Summer term
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	-	Willoughby Sings 6-8pm village hall
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	-	am: Easter Bonnet Parade & pm Egg Rolling (instead of PE)
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	-	Am Yr 5/6 Egg decorating
<u>APRIL</u>		
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	am: Egg Decorating (Except Yr 5/6) - Yr5/6 Bikeability- 9.45-12.00 Level 1

Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	1-3pm Level 2 lesson 1
	-	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

### **Coronavirus (Covid-19)**

Like the common cold, coronavirus (COVID-19) infection usually occurs through close contact with a person with coronavirus via cough and sneezes or hand contact. A person can also be infected by touching contaminated surfaces if they do not wash their hands.

Current advice on coronavirus for schools is to remain vigilant, emphasise good hygiene and demonstrate effective hand washing techniques.

As a result we have reinforced the hands washing message with the children, put posters up in the toilets to remind children to wash their hands and shown them a video called 'horrid hands' which demonstrates how soap is effective against germs on hands. We have also taken an extra measure of using anti- bacterial spray on door handles and surfaces.

The following link is for the coronavirus advice for educational settings poster.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/869250/Coronavirus\\_advice\\_for\\_educational\\_settings\\_poster.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/869250/Coronavirus_advice_for_educational_settings_poster.pdf)

### **Voluntary Contributions**

As most of you are aware our school budget is constantly under review and the unit cost of educating a child in a village setting is considerably higher than in an urban setting. We are therefore dependent on 'voluntary' contributions for some of the activities we run as a school. We still have quite a few outstanding contributions for swimming, text and French donations. It is appreciated if these are paid promptly so that they do not have to be chased up by office managers. If there is genuine hardship and you are unable to contribute or would like to pay in instalments please let me know. Without such 'voluntary' contributions activities may not be able to go ahead.

### **Painting by Bas Haynes**

You may have noticed a new canvas on display as you come in to school. It is of a painting of the school created by Bas Haynes which has been enlarged and put onto a canvas. It is a wonderful reminder of Bas who was such a huge part of our school for so long. Please pop into school to have a look at it. I would like to thank Mrs Ledward in the office for organising it.

### **Book Week**

Book week is a chance to celebrate our love of books and focus on stories - it culminates with World Book Day on Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>. Activities for the week include writing book covers of favourite books (KS2), book swaps, staff reading stories to classes, a book quiz, a book cover search round school and dressing up as a book character. Every child has also been given a book voucher entitling them to a book or money off a book. Please do encourage them to use this. The expiry date is 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Please also make use of our Scholastic Book Club on line at

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/willoughbyonthewolds>

Closing date for the club is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March to ensure orders are received before the Easter break.

### **Sports Relief**

Our School Council are once again excited to be able to promote our Sport Relief day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to dress up for the day in any sports outfit and make a donation (suggested £2 or more). School council have also decided to run the sweepstake set up by Sports Relief. Parents and children can buy a square with a picture of a piece of sports equipment in it for £2. Depending on how many squares we sell, the prize money will be split between the lucky winner and Sport Relief.

### **WWF Koala protector appeal**

Just before half term you may remember Evelyn in Y2 organised a cake and biscuit sale to raise money for the animals who were affected by the fires in Australia. Evelyn's mum Lindsay, sent this message to everyone:

Hi, just to say a big thank you, with the schools help buying biscuits and cakes, and selling the remainder the following day at stagecoach, Evelyn managed to raise £76.30!! This has been happily donated to the WWF Koala protector appeal, which helps koalas and other animals hurt in the bushfires as detailed below.

Thanks again for supporting her cause!

### **Willoughby Award Winners**

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

7/2/20: Bertie (Y2)    14/2/20: Isobel R (Y6)    28/2/20: Duke (Y3)

### **FOWS**

FOWs would like to remind everyone about the Quiz Night coming up on 24th April. The quiz starts at 7.30pm for 8pm, costs £9 per ticket and tickets are available from Laura (07478276128) or Susie (07786 922601).

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

Thank you to everyone who entered the poster competition over half term. Willow and I had a very hard time judging them as the standard was so high! Eventually we came to 2 overall winners and 2 highly commended. Each child that entered will be given a lovely book mark made out of recycled paper and the winners received a beautiful DK book entitled 'What a Waste'.

Class 1 winner: Erin                      highly commended: Evelyn  
Class 2 winner: Cleo                      highly commended: Eleanor

The final events we have planned for the term on this topic are:

Recycle Art, Bag 2 School (date change to Tuesday 17th March), Walk to School week and a Litter pick. I have been really impressed with the enthusiasm from everyone for this topic over the term.

If anyone has completed their Challenge Card please can they bring them to me in my office. I will be announcing all the 'finishers' during the last week of term.

### **Finally ...**

- Please can I remind everyone to try and return slips from letters back to school as promptly as possible. There is often a highlighted section on the reply slip asking for a response by the date given. It really saves us a lot of time chasing up replies. Thank you!

- If you have a budding baker in your house aged 9-15 they might be interested in the information below about applying for Junior Bake Off!

I hope you enjoy the Spring holiday and Easter festivities and don't eat too much chocolate!

Yours sincerely

Beatrice Smith  
Head Teacher

## **Junior Bake Off - Applications Now Open!**

My name is Lucy and I'm a Casting Researcher at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down.

We are delighted to say, that we have recently opened applications for the 6<sup>th</sup> series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

We are looking for young budding bakers between **9 -15 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2020, but our **applications close on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020**.

Interested bakers can apply online at - [WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK).

Please do feel free to contact us on **0207 067 4833**, should you have any questions regarding the above.

Best wishes, The Junior Bake Off Team

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