

# Willow Academy

## Newsletter May 2016

### Fundraising for Rossington RDA

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May everyone got involved to help raise money for the Riding for the Disabled Association Group based at Rossington Hall. It was a very busy day, starting at 8 o'clock with the breakfast before everyone arrived in non-uniform. At both breaks the tuck shops were very busy and we sold out of cakes, biscuits and most of the key-rings! The Guess the Name of the Horse competition also proved a good fundraiser and congratulations to Ryan (1F) – Black Horse and Zach (1C) – White Horse whose names were pulled out on Monday to name and win our two toy horses.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts, including those who sent in items for the tuck shop, and the staff and pupils who supported in the events.

We raised £809.30 which will support the Rossington Hall RDA group to keep doing the brilliant job they do. As recognition for our fundraising, the school has been recognized as a horse adopter and after a whole school vote the chosen horse is Chino, so we hope to hear more about him soon.

Thank you again

Mrs Carroll and Willow School Council

### KS1 Sports Afternoon

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Sports Afternoon due to inclement weather. This will now be rescheduled to **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 1.30pm**

### Safeguarding

Could parents please drive carefully outside the school and also in the surrounding streets. We have had complaints that cars are going far too fast and that on one occasion a parent from our school actually mounted the pavement at speed.

Also some parents are using the entrance to the school as a drop off point for their children. Please do not do this; even if your child is late for school please park in the shopping precinct car park.

### Attendance

#### Week ending 27.5.16

FS2C	89.6
FS2H	91.6
1C	96.7
1F	97.1
2O	97
2V	96
3G	98.6
3S	98
4R	95.5
4S	95.6
5N	95.7
5P	98.6
6C	95
6R	97.3

## **Composer in school**

A group of Year 3 children have been working on a music project in association with South Yorkshire Music hub. They have worked with professional musician Dyzelle Sutherland and composer Andy Smith to create a composition based around Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor. They will be performing with a group of other local schools in Birmingham Town Hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> July, so in the meantime they will be practicing hard to prepare for a special and unique performance.

## **Y1 Caterpillars to Butterflies**

The children and staff in Year 1 have had a great month following a delivery of 5 caterpillars to each class on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. They have watched in amazement as the caterpillars quickly grew before they went into their chrysalides. They then had a wait as they watched to see what would happen next. Finally each class had 5 butterflies emerge to the great delight of all. After a few days of observation, as the butterflies gained strength, both classes released their butterflies outside to mixed emotions of excitement and sadness. Thank you to Mr Taylor for the suggestion – it has been a great experience for all.

## **Cricket –Golf - Tennis Matthew**

A group of Year 4 children went to Rossington and displayed great batting and fielding skills, resulting in a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. Well done.

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2 teams played tennis in the Doncaster finals. Some outstanding tennis skills with 1 team finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1 team finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and becoming **Doncaster Champions**. They will move on to the South Yorkshire Finals.

A team of Year 3/4 boys and girls won the plate at Brodsworth Cricket Club. Outstanding sportsmanship and effort was shown.

For further information on sports and general information about future sporting activities, visit Sainsbury's School Website at [yourschoolgames.com](http://yourschoolgames.com)

**Parentpay** – Many apologies for nagging about Parentpay but when we tried to text KS1 parents to alert them about the KS1 Sports Day cancellation we found that only one person had registered their mobile phone. Our contract with Parentmail ends shortly and unless parents register their email and mobile phone number with Parentpay we will be unable to contact you should we have an emergency closure of school. If you need login details again please contact the school office.

## **School Uniform**

Could parents please ensure that all school uniform is named and advise the children of where to locate their name; in doing so it makes it so much easier should any uniform go missing.

**Year 5** pupils will shortly be fitted for their blazers and ties for the next school year. These are provided by Wakefield City Academy Trust and are free of charge. The school uniform for next year for Year 6 will be a white shirt, long grey trousers or skirt, blazer, tie and sensible black shoes.

## **School Closure**

School will be closed for half term Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016.