



WASPS – Willesley Association of School and Parents
Registered Charity No. 1095840

WASPs Chair Report 2019/20

Well, what a year we've had so far! The school has survived a flood and now a pandemic! We hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well during these unprecedented times.

Normally the WASPs would have been frantically busy organising the Foundation Welcome Party, autumn festivities and Christmas Fair. Sadly this year we are going to have to 'think outside the box' and come up with some new, exciting and mainly virtual ideas!

Despite the inclement weather at the start of the last academic year, the WASPs still managed to raise in excess of £18,000. This included a generous donation of £12,000 from Morrison's Plc to build a new Multi Usage Games Area (MUGA). Not only will this be available for the school children to use, but for the wider community of Ashby to enjoy.

Our Valentines Raffle proved to be a popular event, with fantastic prizes donated by the friends and parents of the school and local retailers. We also ran our first ever film night, using the brand new, state of the art projector that the WASPs purchased for the main school hall. Due to popularity, we hope to run these events next year (subject to the latest Government guidance). Additional purchases included a new forest school storage shed and a spectacular outdoor play stage for all those young, budding entertainers to enjoy.

With the PayPal Just Giving Flood Fund that you all so kindly donated to, the school was able to purchase new furniture for the Practical Area, which looks amazing!

The WASPs committee is open to everyone, and you can volunteer as little, or as often as you'd like. You don't have to come to every meeting, as there are always jobs that can be done from home. Whether it is assisting behind the scenes, helping to run a stall, sponsorship, or running an event, you will be helping to raise invaluable funds for the school.

We are losing some of our Committee members over the next couple of years, so your help will be appreciated now more than ever! If you are interested in helping out please contact one of our members, or email us at ashbywillesleywasps@hotmail.co.uk.

Once again, thank you for your continued support throughout these unusual circumstances. We really couldn't achieve what we do without the help and support of our wonderful school community! Kind regards

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