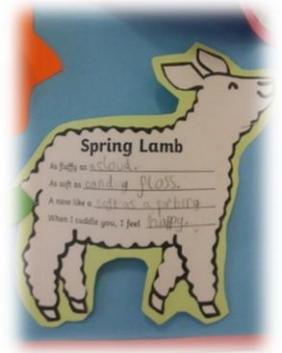


News from Willoughby Church and Community

School's Back!

April 2021

On March 8th the children returned to school after almost 8 weeks of home learning and the playground is once again filled with the joyful noise of children at play.



We have managed to cram in a lot to the past four weeks: Mother's Day, Comic Relief, cricket coaching, a virtual visit from Samuel Peyps and, of course, a whole range of our traditional Easter activities. The children have all quickly got back into the swing of school routine and have been working hard in all aspects of the curriculum.



Time away from school has made us all realise that education is a gift to be treasured, not one to be taken for granted. Being apart from school friends and colleagues has also helped us to remember that we have nothing if we don't have relationships we can depend on. It is through our relationships that we come to know ourselves and our place in the world.



Spring symbolises a fresh start and hope for what lies ahead. With the children back in the heart of the school, this is how we are all feeling once again.

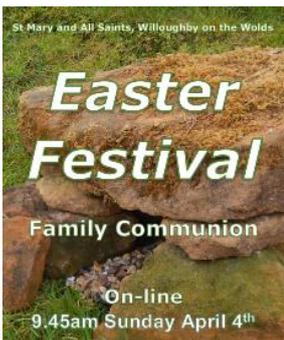
'Spring' display in KS1

Miss B Smith

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Plans for Easter and beyond

Subject to Coronavirus regulations



April 4th

EASTER DAY 9:45am

Easter Family Service
on YouTube

Find the link to our digital church service on
The Willoughby Facebook page
("Willoughby village community")



We're re-opening!

April 11th

Family Service 9.45

*In family bubbles
With normal Covid precautions*

Then on May 9, 30, June 13.



Fun Easter Hunt

The Easter Bunny has left everyone in Willoughby a message on Easter Eggs around the village.

To solve the mystery pick up a hunt sheet for £1 from the box outside 119a Main Street (until 16th April).

Funds in aid of Friends of Willoughby School.



Re-roofing the chapel £17,500 grants received

In the last few months we have received grants of £17,500 towards the target of £33,250 for the re-roofing of the side chapel at the NW corner of the church. This chapel houses the 14th century tombs of the Willoughby family, monuments which are of national significance. With £10,000 from our existing 'roof fund', **we now only need about £6,000 to enable us to proceed.** To safeguard our heritage and preserve these monuments for future generations, we must press on



Algae growing on the tombs

with re-roofing the chapel as soon as possible. Therefore, we must turn to the people of Willoughby to support us as they have generously done so in the past. We hope to hold fund-raising events in due course.



The much-patched roof

Chris Moody

Well done, Willoughby!

Giving away generously in Lent



Almost 1400 children in Charnwood were living in poverty before the pandemic struck.



Thanks to the generosity of the Willoughby community, we have been able help these children by taking five car loads of food to Loughborough Foodbank this Lent.

As Soon As Boris Allows and the medics say it's safe

We will be re-starting social activities in church

The **pictures** are painted

The **quiz** questions are ready

The **musicians** are raring to go

Easter morning from 11.00 **in the church porch**

Visit the Easter garden

Collect an Easter egg (*one per child please!*)