

Wicklea Academy

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

It is **Children In Need Day** this Friday (13th).

To raise funds for this worthwhile cause we will be hosting a film night in the hall after school (3:30-5:30). **Big Hero 6** (rated PG) will be shown on our giant screen, with popcorn and squash being provided. Entry will be £2

per child (Wicklea pupils only) and all profits will go to Children In Need. Tickets are not required – you will be able to pay and sign your child into the showing straight after school.



On **Tuesday 1st December** we will

be holding an **open day** for current parents and for parents with children currently in Year 2. There will be guided tours at 9:15, 11:00 and 1:30 but you are also welcome to take a self-guided tour at any time between 9:15-12:00 or 1:30-3:00. There will also be a crèche facility so pupil's lessons are not disrupted. Please take this opportunity to watch lessons in action and develop your understanding of the school curriculum.



This is our first newsletter being sent electronically via **ParentMail**. **More and more of our communications will be sent electronically from now on.** Please make other parents aware that this newsletter has been emailed as I understand people will need to adjust to this new system.



We have registered for the **Bristol Evening Post Super Science £10k Giveaway**. We need your help to win £10k to use for Science projects.

To participate please collect tokens from the Bristol Evening Post between now and Tuesday 8th December. In order to submit one entry for the draw we will need 100 tokens- we can submit as many entries as we like, providing we have enough tokens.

Please start collecting tokens and promote it within the community- the more tokens we have the more chance we have of winning!



I am pleased that the number of children attending **Breakfast Club** has risen since the changes made at the start of term 2. The children are enjoying the food and the company of their friends before the start of the school day. Remember, it is now free to enter so long as you are purchasing something. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium then they are entitled to a free breakfast (up to 50p per day). We have also seen an increase in the number of **school lunches** being served and the feedback from the children regarding the new menu has been excellent. Thank you to all those parents who are now using ParentPay.

Thank you for your donations made to the Julian House Charity at the end of term 1. These items will be invaluable in supporting local socially excluded people.

Calling all parents, grandparents and carers! If you could spare a few hours each week to volunteer to hear children read we would be delighted to hear from you. If you are interested in finding out more please ask at the school office.



Well done to our Year 6 children who participated in a mature manner during their recent visit to **Lifeskills**. They all learned how to deal with potentially dangerous situations in a safe environment.

Tuesday night saw the culmination of months of hard work when a group of Year 5 and 6 children performed **Shakespeare's The Tempest** at The Egg Theatre in Bath. All the teachers and family members that attended the performance were hugely impressed with the quality of acting and the manner in which the children handled the Shakespearean language. A big thank you also must go to Miss Brockett and Miss Bennett for all their hard work in directing the children over the past four months. Well done to all involved!



Each day class teachers check if your child has read at home by looking in their reading diary. Every child that reads at least three times a week gets a reading star on the class chart.



Well done to the following children who achieved a star every week during Term 1. They each received a certificate during Friday's achievement assembly.

Year 3:

Scarlett Harding
Jack Harris

Year 4:

Hassan Bare
Jonty Schuman
Lizzie Coyne
Julia Ibraim
Louie Croft

Year 5:

Lily Hunter
Lauren Jeffery
Tadiwa Maisokwadzo
Shawn Rundaba
Ella Bessell
Hannah Smalll
Millie Dews

Year 6:

Morgan Jeffery
Ibrahim Ali
Hussein Bare
Sicely Francis
Hafsa Said
Jade Sellars
Isobel Swan
Hannah Crawford
Jack Slade
Saffron Crowl

The overall winner class was Chestnut who received the brand new Reading Star trophy funded by the Friends. It would be great for even more children to receive a certificate next term so please remember to sign those diaries.

The recent **Friends** letter confirmed the following dates with regard to the **Christmas Fair**:

- **Tuesday 17th November – Non-uniform day.** Please bring a bottle for the tombola or a raffle donation.
- Tuesday 17th – Thursday 19th November – soft toy donations.
- Friday 20th November – cake donations.
- **Friday 20th November (3:30pm until 5:00pm) – Christmas Fair in the school hall.**

2015-16 Academic Year Dates and Events

November 2015

13.11.15
16.11.15
17.11.15
20.11.15

Children in Need
One Tree per Child Assembly
Governors Meeting – 4.00pm
Friends Christmas Fair 3.30pm-6.00pm

December 2015

01.12.15

Open Day for current & prospective parents

07.12.15
07.12.15
10.12.12
14.12.15

Last week of clubs
Last swimming lesson for Elm Class
Christmas Lunch
Carol Concert for parents/carers with toddlers – 2.00pm
Carol Concert – 6.30pm
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Interim reports go home today
End of Term 2

15.12.15
16.12.15
16.12.15
18.12.15

January 2016

04.01.16
05.01.16
07.01.16

Inset Day

Start of Term 3
M&M Productions – Hunchback of Notre Dame
Yew Class swimming begins
Clubs restart
Governors Meeting – 4.00pm
Year 5 trip to the Steam Museum

11.01.16
11.01.16
26.01.16
29.01.16

February 2016

02.02.16
03.02.16
05.02.16
08.02.16
15.02.16

Paintworks – Local schools art exhibition running this week
Year 4 trip to Carymoor Environmental Centre
End of Term 3
Enrichment Week – 5 days
Start of Term 4

March 2016

09.03.16
10.03.16
15.03.16
21.03.16
23.03.16
24.03.16

Parent's Evening 3.30pm to 6.30pm
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Governors Meeting – 4.00pm
Yew Class final swimming lesson
End of Term 4
Inset Day

April 2016

11.04.16
18.04.16

Start of Term 5
Oak Class swimming begins

May 2016

02.05.16
09.05.16
17.05.16
26.05.16
27.05.16

Bank Holiday
Year 6 SATs Week
Governors Meeting – 4.00pm
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
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
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 (Head of School)