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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can read / see from this newsletter, life is far from dull at Wicklewood!

### Year 6 visit the Peaks

Year 6 had fun in the Peak District – Ilam Hall was practically perfect in every way (only missing hot water!!) We walked up Bunster Hill and down Dovedale and no one fell in at the stepping stones! We had plenty of fresh air and learnt allsorts – from star-gazing to dry-stone walling. Most of all we learned to be good companions and to be more independent. Hilltop here we come!!



### Lapwing class try out Roman's army techniques

Lapwing went out and put into practise the formations the Roman army used as a treat they have been working towards this week. They are the repel, wedge, tortoise and orb.



Headteacher: Miss Julia Brooks  
Chair of Governors: Mr Peter Meacock



## Wren Class meet the local firefighters!

To conclude our learning on 'people who help us' Wren class enjoyed a visit from some firefighters from Wymondham Fire Station. They were most excited to see the fire engine on the playground and even more excited to have the opportunity to hold the hose and spray the water. The children also learnt about what firefighters do and the clothing and equipment they need to carry out their job. A special thank you to Mrs Mowser (Scarlett's Mum) for helping to arrange this special learning opportunity for the children.



## And ...



Swift and Robin Class had a visit from the Fire Service based at Thetford. They were taught the importance of making a fire plan to use at home and also had a chance to try on some of the protective clothing worn by the fire service. They realised how heavy it was! The children also watched a video giving them some tips on what to do in case of fire.

## Your children continue to shine ...

**Keola Silver was at the National Gymnastics competition in Wiltshire.** Written by Keola Silver, Kestrel.



I competed in a national gymnastics competition in Wiltshire on Friday, October 13. There were about 60 gymnasts from all over the UK in the competition. Before the competition I felt very nervous but in another way a little bit excited. It was a team competition but they handed out individual medals too. You had to do each piece which are vault, bars, floor and beam. We have a quite long routine for each piece. I find beam the trickiest of pieces. The competition was disco themed and everyone has a number. Mine was 164. You had to make something to do with discos with your number on and we love glitter, so of course it was



covered.

Once we got started I got the hang of it and my nerves gradually disappeared. When everyone was finished it was time for the presentations. First they handed out rosettes for special pieces that the

judges liked. I got a rosette for my beam routine, and I won that piece. Next they handed our medals and rosettes for Level 5, my level. My friend came 6<sup>th</sup> and my other friend came second. Guess what, they called out my name for 1<sup>st</sup> place. I was so happy and I got great applause. After that were the trophies for teams. All of our team were crossing their fingers and hoping for the best. All of a sudden they called our name and we were on top of the podium for first place. I was really cheerful. I got to hold up the huge disco trophy, which was heavy. Our coach was so pleased she wanted to show everyone, so she took the trophy home for a week.

My mummy especially was very proud.

"All thanks to mum for doing amazing hair' I whispered to myself.

It was definitely worth the journey – and the best thing was that I had actually won each piece!

Keola's mum added, "Keola won't say, but she won an even stiffer competition the week after, competing against county champions from all over the east. I am ridiculously proud."



**William Shenstone and Freddie Pattison spend a day with the Saracens!** Written by William Shenstone, Kestrel.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Wymondham Rugby Club U10's team, which included myself and Freddie Pattison, visited Allianz Park, home of the Saracens rugby team.

We played against three teams, Tunbridge Wells, Medway and Hertford. Our team won every match. Freddie and I both scored tries and our team only conceded three tries during all three matches.

As our team played so well we were declared winners of our age group. We therefore were given the privilege of being able to take the giant Saracens shirt on to the pitch while the players ran out.

Afterwards I sat with my team and our coaches to watch the Saracens beat London Irish 44-13.

Our day was capped off by meeting some Saracens and England stars such as Jamie George, Owen Farrell and Mako Vunipola (pictured with William and his dad).



Freddie with Maro Itoje, who plays for England

It was an amazing day, one I will always remember and I am proud to be part of that team.



Freddie said that playing in the Allianz Stadium (and scoring a try there) is an experience that he will remember for the rest of his life...

Mr Pattison also added, "The Saracens Match Day 'work rate & honesty' festival gathered teams from across London and the South East with all matches being played within the Allianz Park stadium. The team were the outright winners of the U10s tournament by accumulating the highest score under the Fair Play Scoring System which scores teams for their work rate, honesty, enjoyment and their side line culture. It was simply an incredible and memorable experience for all, topped off by the team rubbing shoulders with many of their rugby heroes on and off the pitch. It was great to receive positive feedback from the Saracens team about the young players ability and attitude on the pitch - Well done Warriors!"

## Joe Minnis

Joe won a gold medal at UEA for an interclub shotokan karate competition on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017. The medal was for sparring (kumite) under 5ft up to 10 years.



## The School day

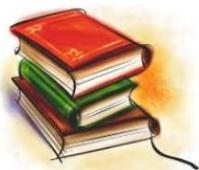
During the first half term we noticed several children arriving before 8.40a.m. The playground is not supervised before this time and as the school has a responsibility for the safety of your children it is causing us concern. Please support us with this arrangement. If this continues to happen on a regular basis we will have no choice but to lock the gate in the morning. This will then impact on how the children who attend Breakfast Club enter the school.

## Christmas Card Competition

Every year we have the opportunity to enter this competition organised by George Freeman, MP, and to date we have had quite a lot of success! The winning design and the two runners up will appear on the front and reverse of his 2017 Christmas Card. The winner also joins him in a tour of Parliament and tea on the terrace of the House of Commons. The runners-up receive a £10 book token.

The design must be drawn on an A4 piece of white paper /card and returned to the school by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017. We will then forward them for you.

Good luck.



## Library Books

Thank you for all the book donations. They have really helped us to enrich the children's choices.

## Macmillan Coffee morning – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017



The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer.

We raised £85 towards this worthwhile cause. Thank you to those of you who joined us for coffee and cakes.

## 100 Club

For those of you who are new to the school the Friends run a monthly 100 Club draw.

The 100 club is an **easy way** you can support the school whilst having a bit of a flutter! Here's how it works...

By contributing **ONLY** £12 (for one number for one year), you will have the chance to win cash prizes in our monthly draw.

**Multiple entries encouraged!!**

Three random numbers are drawn Sept – June with prizes allocated: 1<sup>st</sup> - £15, 2<sup>nd</sup> - £10, 3<sup>rd</sup> - £5

**Plus once a year in July - £100!**

There are several numbers still to be purchased. If you are interested please email the office with the subject heading clearly labelled '100 club' and we will forward it to Julia Woodeson (Isaac and Oscar's mum) who organises this for us.

October winners – Eleanor Jones (£15); Kath Amblin (£10); and Katie Allott (£5)

## AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND – PLEASE VOTE

Earlier this week I sent you an email with the link to this project. Please find the time to vote and ask family and friends to do the same.



<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-4105>

**UPDATE:** The good news is that we have gone past 450 votes – which is a lot more than many other entries. However there are a couple of playground entries that have 800 & 900 votes! PLEASE VOTE AND PASS THE MESSAGE ON

## Now the days are getting shorter ...

A little welfare check for our families – please make sure that you all keep safe on the pavements and roads.



## Coming up

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Second hand uniform stall coming to school soon! The Friends will be organising this and I will update you with more detail as soon as I have it.

## Friendship week



The week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 is Friendship week. The children will be completing several activities including choosing their Special Adult, the adult who they feel that they can talk to if they have any worries.

## West End in Schools Dance Workshops – 14.11.17

Every class will be involved with the Friendship and Teamwork school dance workshops which develop responses to the PSHE themes of friendship, teamwork and co-operation.

## Children in Need – 17.11.17



## Dates for your diary

17.11.17	Children in Need	
1.12.17	Decoration Day	
6.12.17	KS1 Christmas performance (evening)	
7.12.17	KS1 Christmas performance (afternoon)	
12.12.17	Wren Nativity @ 9.30 a.m	
13.12.17	Carol Service (afternoon)	
14.12.17	Christmas lunch	
15.12.17	Greenfinch and Lapwing assembly (Parents welcome)	
19.12.17	Last day of term	
3.1.18	INSET day	
4.1.18	New term starts	
Spring half term holiday		12.2.18 – 16.2.18
Easter holiday		29.3.18 – 13.4.18
Summer half term holiday		28.5.18 – 1.6.18
Summer holiday begins		25.7.18

Kind regards,  
Miss Brooks