

## WHITE WOMAN LANE SCHOOL

### THE FRIEND'S LODGE

The Friend's Lodge was built to fulfil a number of purposes at White Woman Lane School. The intention is to support the children, families and community of White Woman Lane and Old Catton Junior Schools.

The funds for The Lodge were provided by the Governors of WWL and also The Friends of WWL but we also raise funds by delivering training for teachers across the county and have a business plan to ensure that all the services provided are free at the point of delivery.

It is often very difficult to secure these specialist/therapeutic services for children and their families; particularly the therapeutic services. There are often very long waiting lists and this is becoming increasingly difficult to access given the cuts to public services and the increasingly high thresholds.

The lodge is used as a centre which provides a variety of services for children, their families and their community.

#### **Charley Charley One Award**

We offer selected children in Years 5 the opportunity to participate in this award which has been designed to develop character and resilience in primary-age children.

The programme builds up the children's confidence, resilience, teamwork and problem solving to give them a boost before the start of new adventures and encourage them to take a more active role in their community.

The Award contains:

- team building and problem-solving challenges with a hands-on element to the learning;
- Remembrance and respect;
- team sports;
- outdoor pursuits, including camping out for a night;
- first aid;
- navigation; and
- a Social Action Project (working in the community to benefit others).

We offer this programme completely free of charge during school hours and an after school session.

#### **Adult Learning**

Family learning classes are offered. Family learning is an effective way of providing adults with the skills and knowledge to support their children's education. It also provides a non-threatening route back into learning for adults. Family learning is any learning that includes more than one generation of a family (including extended families and carers). The learning may be informal, through events such as family fun days, or more formal - family learning courses.

The courses aim to help parents support their children's education – usually focusing on numeracy, literacy and/or language skills, sometimes involving children directly, giving parents the opportunity to do activities with their children, while being supported by the course tutors.

Family learning is a good way of encouraging people who might not consider joining a traditional adult education class to engage with learning – often because they are motivated by wanting to help their children.

Some of the courses only involve adults and these courses are designed to give parents and carers the skills and knowledge to support their children's learning. In these courses there is usually an element of improving the adults' personal skills in order for them to be able to support their children.