

# Wicklea Academy

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

### Ofsted Inspection

Although the overall outcome of the recent inspection was disappointing, the report is an accurate reflection of where the school has got to in its improvement journey. However, I would like to reassure you that the vast majority of areas for improvement had already been identified by senior leaders prior to the inspection and steps had recently been taken to address these areas. In fact, the inspection team recognised that these changes have already begun to have a positive impact on standards.

Whilst we will be focussing on making the required improvements, I believe it is also important to recognise that there were many positives in the report. It is especially pleasing that it has been recognised that there are strong relationships between teachers and pupils, which has created a community where pupils are well supported and feel safe.

I can assure you that all staff are determined to deliver the highest standard of education for all our pupils and that we will use this report as a route for us becoming 'Good'.

Thank you to those parents that have taken the time to send in supportive comments. If you have any comments or questions regarding the report you can see me on the courtyard most days or write to me using the school email address.

### KS2 SATS 2018:

For parents of our current Year 6 pupils, there is a useful video clip on our website (within the Parents section), which outlines the days of each of the tests the children will be taking in May and a brief explanation of what each paper involves.

### Dates for your diary:

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Clubs restart  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Paintworks exhibition begins  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Year 5 Parent Workalongs  
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – Year 5 Parent Workalongs  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y4 Parent Workalongs  
Weds 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Y4 Parent workalongs  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y5 trip to Swindon Steam Museum  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – End of Term 3  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Inset Day  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Start of Term 4  
Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm

### Camp Meeting for Year 3 Parents:

A meeting will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3.35pm to discuss the Hooke Court camp taking place in the next academic year. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting.



### Paintworks Exhibition:

Wicklea is one of a number of local schools taking part in an art exhibition inspired by science, technology, engineering and maths. The exhibition is being held at Paintworks on Bath Road between Tuesday 16<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January. The exhibit is open to the public to visit. Full details of the times are on the attached flyer. During the exhibition we will be taking some children to Paintworks on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. If you receive a permission letter for this trip, please return it to the office as soon as possible.

### Parent Mail App & Parents' Evenings

Around half of parents now use the Parent Mail app to receive communications from the school. Feedback has shown that by downloading the app it is much easier to notice when an email communication is sent from school.

Furthermore, following requests from parents we will be moving to an electronic booking system for our next parents' evenings in February, which is much easier to use if you have the app on your phone. Please take a few minutes to download the app to ensure you don't miss out on communications.



Yours sincerely

Matthew Morgan (Head of School)

### Vacancies:

We currently have the following vacancies available. Full details are on the website (within the Our School section). If you know of anyone who may be interested and require an application form, please speak to the office.

The following roles are available:

**Playmaker** – 11.50am – 1.20pm, 5 days a week, term time only plus Inset days. This post is paid at £7.85 per hour.

**Cleaner** – 3.30pm – 5.30pm, 5 days a week, term time only plus Inset days. This post is paid at £7.85 per hour.

### Speech & Language Therapy Drop In Session

Caroline Snell, a local NHS speech and language therapist will be visiting Wicklea to host a drop in session for parents on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February (9 – 9.45am)**. Caroline will be able to discuss:

- Any questions you may have about speech and language development
- Tips and ideas to support speech and language development

The session is free to attend and you do not need to make an appointment.