



*A Values School*

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

# Newsletter

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## OUR VALUE THIS MONTH:

**Fairness**



**Stars of the Spring Term were:**

**Courtney, Ella, Gabe, Nate and Lucas**

**Stars of the Week** in April were: Imogen, Callum, Gabe, Harvey and William

The **Values Awards** from The Golden Box draw was won by **Marika**

**Playground Awards** were earned by **Jake and Lacey**

**Head Teacher's Award** was earned by **Elliot B** for his fantastic writing

**Fionan** was awarded his pen licence

The following children all achieved **100% attendance** for the Spring Term – well done everyone: **Imogen, Gabria, Courtney, Charlie, Elliot W-T, Lacey, Emily, Harry, Tasmin, Olivia O, Naima, Kai, Nate, George, Evie, Harry, Lizzie, Austin, Eden, Lelan and Lucas**

## SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We have so far received a FANTASTIC **1,931** Active Kids Vouchers!!!!!!

Vouchers are no longer being issued but if you have any still at home, they can be sent into school right up until 30<sup>th</sup> June. It would be great if we could reach a total of over 2,000, so check through your pockets, in your purses and wallets and in old carrier bags to see if you have any loose ones lurking around!!

## UPDATE ON MERGER

You will know by now that the name of our new school has been decided – Sheerhatch Primary School – and that our new uniform is going to be red. Work is now in progress to design a logo for our new school and as soon this has been developed we will share it with you.

The reception classroom will be extended to house the new intake in September and building work will commence during the summer term. Again we will let you know once we have a firm date for it to start.

## FOWLS AND FOCL BECOME FOSH

Following on from the confirmation of our new school name, this means that from September, FOWLS and the Cople PTA (FOCL) will become one group which will be named FOSH (Friends of Sheerhatch). As always, new members are very welcome.

Between now and September FOWLS and FOCL will be inviting parents from each school to any events that they hold – the first of these events is a Snail Race on 12<sup>th</sup> May which you have had a flyer about. Let us know if you didn't receive it.

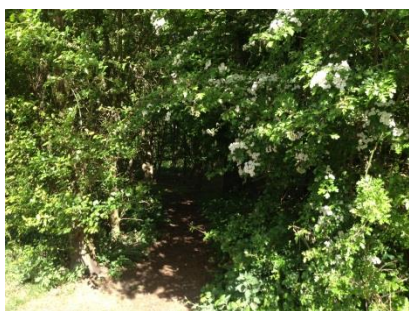
### **150 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, we are holding a week of celebrations for our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday during w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> July with a big party on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Plans are coming along nicely and we have got some very exciting things booked for both in school during the week and for the party itself. Don't forget to hold the date in your diaries!

Also, if you or anyone you know attended the school we would love to hear from you and see any pictures or other memorabilia you may have. Please feel free to drop into the office and have a chat.

### **NEWS FROM SQUIRRELS**

Squirrels celebrated their return to school by going for a walk along the cycle track to look for signs of spring. Luckily it was sunny, if not warm, and we saw some evidence of blossom and new leaves growing. We also stopped to listen to the birds singing in the trees. Isabelle said that when the leaves rustled they sounded like bells ringing. We are now writing about our walk as well as making spring collage pictures.



This term we are investigating the local environment including wildlife. All children seem fascinated by mini beasts so no doubt we will be collecting a few specimens to observe under the magnifying glass. We are also getting better at counting and Jackson wanted you all

to know that we can count all the way up to 100!

**Mrs Staley**

### **NEWS FROM ACORN CLASS**

We hope you all had a lovely Easter holidays. At the end of term we had an Easter party. We had party nibbles and played party games because we got to the top of our gem-o-meter. We can collect a gem for effort, good work or being kind and helpful. Each Friday gems awarded are counted up and added to our gem-o-meter. It is very exciting as there are other treats we could win if we don't get enough for a party.

Our new topic this term is called 'Wild and Wonderful'. This is focusing on the wonderful world we live in and the different animals and creatures too. This week we have been looking at bears and discussing why Paddington and Pooh Bear are neither alive nor dead. We have started to think about the 7 signs of life and been researching polar, panda and brown bears. We have looked at the different continents, and compared the different habitats. We have learned that some bears are herbivores, some omnivores and some carnivores.

Next week we will begin to look at plants and trees in our local area and go for a walk in the village to investigate them. When we get back to school we will be sorting and classifying them. We will also be drawing maps of the route we took.

**Mrs Smith and the wonderful team of TAs.**

### **NEWS FROM OAK CLASS**

It is lovely to be back with Oak Class after my maternity leave and I am looking forward to lots of exciting activities in our new topic 'Wild and Wonderful' including a trip to the Natural History Museum at Tring.

We have already learnt a lot about mapping and you'll be relieved to know that, after

Careful investigation, the children decided that the river at Willington should not have a dam built across it!

I know for absolute certain that the children can't wait to visit the Frontier Camp later in the term. We are also all looking forward to participating in the Sing-On concert in June. (Details for this will be going out soon.)

**Mrs Buisson**

**THE COFFEE POT**

We have been sent the following letter from one of our Children's Grandparents which we would like to share with you:

"Last Tuesday I took my granddaughter to the Coffee Pot, based at the Methodist Chapel. We had a lovely time, she was able to play in the Toddler play area and I enjoyed a cup of coffee (or two), a slice of cake and a chat with a friend. It was a very pleasant experience and I would recommend any parent or grandparent (with or without toddlers) to give it a go. The newly refurbished premises provide a very pleasant environment and it only cost me £1 (which was the suggested donation). The Coffee Pot is open every Tuesday from 9.00am til 11.00am, an ideal time for those people dropping their children off at school."

**DIARY DATES**

<b>May</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Oak Class visit to Tring Natural History Museum
9 <sup>th</sup>	Resources Governors Meeting 7pm
15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4s to Frontiers Residential Trip
15 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Governors meeting 7pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos Frontiers Meeting for Year 3 Parents 3.45pm at Cople
26 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Gower Coffee Morning – Blossom Café 9.00-10.30 Last day of half term

<b>June</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Training day
6 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
8 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup>	Football Festival
12 <sup>th</sup>	Living Eggs – in school for 2 weeks to see them hatch!
14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3s to Frontiers Residential Trip
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sing On Concert – more details to follow
21 <sup>st</sup>	Inter-school competition
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Curriculum Governors Meeting 7pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Resources Governors Meeting 7pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	KS 1 Tournament at Bedford Cricket Club
29 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability KS2
30 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Gower Coffee Morning – Blossom Café 9.00-10.30
<b>July</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	150 Birthday Celebrations week
6 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 visit to the Evergreens OAP Club
8 <sup>th</sup>	Birthday Party
10 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Young Carers Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup>	Church Service 9.30 am. Last day of term Family BBQ
<b>September</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Training Day
4 <sup>th</sup>	Children return