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Children In Need

Thank you for your kind and generous support of this annual charity event. The children and staff all looked amazing and had a thoroughly enjoyable day. Thanks also to our wonderful Year Sixes who planned, stocked and ran a number of exciting stalls at breaktime to raise additional funds for the charity, including activities such as Counting Sweets in a Jar, Apple Bobbing and Guess the Name of the Teddy. Great fun! When we have had a chance to count all donations, we will let you know.

Love in a Box

We have been overwhelmed by the kind generosity of the Willingham School Community in support of this charity. Our parcels are making their way to orphanages in Ukraine and Moldova and each box will be eagerly awaited by a child, who would not otherwise receive a Christmas present. We were able to send a staggering 190 individual boxes, so thank you again for all your support.

5 Star Award for our Catering Provision!

We are delighted to inform you that, following a 'no notice' inspection of our kitchen this week, it has been awarded, for the third time, a five star rating from the Food Hygiene Inspectors. Well done to Eileen Jipson and her team.

Grasping the Basics Evening 28th November @ 6pm

We are hoping to see as many families as possible at our *Grasping the Basics* Evening. This is an opportunity for parents to find out more about how we teach important basic skills, such as reading, writing and mathematics. You will be able to see how literacy and numeracy activities are run, look at the range of resources we use to support learning and even participate in a number of games and activities. Thanks to the WSA for offering to serve refreshments.

Website Launch

We are delighted to inform you that our new school website has now been launched. We would love to know what you and your children think of its contents, accessibility to useful information etc.

I would like to thank Nigel Leaney who has, on a voluntary basis, for many years, maintained the previous website for us, updating it regularly with important information.

The new site is an ongoing 'work in progress' but I would like to say a very special thank you to Simon Wilson who, with the support of Jo Aldhouse, School Business Manager, has spent many hours designing and populating the pages with the exciting content that we hope you and your children will enjoy.

Shoes in School

Could you please ensure that your child has his/her PE kit in school at all times. In the wetter weather, we do sometimes ask children to change from their outdoor shoes into their trainers after playtime, to avoid spreading mud inside the school.

Running and Triathlon Club

The Running Club and Triathlon Club entered 2 teams into the Schools' Cross County Relays on Sunday 10th November. 35 teams entered. Harry Hall, Tom Newman and George Florence came second; Dawie Horne, Oliver Mills and Oliver Francis came fourth. Willingham Primary School came first overall. Congratulations and very well done to them all on their great achievements. Thanks to the families who supported this event and a special thank you to Mrs Horne who gives up her time to provide these fantastic opportunities for the children.

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Newsletter

The Lunchtime Brian Retallick Cup

Last week, the first winner of the Brian Retallick Cup, kindly donated to the school by the Lenk family, with funds raised on the 'Green Day', was Terry Price in Year Six. This week, the cup has been awarded to Oliver Mills in Year One. Well done, Terry and Oliver.

The Attendance Award

Congratulations to the classes with the highest levels of attendance. The class whose attendance was highest for last week was Miss Nuzum's Year Three Class and for this week, Mrs Palmer-Jones' Year One Class.

Premises Update

You may have noticed that the fencing around the Year One and Out of School Club entry doors has been altered. This is in preparation for the installation of an intercom system which will allow our Honey-pot parents to gain safe access to the site to drop off and collect children during school hours when the site is secure.

A new external door is the process of being installed in Mrs Latham's and Mrs Wicks' class. Once completed, this should significantly ease the entry and handover arrangements at the beginning and end of the school day.

Staff Update

We are pleased to inform parents that we have recruited Charlotte Barrett and Beth Houghton who will both be joining the Honey-pot team.

Dates for your diaries

Below are a number of important dates for your diary for the remainder of the term. Further details will follow closer to the events as they arise.

19th November – Parent consultation meetings 3.30 – 5pm – **Year 1 only**

20th November – Parent consultation meetings 3.30 – 5pm

27th November – Scholastic Bookfair

28th November – 6pm *Grasping the Basics* Workshop – Open to all parents/carers and children

1st December – WSA Christmas Fayre

6th December – 'Chaos' Science Day Year 5 and Year 6

9th December – Foundation Stage performance dress rehearsal

10th December – Foundation Stage performance – 2.30pm

11th December – Christmas lunch at school – pupils only

12th December – Foundation Stage performance – 6pm

20th December – Last day of term

6th January – Professional Development Day – school closed

7th January – Children back to school

w/c 20th January – Mock SATs week – Year 6