

***** Ashton First School News*****

"Expect only the best"

Friday 6th February 2015

HEADLINES by Mrs Sharon Cole



This week the children have been working hard on perfecting their parts in the whole school production of Sleeping Beauty. Perhaps the comments below might whet your appetite:

"I think it's going to be amazing. It's also really funny!" (Josh)

"I like the forest creatures and the way that they dance." (Cathy)

"There's some crazy dancing!" (Noah)

"Look out for Nightshade, the Evil Fairy. She's kind of scary!" (Eleanor)

Faiths and celebrations

On Tuesday, our whole school assembly was led by Willow



Class, as the children wanted to share what they have been learning about the Jewish festival of Tu B'Shevat.

This is a special day in the Jewish

calendar when they celebrate the New Year for Trees. The children told us that Jewish people take

time on this day to think about everything trees contribute to our lives – from wood for shelter, to the air that we breathe. Traditionally, Jewish people used to plant new trees and eat 15 different fruits presented on a special Seder plate. A platter of fresh fruit was given to each class so that the children could sample some different types that they might not have tried before. The assembly ended with a prayer, and then a beautiful rendition of the song 'Shalom'. Well done, Willows! Your teachers are very proud of you!

British Heart Foundation:

Today the children had the opportunity to wear something red with their uniform to support the work of the British Heart Foundation. There were some lovely additions, including face paints and we raised over £130! Many thanks to everyone for your generosity.



Notices:

- **Sleeping Beauty:** Tickets have been sent home today. Please ensure that your child returns to school at **5.30pm prompt** on Tuesday and Wednesday evening ready for the performance.
- **Forest School & Afterschool Clubs:** There will be **no Forest School or afterschool clubs on Tuesday & Wednesday** next week due to the production.
- **Parents Meetings:** Please see the letter coming home today inviting you to make appointments to speak to your child's Class Teacher for a mid-year review
- **PFA Easy Fundraising:**
'Easyfundraising' is a brilliant way to raise money for our school. Shop online from over 2,700 retailers and they'll give a donation every time you buy something, at no extra cost. Please follow the link below from our website to sign up:
http://www.ashton.worcs.sch.uk/?page_id=668
- **Igloo Complete!** Thank you so much for sending in all those plastic milk cartons. We are delighted to inform you that the igloo in the Acorn classroom is now complete, so no further cartons are required.
- **Acorns Books Sale:** We have raised £112 towards new books for our library. Thank you for your support.
- **Traffic Consultation Message from the Parish Council:**
"The Legal Department at Worcestershire County Council has now issued a public notice proposing to paint Double Yellow lines along a significant length of Elmley Road. Their impact, if we allow them to opt for this cheap and nasty option, will affect many village inhabitants who simply have nowhere else to park but also upon the many parents whose children attend the two schools in Ashton. The present traffic issues will simply be relocated to allow buses to race up and down the village with absolutely no traffic calming. It is the Parish Council's opinion that buses are the chief cause of congestion and mainly because the drivers often ignore basic courtesies of the road. We will oppose this strangling imposition and encourage all parents, whether living in our outside Ashton to write to the Legal Dept at WCC with your objections/comments. Only individual letters will be accepted as part of the consultation and ultimately, we hope cancellation of these idiotic proposals. PLEASE take PEN and PAPER and WRITE NOW - the dead-line is **4th March**. Many thanks, Ashton Parish Council".
- **Call for young actors.** Evesham Operatic and Dramatic Society (EODS) are looking for children who would be interested in auditioning to be in their upcoming production of Oliver! If you want to know more, look at the attachment to the school newsletter which will give details about what to do next. Speak to Mrs Emond for further information.



Dates for the Diary

- **Tuesday 10th February 1.45pm & 6pm :** Performances of Sleeping Beauty
- **Wednesday 11th February 6pm:** Evening Performance of Sleeping Beauty
- **Friday 13th February :** Break up for Half Term
- **Wednesday 25th February:** Key Stage 1 trip to Burford Wildlife Park
- **Saturday 28th February:** PFA Fundraising Cheese & Wine Event
- **Tuesday 3rd March:** Parents Evening 5-7.30pm
- **Wednesday 4th March:** Parents Evening 3.20 -5.30pm

