

Wicklea Academy

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you had an enjoyable summer break. I would especially like to welcome the parents/carers of the Year 3 children who have made a fantastic start to what I am sure will be an enjoyable time at Wicklea Academy.

Friends of Wicklea – Volunteers Needed

At the end of last year our long standing Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer resigned from their posts as their children left for secondary school. I cannot emphasise enough the positive impact the fund raising activities of the Friends has had on the pupils of Wicklea in recent years. In order to continue to make a difference we are now looking for anyone who would like to join the Friends to create a new committee. If you are interested in joining or continuing to help out in any capacity please come along for a friendly, informal chat over a tea or coffee on Friday 29th September at 9am.



Uniform and PE Kit

Please ensure your child is dressed in school uniform (black/grey trousers, skirt or green pinafore dress, green sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie, white polo top and **black shoes**. Children also need to ensure their **PE kit is in school** (white or house coloured T shirt, black shorts, daps or trainers) in a named bag. Can I also remind children to **tie back long hair** for health and safety reasons. Don't forget to label all items of uniform and PE kit with your child's name and year group/class.

Secondary School Open Days & Evenings

Secondary schools have already started holding open days & evenings for children currently in Year 6. If you wish to take your child out of school to visit a secondary school please notify the office so we can record the reason for absence.

Welcome message from our new Executive Headteacher, Tracy French

I am proud to tell you that since beginning to get to know the Academies at the end of last term, I have learned that each setting is a uniquely creative learning community where all learners feel valued, safe and happy. Teaching and learning is at the heart of everything we do within the Waycroft MAT - it was great to work with all staff during the training day looking at the rich curriculum we offer your children.

I am a mother of 3 sons and a daughter who have all grown up and enjoyed and benefited from a good education, part of my job is to ensure your children have the same positive experiences.

We want our children to embrace opportunities to fulfil their potential and to become responsible citizens of the future. When school and home work together we can ensure they will become independent life-long learners, able to adapt to changes and challenges they may face.

I look forward to meeting you as the terms progress.

Parent Mail – Year 3 Parents

You should have received an email or text to enable you to register with the **Parent Mail** website. If you haven't yet activated your account to receive emails as well as texts, please do so **as soon as possible** as you will be missing out on communications from us.



Fruit Snacks & Water Bottles

In line with Healthy School's guidance children are encouraged to eat fruit snacks during morning break. As lunchboxes are stored in the hall until lunch, please pack fruit snacks in book bags so that your child has access to them at playtime. I would also encourage each child to bring a water bottle into class so they have access to a drink throughout the day.



Year 6 Camp

The countdown has begun to the Year 6 Simonsbath Camp and I'm sure all the children attending are looking forward to the experience. If your child is attending please ensure you have returned all the required forms and check you have all the items on the kit list ready. Please note - if your child isn't going on camp they must attend school as normal where they will be taught lessons in a small group.



Cycling & Scooting to School:

Can I please remind parents and children that bikes and scooters are not to be ridden in the courtyard or anywhere on the school site. When riding to school, children must wear a helmet.

Evening Letting Availability:

The school hall is currently available to hire on a regular basis on a Wednesday evening. If you or anyone you know wishes to hire the hall for a community activity please contact the school office for details and prices.

Free School Meals:

If you are on certain benefits, your child may be entitled to free school meals. You can visit the following website and apply online.

<https://efsm.bristol.gov.uk/pls/educa/f?p=106:101:>

Once your child is registered for free school meals they will also become entitled to pupil premium funding. To find out more about pupil premium funding, please visit the school website.

Parking:

Please ensure you are not parking on the yellow zig zags outside of the school, in the school driveway or by the zebra crossing. These road markings are there for the safety of all us, particularly the children. Thank You.



Yours sincerely

Matthew Morgan (Head of School)

Term Dates for 2017/18:

Term 1

Ends: Friday 20th October

Term 2

INSET Monday 30th October

Begins: Tuesday 31st October

Ends: Thursday 14th December

INSET Friday 15th December

Term 3

Begins: Tuesday 2nd January

Ends: Thursday 8th February

INSET Friday 9th February

Term 4

Begins: Monday 19th February

Ends: Friday 23rd March

Term 5

Begins: Monday 9th April

MAY DAY Monday 7th May

Ends: Friday 25th May

Term 6

INSET Monday 4th June

Begins: Tuesday 5th June

INSET Friday 13th July

Ends: Tuesday 24th July