

# New term October 2017 Newsletter

**ASPIRE. Be an Achiever, Self Motivated, Positive, Independent, Respectful & Engaged**

Once again, it's been a very busy half term! This half term we have introduced our new Learning Superpowers (Resilience, Collaboration, Evaluation and Investigation) and the children are getting to know the Learning Superheroes through their lessons. The children have also been working hard towards completing the reading Competitions and the prize winners will be announced after half term.

We have elected a new Pupil Leadership Team and I am delighted to announce that Mia Rock and Harry Henshaw (Y6) are our Head Boy and Head Girl for the school, with over 60 other children representing their peers. We are incredibly proud of them all.

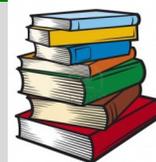
This will be our final paper newsletter as we aim to be more efficient by moving to an online version. From November, the newsletters will be emailed to parents via ParentPay so please make sure you are signed up, we don't want you to miss out on our updates.

You'll be aware that we have started to work with the Inspiring Futures Academies Trust as our Preferred Sponsor. When I have further updates I will be sure to inform you. Thank you once again for all your support, we do appreciate it. Have a restful half term break.

Mrs Sumner, Headteacher.

## **BOOK FAIR SUCCESS!**

We would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who supported us by visiting the book fair and making a purchase. We raised a very impressive £868.15! This is a fantastic achievement and in return, means that the school can spend £460.89 on books for the children to enjoy. Once again, a huge thank you for your continued support; it is our aim to improve reading standards across the school.



## **Sport at Willow Academy**

On the 11th of October saw Yr 5/6 play hockey at Doncaster Hockey club, resulting in the girls placing 6th & the boys placing 3rd.

The 25th of October, Yr5/6 boys travelled to Rossington All Saints for a football tournament. Team 2 got to the quarter finals & Team 1 played the semi-finals resulting in moving to the next stage of the competition (details of this will be arranged shortly). Well done to all of the students who participated, all your hard work & efforts are paying off. Keep up the good work!

Also please can we have something to promote the sports clubs for Multiskills in a morning & after school KS2 football, hockey, basketball, street dance.



## **Christmas cards**

Children will be producing their pictures in class after the holiday to have as their Christmas card design which can be printed onto packs of cards and purchased.

If you want to work with your child to produce a picture with them at home please collect a template from the school office and return this by Wednesday 8th November.



Thank you to all parents who donated to the Harvest Festival; we really did do ourselves proud!

Our donations weighed an amazing 154kg, enough to provide over 370 meals.

The Manager of the food bank passed on thanks to the children and parents/carers for their kind and generous efforts.



## **Year 3 Tribal Tales Express Event**



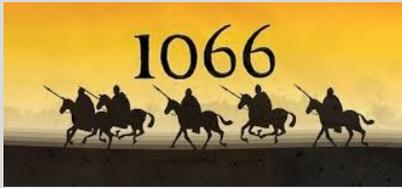
Our Tribal Tales Express event was a huge success as both Frogs and Newts presented their work from last half term to a hall packed full of family members. Children spoke confidently and recreated some of the activities that they had taken part in during the visit to Murton Park. On display were some of the homework project and school based learning outcomes, including the clay beaker cups that they had made.

## Land Ahoy!

The Year 2 children really enjoyed the Pirate Day, dressing up like pirates, speaking like pirates, reading and creating maps and investigating pirate artefacts including a cutlass, pistol, and real treasure. Many thanks to the parents for coming and helping and we're looking forward to our pirate adventure afternoon! Thank you to all the parents and families who joined us for the Pirates treasure hunt this week.



Year 4 would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to support our Express event this half term. We have loved learning about 1066 and we hope you all had as much fun as we did taking part in the Norman Games Tournament.



We have Royal British Legion poppies available to buy in school after the half-term break in the build up to Remembrance Sunday. If your child would like to buy a poppy please send a donation (minimum £1) in a named envelope.



## Year 1 - The Enchanted Woodland

This half term Year 1 have had enjoyed learning about woods and how we can care for them. At the end of the topic we have made pledges for what we can do to help protect and keep our woodlands for everyone to enjoy. They have taken their pledges home to share with their families and hopefully remember to keep.



## Halloween disco

On Tuesday 24th October the Year 5 and Year 6 children had the opportunity to attend our Halloween Disco.

A big thank you to Friends of Willow for their support in the decoration of the school and the tuck shop, and to the members and school staff who stayed on the evening. A fantastic time was had by all and the costumes were fantastic.



There will be disco opportunities for the rest of school as we approach Christmas.