



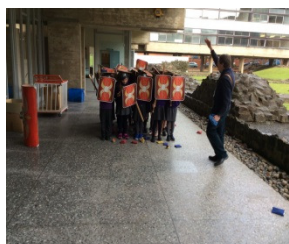
Newsletter – October 2016

Here we are in November already. This is always the busiest half term of the year. Please keep an eye out for all of our Christmas events on the school calendar over the next few weeks. We will be having the usual nativities, the KS2 Carol Concert, WASPs Christmas fair, Christmas dinner and of course our now infamous Decorations Day. Back by popular demand we will be endeavouring to produce a Christmas CD again this year in which all year groups will record a track. We will be starting work on this soon.

After Christmas we will be launching an exciting new system in school called Earwig. Earwig will allow you to log on from home and view pictures and text about your child's learning at Willesley. It will give you more of an insight into what your children get up to in their school day. The staff are currently working hard to populate the server with photos of your child ready for launch in January when you will receive login details. You will only be allowed to view information and images about your child's learning journey at Willesley.

Please enjoy this half term and remember that I offer an open door policy to hear your concerns and listen to your questions. If I am in and my door is open you are welcome to ask the office to see me. Enjoy bonfire night and stay safe this weekend.

Many Thanks
Matthew Brookes



Jewry Wall - On Thursday 13th October, 3GW and 3PW visited the Jewry Wall museum to extend their knowledge about the Romans. Their main task was to help Primus (a Roman citizen) return to the Roman era. Both classes had different games and activities to complete such as dressing up and understanding key words in order to collect 9 pieces of a mosaic. One of the highlights was becoming a Roman soldier. Here they had to follow commands, create different formations and then charge towards their teachers. Year 3 were incredibly scary! A brilliant day was had by all at the museum and they represented Willesley to a high standard.

Table Tennis - The last week of the half term saw 8 girls play in a table tennis tournament. The Y6 (A team) were overall winners and will now represent North West Leicestershire at the County Championships in November.

Harvest Festival at St Helen's Church - Our children were in fine voice and sang beautifully at our Harvest Festival. The service was enjoyed by adults and children alike where we gave thanks for our plenty. A big thank you for all the food donated to Ashby Food Bank and the collection raised £243 for Autism East Midlands.



Y5/6 Tag Rugby – Year 5/6 took 2 teams to Ashby Rugby Club for a joint schools TAG Rugby Tournament – both teams did extremely well in their groups and eventually met in the final. This was a very tense match and eventual winners after extra time were the Year 5 team. They have a final of finals to play against the winners of the Coalville tournament. **Watch this space!**



Food Policy and Healthy Eating – Please could we remind all parents that packed lunches and snacks brought into school should be **nut free**. A copy of the [Food Allergy Policy](#) and our [Healthy Eating Policy](#) are available on the website.

Welcome to new staff members – We have appointed 3 new staff members this term.

Mrs Jo Ball has joined the administration team and works in the main reception office most mornings. Jo has settled in quickly to the roll and she will greet you with a welcome smile and hope to resolve any queries you may have as parents/staff or governors.

We have been very lucky to be able to appoint not one, but two Learning Support Assistant Apprentices as the standard of applicants was so good. Mrs Alison Taylor and Miss Issey Armston will be working throughout the school supporting classroom activities.

Pupil's Job Centre – we recently recruited our latest helpers into roles such as trolley monitor, hydration technician and register monitors following the pupil's job applications. Our **Office Juniors**, which are Year 5/6 pupils, gain experience in the reception office environment, taking telephone calls, recording messages, laminating resources and counting out leaflets. If you do happen to call the school between 12.15pm and 1.10pm, you call will most likely be answered by them. Please give the children an opportunity to practise their telephony skills and let them take your message. However, if the situation requires that you do need to speak to a member of staff, please ask to speak to Mrs Watson who is normally available.



Update from the WASPS

The WASPS are always busy at this time of year, with the Festive Fair, a Festive Quiz and the Christmas Fundraiser all on the horizon. The fundraiser is first up; your child has been producing a unique picture in school by decorating the first letter of their name. This can be printed on to a huge range of different gifts, from aprons and jars of sweets to tote bags and scented candles, ready to help you solve all your Christmas present needs! The full range will be available to order online after the 11th November, and there will be 3 collection dates at school, to enable you to get your cards and gifts when you need them – look out for flyers explaining the whole process very soon.



The Festive Fair is on Friday, 25th November, starting at 5.00pm with singing from the Young Voices choir. The theme this year is a German Christmas Market, and there will be stalls selling all kinds of gifts, as well as games, raffle, tombola, a well-stocked bar with gluhwein and 'bratwurst' and waffles available to buy – it will be fantastisch! We will be asking for your child to fill a Christmas Challenge bag, and for donations for the raffle and tombola stalls – full details will be sent out soon.



The Festive Quiz will be exactly that, a whole host of different questions to test your Christmassy knowledge. It will be available in the run up to the fair and, for the bargain price of £1- your family can have some fun and enter to win a prize!

We wanted to let you know the great news from last year – your kind support and donations amounted to a **grand total raised of £4881.48** – of which £4500 was used to help fund the new playground equipment and £250 for new dictionaries. We are looking forward to another great fundraising year!

One final note - we will need lots of help to prepare, set up, run and clear away after the fair – if you would like to be involved, even just for an hour, we would really appreciate it. Please drop us an email at: ashbywillesleywasps@hotmail.co.uk.

Diary Dates

Please remember to check the online calendar on the website for events.

Class Assemblies – updated

18/11/16 – 4LB Class Assembly	25/11/16 – 4JC Class Assembly
20/01/17 – 3PW Class Assembly	27/01/17 – 2RM Class Assembly
03/02/17 – 6CD Class Assembly	10/02/17 – 1JM Class Assembly
24/03/17 – 1AC Class Assembly	31/03/17 – 2ST Class Assembly
07/04/16 – Acorn 1 Class Assembly	16/06/17 – 5HE Class Assembly

REMINDER – Flu immunisation for Years 1-6 in school Friday 11th November

(All immunisation forms should have been returned to school by Monday 25th October)

Volunteers - Pantomime – plans are in hand for the big school outing to the pantomime at the Town Hall in Loughborough – 95% of our pupils will be going! Monday 12th December is for Years R to Y2 and Wednesday 14th December is for Years 3 to 6. We will need lots of volunteers to help us, so please see class teachers if you would like to offer your help.