

Newsletter January 2017

Here we are in February already. As usual it's been a busy post Christmas period at Willesley. The children have settled well and have achieved so much this half term already. The Young Voices concert in Birmingham was a great showcase for all involved and Willesley has continued to do extremely well in sporting events.

Parents' evenings are approaching after half term and, just like last year, we will be sending out a mid-year report after half term for you use as a basis for your meetings with teachers.

We launched the Earwig online service on Monday and have had a lot a positive feedback about this. We will endeavour to keep adding photographs and comments about your child's learning to help give you an insight into their journey through Willesley.

I wish you all a happy and restful half term and thank you for your continued support.

Matthew Brookes

Year 1 - As part of our topic 'Where in the world' we learned about France. We enjoyed a French Breakfast which included pain au chocolate, brioche, croissants and hot chocolate. The children had a great time.



Year 4 had a fantastic Greek inspired day where they enjoyed dressing up and preparing foods for their Greek feast. They learned how to make pitta bread, chop salad and bake biscuits. All children made valuable contributions to the preparation of the feast and enjoyed an afternoon of feasting, finished off by a dance to the traditional Greek song Zorba. We would like to thank parents for their support in making the children's costumes, they looked superb! - Miss Callaway



Year 5 have been having fun exploring their local area and the buildings. They also visited Leicester and embarked on a cultural tour of the Golden Mile.



Sport - We sent 3 teams to the basketball tournament at Ibstock Community College. Great play was shown by all and the girls team showed incredible team spirit, improving with every game. Both boys teams made it through to the final with the Year 5 boys team progressing through to the next round after a 3-0 win against the Year 6 boys.

Cross Country - Our team have been practising at lunchtimes every week (in the mud usually!) during an extremely well organised training session with one of our dedicated parents! Thank you so much for the support! Our team ran in the second race of the series on Saturday at Measham – we had 42 pupils attend!. The final race will on March 4th. We have several year group ‘teams’ competing including Year 5 and 6 Girls. Good Luck Willesley!

Internet Safety Awareness day

Following a very positive e-safety awareness day we felt we would like to remind you of some of the ways to ensure your child is safe online.



- Are your children using age appropriate websites / apps? (Snapchat/Instagram/Facebook etc have an age limit of 13.)
- Are you/your child aware of who they are contacting online? Is it someone you/they **trust**?
- Have you checked that your children have got appropriate privacy settings on their accounts?
- **Please see E-Safety Tips on the school website - letters home.**

We were quite shocked about some of the games/apps/sites that some of the children have access to: do you know what your children are looking at?

<http://www.ashbywillesley.org.uk/internet-safety-information-for-parents>.

Staffing update

Acorn 2 - We are welcoming back Mrs Hender from her maternity leave on 9th February. She will be working as a job share with Mrs Sturgess working Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Hender on a Thursday and Friday.

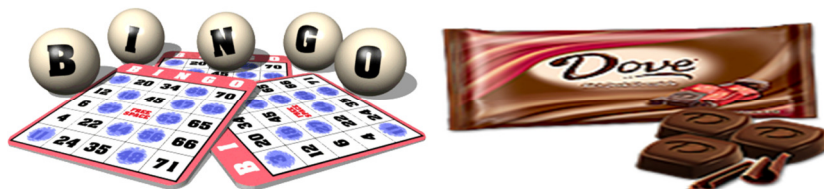
Year 3 - We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Page following her maternity leave. We wish her well in whatever she has planned to do next.

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March: As last year, the Travelling Book Fair will be visiting the school on World Book Day and children will have the opportunity during the school day to purchase books. Please send money in a named envelope and each class will visit during the school day. A separate letter will follow with more details in the next few weeks. **We need volunteers** again this year to help man the book shop. Please contact the office if you can help.



Hi from WASPS! - Firstly apologies from us all for the cancellation of the Race Night on 3rd Feb. We simply didn't have enough ticket sales in order to make the event viable given the costs, so made the decision before the cut off for applying for the event license. Those who did buy a ticket will have received a refund via Parentpay.

So to our next event... Chocolate Bingo...



This event takes place on 31st March from 6.15-9.00pm in the school hall and is a fun-filled family affair. We have 3 bingo games for the adults and 2 for the children. Tickets are only £1.50 per adult and £1.00 for a Willesley school aged child. This will give you the bingo cards for the games, although extras can be purchased on the night too for £1.00 each. For hungry tumms we will have Hot Dogs on the menu at £2.50 each and a Tuck Shop. There'll also be the usual bar and a separate raffle.

We welcome donations for this event of any chocolate items or other suitable gifts and thank you all in advance for your support. We hope to see a big turnout for this one and will announce tickets going on sale towards the end of February.

As always if anyone wants to help out the WASPS in any way please do let us know. We're compiling a small group of Mums and Dads to support us called 'The Busy Bees' which incorporates those who can't make the meetings but want/can help out at our various events. We would love to hear from you if you can assist us as a 'Bee'... instead of a 'WASP'!!!! 😊

As always our contact details are: Ashbywillesleywasps@hotmail.co.uk.

Diary Dates:

February 2017	March 2017
Wed 8 th Feb - Steps 2 Gymnastics	Thurs 2 nd Mar - Parents Evening (early)
Thurs 9 th Feb - Steps 3 Gymnastics	Thurs 2 nd Mar - World Book Day and Book Fair
Fri 10 th Feb - 1JM Class Assembly 9.15	Fri 17 th Mar - Parent Forum 2pm
Mon 13th – Fri 17th Feb - Half Term	Fri 24 th Mar - 1AC Class Assembly 9:15am
Wed 22 nd Feb - Y6 Warning Zone Trip	Fri 24 th Mar - Red Nose Day (details to follow)
Tues 28 th Feb - Parents Evening (late)	Tues 28 th Mar - Y4 Hollowford Trip Parent meeting 6pm
	Fri 31 st Mar - 2ST Class Assembly 9:15am