



A Values School

WILLINGTON LOWER SCHOOL
'A great school in the heart of our village'

Newsletter

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OUR VALUE THIS MONTH:

EMPATHY



Stars of the Week in May were:

Reception: Emmi, Callum, Lacey

Year 1: Sam, Tasmin, Olivia O

Year 2: Naima, Myles, Dylan

Year 3: Lizzie, Kevin, Fionan

Year 4: Freddie, Zachary, Eleanor

Lunchtime Awards for May went to:

Austin, Johnny, Zachary, Eden, Harry and Kai.

The following children also won prizes in the **Elephant Challenge:**

Oaks Class: Skye and Isobel

Acorns Class: Camille and Naima

Squirrels Class: Lacey and Emmi

Squirrels drawing prize:- Talia

Well done to **Eleanor**, **Harriet** and **Mila** for organising the whole competition which raised £20!

The **Golden Ticket** draw from the Values Box was won by **Kyle** because he got Bailey's book bag and reading book ready for Bailey when he had bumped his head and to **Olivia** because she concentrated so well in PE.

Achievements Outside School:

Dylan for participating in and enjoying the Under 7's Rugby.

Well done to everyone!

STOP PRESS

Our young cricketers got through the heats to the finals of the cluster Kwik Cricket Tournament and came a brilliant **3RD!** A huge achievement.

Well done to **Lewis, Archie, Aoife, Fionan, Harrison, Skye, Mila, Eden** and **Miss McTernan.**

NEWS FROM OAKS

Frontiers Trip

The children had a very exciting 3 days away at the Frontiers Centre in Irthlingborough and were a real pleasure to be with. We were very lucky to have good weather, although half of us still managed to get wet on the first afternoon when our rafts capsized! The focus on the activities were Teamwork and Trust and all the children faced challenges in different ways whilst they were away. They all met those challenges and pushed themselves to achieve something new, from conquering a fear of heights to getting muddy and many in between, and we were very proud of them. All the children have received certificates for their own achievements and the Outstanding Bravery award went to Lelan William-Jones and Outstanding Attitude to William Parker. Hopefully they have all caught up on their sleep and had a good wash and can now enjoy the fantastic memories that were made.

A few photos will be on the VLE and school website and if you would like a full copy please send a named memory stick into school. A big thank you to Mr Pallant and Mr Hall who came with us and made the trip possible.

Miss Harrison

NEWS FROM ACORNS



On the 9th June we went to London Zoo with Oak class. We had a really busy day looking for animals that come from South America. We found the gorillas, anteaters and monkeys as we walked around. In the morning we went into a classroom and learnt all about the life cycles of many different animals and some of Acorns got the opportunity to dress up as a frog, froglet, tadpole and frog spawn. After our picnic lunch we went into the rainforest area and found creatures that can be found in the Amazon. We saw sloths, armadillos, mice, monkeys, bats and piranhas. Just before we left the zoo, we went to see the lions and found one that had been injured and some vets were showing us how to make it better. Camille

and Harvey helped the vets to take swabs and gave the lion injections.



When we came back to school we spent the next week thinking about all the animals we saw and wrote an account of our trip and day at London Zoo.

Mrs Smith

NEWS FROM SQUIRRELS

The last month has been a very busy time for Squirrels. In class we are learning about the rainforest; trees and animals are beginning to appear all over the room! Outside we have weeded the garden and planted carrots, sunflowers and pumpkins. We have a lovely nature area where weeds are allowed to grow which has encouraged a lot of bugs to visit the garden. The children can often be seen with magnifying glasses exploring our own little jungle!

One day the children discovered a strange looking creature; it turned out to be a puss moth. We left it in the shade for the day then at night it flew off again.

We enjoyed a picnic up at the village hall with the rest of the school to celebrate the Queen's birthday. It was nice to catch up with our friends from preschool who joined us for the picnic.

I have been borrowing dual language books from Bedford library for the children to read and share. Sebastian's mum very kindly came in and read a story in Polish (I read the English part). We invited Kevin, Marika and Colin to join our story session as we listened to the story of "The Enormous Turnip". We have books in Spanish and Ella has been trying to help us with our pronunciation. We are also learning to count in French and German!

Mrs Staley

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent walk to school week. I hope you all felt the benefits of walking despite the awful weather!

Don't forget that the option to park at the village hall is available throughout the year.

SUN SAFETY

Children are able to bring sun cream in to school in a named container, this should then be handed to the class teacher.

Children are encouraged to apply the cream when necessary under the supervision of an adult.

Named sun hats are also recommended. There is also a sun cream product that lasts for up to 8 hours so need only be applied before coming to school.

We will also be thinking about keeping safe when out in the sun during lesson times.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PLAYGROUND REMINDER

We have recently reorganised the playground equipment that the children use at lunchtime. This is stored in the large coloured crates behind the new care club building. Please ensure that this **is not played with by children** before school or after the end of the school day. This is for lunch times only. We have reminded the children about this in assembly and thank you for your support in this. Can we also take this opportunity to remind you that scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the playground for the safety of everyone.

SUMMER TERM 2016 - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday – Football (11 weeks)

Last session 11th July

Wednesday – Art (10 wks)

Last session 29th June

Friday – Dodgeball (12 wks)

Last session 15th July

Remember to book any additional Care Club sessions that you may require.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS DEADLINE

The last date to get your vouchers to us is **Friday 8th July**.

Collecting vouchers enables us to 'buy' a wide variety of playtime and sports equipment for the school, so please bring your vouchers into the school. Remember to ask friends, grandparents and neighbours to donate their vouchers to us as well.

FRIENDS OF WILLINGTON LOWER SCHOOL

Dates for your diary:

2nd July – Summer Fair at the village hall
2.00 – 4.00pm.

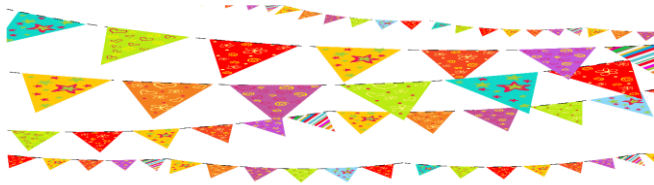
22nd July – End of term Picnic & Bouncy Castle 3.30 – 5.30pm at the village hall.

Willington Lower School Summer Fair

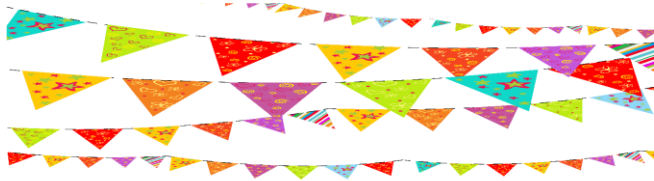
To help make our **Summer Fair** the best yet *The Friends of Willington Lower School (FoWLS)* would be very grateful if you could bring any of the following to school on **Friday 24th June**:

- **Raffle prize** (e.g. unwanted gifts/bottle of wine)
- **Jars** filled with fun things (fill an old jam/coffee jar with sweets/small toys/hair decoration etc.)

If you can provide cakes/biscuits for our refreshments stall, please let us know and bring them along with you on the day of the fair!



**WILLINGTON LOWER
SCHOOL
SUMMER FAIR
WILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 2ND JULY
2-4PM**



CATERLINK

To recognise American Independence Day, on the 7th July we are providing a special American theme menu.



- Beef Burger in a Sesame Bun with Cheese and Tangy relish
- Mac 'N' Cheese
- Jacket Potato with Crunchy New York Coleslaw
- Seasoned Fries
- Sweetcorn or Cowboy Beans
- Chocolate Muffin
- Fruit or Yoghurt

CONTACT DETAILS REMINDER

The website address is now:-
www.willingtonschool.education
Our email address:
office@willingtonlowerschool.org
Our phone number: 01234 838280.

Care Club Contact Number - between the hours of 7.50am-8.50am and 3.30pm-6.00pm, please now use the main school number **01234 838280** and select Care Club.

Care Club Bookings

May we confirm that parents/carers need to inform the school office if it is necessary to amend your care club bookings which may be affected by school trips etc. We would not presume that you do not need your sessions as a result of children being out of school.

DIARY DATES:

JUNE 23 rd	Crocodile visit
JULY 1 st	Bikeability for KS2
7 th	KS1 Tournament
8 th	Move Up Day
15 th	Sports Day afternoon
22 nd	Leavers' Church service 9.30am Last day of term
SEPT 2 nd	Teacher Training Day
5 th	Children return to school

The Voice for Parent Carers of children & young people 0-25 with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities in Bedford Borough



BBPCF Conference 2016

Monday 27th June 7pm—10pm

Kings House Café (rear side entrance)

245 Ampthill Road, Bedford, MK45 9AZ

Topic Tables

This year we are introducing the following Topic Tables:

1. **Short Breaks** (respite) - what is a short break? how do you access one and what the law says
2. **Education**— how Independent Support can help you understand the new SEND system & the law.
3. **Health**—understanding who's who in health & navigating the NHS.
4. **Mental Capacity** - how the Mental Capacity Act and deprivation of liberty safeguards are relevant to children & young people with SEND.

Each table will run several 20 minute sessions where following a brief subject overview by a representative, an open discussion will take place. These tables

will be limited to 7 per table. Email Tracy to book your place

Speed Dating

You can book a 10 minute slot with senior managers from health, education and social care in Bedford Borough to ask any question you want. Speak direct to the people providing and planning your child's future. Have your say! - Slots are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment

Refreshments provided

Meet other parent carers and BBPCF members for a chat

Speed daters will be confirmed via email at a later date.

To register your interest or to book your place email Tracy: admin@bbpcf.org.uk