

Wicklea Academy

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

The sunny weather we had for **Environmental Week** seems a long time ago now, but we were very fortunate that all classes were able to visit the local woods at least once to enhance their learning across the curriculum. Each year group presented examples of children's work during a special assembly on the Friday afternoon. It was fantastic to see the range of subjects that had been covered; including the creation of power point presentations, sculpting clay tiles and writing stories.



The **School Library** opened last week and has been very popular across all year groups. It is great to see so many children enthusiastic about reading, as this is the foundation to accessing a broad and balanced curriculum. Please remember books can be borrowed for up to two weeks and must be returned before another book can be borrowed. Reading library books or books from home as well as any levelled books counts towards earning your reading start each week.

On **Thursday 1st October** the school kitchen will be providing an **American Special Lunch** (menu attached). As the theme is American we have decided **the children are also welcome to come to school wearing stars and/or stripes**. No donations are required. Please remember if you believe you may fulfil the criteria for 'free school meals' you must apply for this as it entitles your child to obtain over £1000 additional funding for the school to use to further academic achievement and subsidises residential camps. Please contact the office if you have further questions.

Every child in the school has now been allocated their **Mathletics** user name and password. Please keep this information safe (preferably in their reading diary) as they will require it for certain homework activities or maths lessons. This is a fantastic online maths resource that the school purchase to aid their mathematical development. Remember if you earn enough Mathletics points in a week you will be presented with a certificate in Friday's Achievement Assembly.



The Friends of Wicklea will be holding their AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Friday 2nd October at 2.00pm in the community room. All parents are welcome to this meeting.

Secondary schools are currently holding open evenings for **children currently in Year 6**. If your child was unable to attend an open evening due to attending Simonsbath Camp there may be a possibility to attend a secondary school during the day. If you wish to do so please notify the office so we can record the reason for absence.

When picking and dropping off children please be considerate of our neighbours and remember not to obstruct any driveways or vehicle access points. Thank You.

Leave of absence – Please remember that you must have an exceptional circumstance in order for us to authorise any leave of absence during term time. If you take your child out of school for eight or more sessions (four or more days) in a ten week period, then a penalty notice referral will be made.

The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting Wicklea from Monday 5th until Thursday 8th October. The fair will be open each day straight after school. If we sell enough books, we will earn commission to purchase more books for use in school.

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, please do so **as soon as possible** as you will be missing out on communications from us. Our aim is to send the majority of our communications via Parent Mail from Term 2.

2015-16 Academic Year Dates and Events

September 2015

21.09.15	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament begins – every Monday for 5 weeks
28.09.15	House Captain and School Councillor Elections this week
30.09.15	Individual / Sibling school photographs

October 2015

01.10.15	Walk to School Assembly
01.10.15	American Special Lunch (Stars & Stripes)
02.10.15	Friends of Wicklea AGM – 2pm
05.10.15	Y4 leave for Hooke Court Camp
05.10.15	Travelling Book Fair in all week
07.10.15	Y4 return from Hooke Court Camp
08.10.15	School Council Meeting – 10.10am
12.10.15	Mr Morgan's 'How are We Doing' Meeting with parents
14.10.15	Shakespeare cast workshop @ The Egg Theatre
21.10.15	End of Term 1
26.10.15	Enrichment Week – 5 days

November 2015

02.11.15	Inset Day
03.11.15	Term 2 Begins
03.11.15	Y6 attending Lifeskills
10.11.15	Shakespeare production of 'The Tempest' @ The Egg Theatre
11.11.15	Y3 trip to Caerleon Roman Legion Museum
11.11.15	Parent's Evening 3.30pm to 6.30pm
12.11.15	Parent's Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
13.11.15	Children in Need
16.11.15	One Tree per Child Assembly
17.11.15	Governors Meeting – 4.00pm
20.11.15	Friends Christmas Fair 3.30pm-6.00pm

December 2015

01.12.15	Open Day for current & prospective parents
07.12.15	Last week of clubs
07.12.15	Last swimming lesson for Elm Class
14.12.15	Carol Concert for parents/carers with toddlers – 2.00pm
15.12.15	Carol Concert – 6.30pm
16.12.15	Carol Concert – 6.30pm
16.12.15	Interim reports go home today
18.12.15	End of Term 2

January 2016

04.01.16	Inset Day
05.01.16	Start of Term 3
07.01.16	M&M Productions – Hunchback of Notre Dame
11.01.16	Yew Class swimming begins
11.01.16	Clubs restart
26.01.16	Governors Meeting – 4.00pm

February 2016

02.02.16	Paintworks – Local schools art exhibition running this week
05.02.16	End of Term 3
08.02.16	Enrichment Week – 5 days
15.02.16	Start of Term 4

March 2016

09.03.16	Parent's Evening 3.30pm to 6.30pm
10.03.16	Parent's Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
15.03.16	Governors Meeting – 4.00pm
21.03.16	Yew Class final swimming lesson
23.03.16	End of Term 4
24.03.16	Inset Day

April 2016

11.04.16	Start of Term 5
18.04.16	Oak Class swimming begins

May 2016

02.05.16	Bank Holiday
09.05.16	Year 6 SATs Week
17.05.16	Governors Meeting – 4.00pm
26.05.16	End of Term 5
27.05.16	Inset Day

June 2016

06.06.16
07.06.16

22.06.16
28.06.16

Start of Term 6
Induction meetings for parents of
children in Year 2 – 2pm & 6pm
Sports Day – 9.15am Start
Governors Meeting – 4.00pm

July 2016

02.07.16
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22.07.16

Friends Summer Fair
Last week of clubs
Oak Class final swimming lesson
Induction meetings for parents of
children in Year 3, 4 & 5 – 6pm & 6.45pm
Inset Day
End of Year Reports sent home
Year 6 Leavers' Service – 2.00pm
Report Evening for parents – 3.30pm
End of Year Awards Ceremony – 2.30pm
start, invited guests only
Year 6 Leavers' Disco – 6.30pm – 8.00pm
End of Term 6

Yours sincerely



Matthew Morgan (Assistant Principal)