

# Wicklea Academy

## Newsletter No. 7

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

### Welcome back!

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. We look forward to a busy and enjoyable term.

**ParentPay** are launching a brand new website on 13th January. It is likely that some parents' internet browsers will no longer remember their saved ParentPay username and/or password. If parents cannot remember their login details, they just need to click on the relevant link in the help section on the new login page. Microsoft have recently announced that as of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 they will no longer support older versions of Internet Explorer and security updates will no longer be applied. To ensure Parentpay protects parents using their website, from 11 January 2016 any users attempting to access ParentPay through older browsers with known security flaws will no longer be able to login to ParentPay - unless they upgrade to a supported browser.



### Simonsbath camp:

All parents and carers in Year 5 will have received the letter detailing all the instalment dates for the Year 6 camp taking place this September. The deposit is due in by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

### Reminder for Year 3 parents:

There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19th January at 3.35pm to discuss the Hooke Court camp taking place for Year 4 children in the next academic year. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting.

### PE Kit:

Please note that children will be continuing with outdoor PE once a week. During the colder winter months please ensure your child has warm PE clothes- long jogging trousers, an extra jumper/fleece, socks and a change of suitable outdoor shoes.

### Italian Day – Thursday 21st January

Children will be able to dress up in red, green and white. We will have a special lunch of either meat or vegetarian lasagne or meat feast or cheese and tomato pizza. All options will be served with either chips or salad. For dessert, an ice-cream sundae. No donation will be required for non-uniform.

### Trips:

Over the next two terms we have some exciting trips which link with the topics covered in lessons!

**Year 3:** Bristol Zoo- 28<sup>th</sup> April

**Year 4:** Carymoor Environmental Centre- 3<sup>rd</sup> February

**Year 5:** Steam Museum, Swindon- 29<sup>th</sup> January

Mosque Visit- 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Year 6:** Montacute House- 17<sup>th</sup> March

These trips are an excellent opportunity for the children to enhance their learning.

### Goodbye and Thank-you:

Our IT Technician, Dan Flowers, is leaving. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January will be his last day. We'd like to thank him for his hard work at Wicklea and across the Waycroft MAT and wish him well in his new job!

### Reading Stars:

Well done to all children who achieved a Reading Star certificate by reading at least 3 times every week during Term 2.

Congratulations Chestnut class who had the best number of readers throughout the term.

Reading regularly at home is extremely important- please take the time to encourage your child to read at least 3 times every week and sign their reading diary so that they can earn their reading star each week!



### Year 5 Crimestoppers Drama Project:

Year 5 are taking part in a drama project run by Crimestoppers and Unique Voice to explore difficult issues in the community raised by the children themselves. They use dance, song and drama to look at how to make their community safer. Next term, a selection of pupils will work in partnership with another school in the area and show their performance at the Colston Hall.

*Living and Learning Together*

## 2015-16 Academic Year Dates and Events

### January 2016

19.01.16  
26.01.16  
29.01.16

Y3 parents- Hooke Court Camp meeting  
Governors Meeting – 4.00pm  
Year 5 trip to the Steam Museum

### February 2016

02.02.16  
03.02.16  
05.02.16  
15.02.16  
16.02.16  
19.02.16

Paintworks – Local schools art exhibition running this week  
Year 4 trip to Carymoor Environmental Centre  
**End of Term 3**  
**Start of Term 4**  
Head of School 'How are we doing?' meeting with parents 2.30pm  
Safer Internet Day

### March 2016

03.03.16  
09.03.16  
10.03.16  
14.03.16  
15.03.16  
17.03.16  
21.03.16  
22.03.16  
23.03.16  
24.03.16

World Book Day  
Parent's Evening 3.30pm to 6.30pm  
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Last Week of clubs  
Governors Meeting – 4.00pm  
Year 6 trip to Montacute House  
Yew Class final swimming lesson  
Year 5 Visit to a Mosque  
End of Term 4  
**Inset Day**

### April 2016

11.04.16  
18.04.16  
28.04.16

**Start of Term 5**  
Oak Class swimming begins  
Year 3 trip to Bristol Zoo

### May 2016

02.05.16  
09.05.16  
16.05.16  
17.05.16  
23.05.16  
26.05.16  
27.05.16

Bank Holiday  
**Year 6 SATs Week**  
Class photo day  
Governors Meeting – 4.00pm  
Year 6 Bikeability Week  
End of Term 5  
**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  
04.07.16  
04.07.16  
11.07.16  
12.07.16  
15.07.16  
18.07.16  
19.07.16  
20.07.16  
21.07.16  
21.07.16  
22.07.16

Friends Summer Fair  
Last week of clubs  
Oak Class final swimming lesson  
International Week begins  
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

### 2016--17 TERM DATES:

- Term 1 Thursday 1 September to Friday 21 October 2016
- Term 2 Monday 31 October to Friday 16 December 2016
- Term 3 Tuesday 3 January to Friday 10 February 2017
- Term 4 Monday 20 February to Friday 7 April 2017
- Term 5 Monday 24 April to Friday 26 May 2017 closed on 1 May 2017 for the Early May Bank Holiday
- Term 6 Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July 2017

*Please note, INSET days will be published later in the year.*

Yours sincerely



Matthew Morgan (Head of School)

