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Newsletter

July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted, in the form of six inspectors arrived pre May half term. The lead inspector's final comment that we are an 'outstanding-ish' school equates to an overall judgement of good, with the personal development, behaviour and welfare of all groups of students rightly described as outstanding. The report is very positive and can be read at <https://reports.beta.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/136890>. It is lovely to see so many areas of the school, students and culture of the school recognised as fabulous. Thank you to all the 174 parents who responded on the night of the inspection, your immediate comments and support is invaluable as is the clear message to other parents that this is a school you would recommend to other prospective parents. For a more reflective opportunity to contribute to the leadership and development of the school, we have distributed the Kirkland Rowell anonymous parental questionnaire by email. This will be the 16th year and the results and comments from this questionnaire are essential and do help us in our development of the school. Please have a look at your email and complete the questionnaire online by Monday 23rd July – thank you.

The support of parents in 2018 is vital if we are to continue to thrive. The finances of every Worcestershire school are now in crisis and we need your support now to continue to offer basic services. This is made all the more acute by the continuing crisis Worcestershire Children's Services continues to be in, meaning support for the most vulnerable, unless provided for by the schools, is unlikely to be there. I continue to be part headteacher, fundraiser, cheerleader and parents can help in so many ways, for example:

- **Easyfundraising** - shopping online to generate funds, which won't cost you anything. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cwlc/>
- **Buy a Brick Appeal** – £25 per brick. We need 100,000 bricks for the new build – I have bought mine to go with the 20 generous people

who have already bought theirs. Please buy via [Parent Pay](#) or email your request to buyabrick@cwlc.email

An additional 25p per £1 can be claimed by the school if you are a current UK taxpayer. Please download the [Gift Aid Declaration](#) from our website, fill it in and return to the finance department – thank you.

- Perhaps get your business involved in sponsoring an event, a classroom.
- Support school events. We aim to break even at every event. We have to break even.
- Look to hire the school facilities - our gym is currently available on Fridays between 4pm and 9pm for £30 per hour. Enquiries to lettings@cwlc.email

To continue to be a good school, parental support in all areas is essential. We appreciate all your support with homework. From a study by the 'Institution of Engineering and Technology', the most common excuses given by parents in 2018, including myself when struggling with a homework task, are:

'I was taught differently at school.'
'Google it.'
'I need a calculator.'

The fact that you support homework is the key, even if you cannot do the task. Subjects such as MFL are reliant on regular practise. Our first year of Mandarin – only 35 schools in the country – mostly fee paying so-called 'prestigious' schools, has seen us record results 9% above the national average, with the school coming 3rd out of 35. The top performing state school and Isla Rimoncelli being second in the country! Small homework tasks are key for this and every subject.

Yet this school has to be about so much more than data and I have been so impressed by some of the recent initiatives, student successes that have seen:

Sporting Successes continue unabated with girls leading the way.

- Girls' football a major success:
 - Y8 county champions with no goals conceded throughout the season. 5-0 winners in the county cup final.
 - Y9 county cup final champions 9-5.
- Individual athletic success with Jake Cavens and Sam Davey being county 1500m champions.
- Rounders Y7 v Dyson Perrins, won 11-8, Y8 v Dyson Perrins, won 13½-8, Y8 v Bishop Perowne, won 16½-11½.
- Boys' cricket Y8 v Blessed Edwards won by 8 wickets, Y10 v Blessed Edwards won by 13 runs.

A special mention to sporting students who compete with and support Regency school in a lovely, friendly competition.

Charity Support is always a brilliant experience that is so much more than the money raised. Amounts raised March – July are:

Sixth Form – Footsteps £38.50, Acorns Children's Hospice £842.10

Brunel House – Macmillan Cancer Support 197.80

Curie House – Make a Wish Foundation £48.40

Da Vinci House – Meningitis Trust £473.23 (in support of Annie whose individual work has raised £2080 plus £250 gift aid)

Pankhurst House – St Richards Hospice £170.72

Seacole House – Worcestershire Animal Rescue £150.62

Shakespeare House – Cancer Research £125.50

Learning Support Centre – Charlie Waller Memorial Trust £45.00

Worcester Foodbank is a five-year initiative which has seen you generously give over 15,000 tins of much needed, urgent food.

Caitlin Dove in has been judged a winner in the Intermediate section of the Young Writer's competition. She was invited to read her story and collect her prize at the Festival launch event in June at The Angel Centre in Worcester.

Flag Design Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted flag designs for the carnival competition. Beth's striking and professional entry was chosen to represent CWLC in the Worcester Carnival parade.



House Competition Update

Results of House Numeracy Competition Round 5 June 2018. Points awarded as follows:

1st	Shakespeare	111	(all 8 LM groups took part)
1st	Brunel	111	(all 8 LM groups took part)
3rd	Da Vinci	110	(all 8 LM groups took part)
4th	Seacole	108	(all 8 LM groups took part)
5th	Curie	97	(7 LM groups took part)
6th	Pankhurst	77	(6 LM groups took part)

Top LM Groups (maximum points available 75)

1st CDKP (71 points), 2nd SCMEH (68 points), 3rd SAMP (67 points)

Well done to everyone and a special mention to Mr Luff who gained full marks!

All of this experience would not be offered without my fabulous conscientious staff with sadly the following departing for new challenges with our gratitude and good wishes:

Dr Hussein – returning to the world of medicine.

Teaching's loss is medicine's gain.

Miss Lyon – escaping to Russia post world cup – the challenge of language and arctic weather awaits.

Mr Morrison – departs across the city to the delights of Nunnery Wood.

Miss Baum – leaves on a one year Shakespeare study year sabbatical.

Mr Heath – geographical skills navigate him to Halesowen.

Mr Jones – psychology skills depart to Birmingham.

Mrs Yang – Mandarin skills depart for Birmingham.

Learning Support Assistants Mrs Evans, Mrs

Tideswell and Mr Davis depart for new challenges.

The staff are amazing. They might not win the sports day staff sprint but cheesily, I would say, they are in for the school marathon.

Y7 – Y11 Current School Attendance is 95.5%

Dates for your Diary

Thu	16-Aug	A-level Results Day Collection from Sixth Form Centre between 9.00am and 11.00pm
Thu	23-Aug	GCSE Results Day Collection from Sixth Form Centre between 9.00am and 11.00pm
Wed	5-Sept	Term starts for all students 8.30am