

# Wicklea Academy

## Newsletter No. 3

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

### Harvest Appeal

This year we are supporting the East Bristol Foodbank, who work with the Trussell Trust to combat poverty and hunger in the UK.

East Bristol Foodbank has four local centres, providing three days emergency food and support to local people in times of crisis. In the last week of term Miss McLeod will be leading a whole school assembly to explain the work of the charity to the children. This will be followed by a **donation day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. Please see the attached 'shopping list' suggested by the foodbank, which will help you in choosing any items you wish to donate on the 21st. If you would like any further information about the charity you can find out more at <https://eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk/>



### Breakfast Club

Please note although breakfast club runs from 7.55am-8.45am food is only served up to 8.30am, when the doors close. Entry is free with the expectation that food or drink is purchased. We are currently re-stocking the games and activities on offer with the kind help of a donation from the Friends of Wicklea.

### The Big Friendly Read

Every year, over the UK, thousands of children take part in the reading challenge. This gives children an opportunity to continue their hard work during the summer holidays. The challenge set was to read six books over the six week period. Well done to all these children who won their medals and brought them in to share with us in assembly.



In addition to mathletics, every child in the school has also been allocated a **Spellodrome** account – which can be accessed using their mathletics user name and password. This online resource can be used to support your child's development of spelling through fun and engaging activities. As with mathletics, earning enough points in a week ensures you will be presented with a certificate in Friday's Achievement Assembly. To get started visit <http://uk.spellodrome.com/>



### Parking

Please ensure you are driving and parking safely in and around the vicinity of the school. In recent weeks we have received reports of parents parking on the zigzags near the zebra crossing and pulling in to the school drive to drop off children. In no circumstances should you stop at these clearly marked points. We have also been notified of a near miss when a car drove dangerously up the private lane next to the school and came perilously close to hitting a grandparent and small child. The car registration was taken and the police have been notified of this incident.

### Leave of Absence Forms

Please remember that in order for us to authorise any sort of leave from school, there must be an exceptional circumstance surrounding the request. If children have eight or more unauthorised sessions in a ten week period, then a penalty notice referral is likely to be made.

During the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> September each class held elections for their **school councillors**. In addition, every child in each house attended a 'House Assembly' where Year 6 children put their case forward to become House Captain. Congratulations to the following children that were elected:

Year 3 Birch – Max & Edie

Year 3 Maple – Daisy & Nathan

Year 3 Pine – Isabel & Theo H

Year 4 Ash – Bella & Jack G

Year 4 Willow – Khalid & Alice

Year 4 Beech – Dan & Masie

**Year 5 Councillors & House Vice Captains:**

Brunel – Maddy

Cabot – Hassan

Fry – Julia

More – Nada

**Year 6 Councillors & House Captains:**

Brunel – Harry

Cabot – Joel

Fry – Jonathan

More – Ella

The School Council will attend regular meetings with Mr Hazard and Miss McLeod to share ideas on how school could be improved and will lead a whole school charity appeal.

**Dates for your diary**

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Chestnut at Simonsbath all week

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Y4 leave for Hooke Court Camp

**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Y4 return from Hooke Court Camp

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct:** Harvest Collection

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct:** End of Term 1

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct:** Inset Day

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct:** Deadline for secondary school applications

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Nov:** Term 2 begins

**Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov:** NSPCC Meeting for parents – 2.30pm

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Shakespeare performance at The Egg Theatre, Bath

**Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Parent Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Parent Evening (3.30-6.00pm)

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Travelling Book Fair arrives at school

**Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Last day of Travelling Book Fair

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Children in Need

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov:** NSPCC Assembly

**Weds 30<sup>th</sup> Nov:** NSPCC workshops – Years 5 & 6

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Open Day

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** Last day of clubs for Term 2

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** Friends Christmas Fair (3.30-5.30pm)

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Last swimming session for Birch

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year 3 & 4 Christmas Carol Concerts (2pm & 6pm)

**Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Concerts (2pm & 6pm)

**We have been asked to share the following**

**information with our parents and carers;** the last few months have seen a worrying fivefold increase in racist incidents across the UK. And Bristol is no exception. I am writing to you to make you aware of this and to ensure that our school community plays its full part in preventing any such abuse and dealing with it if and when it happens.

We would advise that parents discuss this with children to ensure they know how dangerous and harmful any kind of racist language can be, especially to other children. Our school will not accept any kind of racism or xenophobia, and this should be explained to your child. Children should know that this school has a zero tolerance policy towards racism, and any other kind of victimisation. If any child feels they have been the victim of racist or other abuse by another member of the school community, they should contact a SENIOR STAFF MEMBER, in confidence, to report it. This can be done by EMAIL/PHONE/IN PERSON. You can also contact the police, or local and national organisations (see list below).

**How to respond to hate crime**

If you are in immediate danger, contact the police on 999. To report hate crimes and enable communities and authorities to address them, contact the following specialist organisations.

**Stand Against Racism and Inequality (SARI)**

Tel: 0800 171 2272

<http://www.sariweb.org.uk/help-support/online-reporting-form/>

**IStrictWatch**

<http://www.istreetwatch.co.uk/reports/new>

**TELL MAMA - Countering Anti-Muslim Hate & Islamophobia**

<http://tellmamauk.org/submit-a-report-to-us/>

To get involved in **Bristol Hope Not Hate** activities, contact Tatiana Garavito

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Yours sincerely



Matthew Morgan (Head of School)