### **Wicklea Academy**

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

#### **Paintworks Exhibition:**

As you will have seen on the recent flyer, Wicklea are one of a number of local schools taking part in an art exhibition 'inspired by nature', being held at Paintworks on Bath Road between Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February. The exhibit is open to the public to visit. Full details of the times are on the flyer.

Additionally, we will be taking all the children whose art is being exhibited to Paintworks on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February. If you receive a permission letter for this trip please return it to the office as soon as possible.

## School Council:

Over recent weeks the School Council have been exploring charities that the school could support. They looked at a variety of local, national and international charities and were keen to support a worldwide organisation.

On Monday the councillors led a whole school assembly and announced their decision to support Water Aid. They explained why they wanted to support the charity and have asked the whole school to suggest ways in which we can raise money. Further news on this shortly.

#### **Hooke Court camp:**

All parents and carers in Year 3 will have received the letter detailing all the instalment dates for the Year 4 camp taking place this September.

The deposit is due in by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

April.



#### **Enrichment Week:**

Please note there will not be an enrichment week during the February Half Term. The decision has been taken to hold the second enrichment week of the year during the May Half Term.

#### Outdoor PE and after school sporting clubs:

In order to ensure the children are receiving a broad and balanced curriculum that includes regular exercise we do teach outdoor PE in cold or wet weather. If the weather is considered too severe to teach outside we will endeavour to take the lesson into the hall. However, moving inside isn't always possible as there are often other indoor PE lessons already taking place.

It is great to see most children bringing warm clothing for PE, such as long jogging trousers and an extra jumper or fleece. If you are concerned about wet weather you may also want to include a thin waterproof coat in your child's PE kit.

#### Friend's Quiz Night:

A reminder that the Friend's Quiz Night (for adults only) will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February between 8pm and 10pm. Entry is £2.50 per person and a team cannot be made up of more than 6 people.

On the evening there will also be a raffle when we are auctioning a blanket knitted by a grandparent from spare wool we had in school. Our thanks for this kind gesture. If you cannot attend the quiz night and would like to purchase a raffle ticket you can do so from the office.

#### For Y6 Parents:

There is a film clip on the website in Parents – Y6 SAT Information. This short film clip is about the 2016 SATs which your children will be taking in May. Please remember that ALL year 6 children need to be in school during the w/c 9<sup>th</sup> May for these important assessments.

#### World Book Day:

We will be marking World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March by dressing up as our favourite book characters. Children will also complete an activity in class related to a book of their teacher's choice. Look out for useful ideas for choosing and making costumes on the news section of the website.

Furthermore, we have secured time on the morning for a selection of Year 4 and Year 5 children to visit Wick Road Library for a session with the author Anna Wilson. Details regarding this visit will be sent home to selected children nearer the time.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Morgan (Head of School)

# Mother's Day Lunch for mothers, carers and grandmothers:

We will be hosting a Mother's Day Lunch on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March (week 2 of the menu) when you will be able to join your child for lunch. All adult meals are £2.50 each. A maximum of two adults per family are welcome to attend. All details have been sent out on Parentmail. If you would like a paper form, please see the office. Payments must be made on Parentpay by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Local After School Club:**

A new local after school club will be starting after Easter. The 'Out There' club will be based at St Anne's Parish Church on Salisbury Road and will collect children after school. They are inviting prospective parents (and children) to an open evening on Tuesday 16th February in the church hall in order to meet the team, find out more about the activities they offer, check out the venue and enjoy a cup of tea and piece of cake. For further details, please see their website <a href="www.outtherebrisol.co.uk">www.outtherebrisol.co.uk</a> or email info@outtherebristol.co.uk