

Wicklea Academy

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

Governors

Governor Vacancy:

You will shortly be receiving a letter outlining our parent governor vacancy. There is currently an opportunity for a governor to join our Local Governing Body. The deadline for returning nominations is 12 noon on Monday 29th February.

Paintworks Exhibition:

Thanks to Miss Morris for organising Wicklea's participation in this event. The art looked wonderful. Over one hundred Wicklea pupils visited Paintworks to see all the wonderful displays from the 12 schools that participated.



Hooke Court Camp Deposit:

A reminder to all parents and carers in Year 3 that this deposit is due in by Friday 22nd April.

Be There Badger:

The Be There Badger has asked me to thank all the children for making him feel like a Wicklea celebrity! He has now gone back into hibernation, but may return in the summer. In the meantime he wanted me to remind you to be in school on time every day. Overall school attendance continues to be very good at **97.07% at the end of term 3**. It would be fantastic to achieve our 97% target at the end of the school year.



Parents Evenings:

The next Parents Evenings are Wednesday 9th March (3.30-6.30) and Thursday 10th March (3.30-6.00). Sheets to book a timeslot will be available in reception from Monday 22nd February.



Climbing Wall:

Thank you to the Friends of Wicklea who donated the funds to purchase and install our brand new climbing wall. The children have been enjoying using it during lunch and break times all week! This is the first phase of developing the outside area. The next phase will be to create an environmental area including a pond with the prize money from the Bristol Post science competition.

World Book Day:

A reminder that World Book Day is on **Thursday 3rd March** and we are encouraging all children to dress up as their favourite book character. There are lots of simple ideas for choosing and making costumes on the news section of the school website.



Reminder of up and coming dates for your diary:

Tuesday 1st March – Year 5 & 6 Ghost Stories Library Event*

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Friday 4th March – Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Disco*

Monday 7th March – Year 5 Crimestoppers performance at the Colston Hall

Wednesday 9th March – Mother's/Carer's/Grandmother's Day Lunch

Wednesday 9 & Thursday 10th March – Parents' Evenings (appointments can be booked from w/c 22nd February)

Thursday 17th March – Year 6 trip to Montacute House*

Tuesday 22nd March – Year 5 trip to a Bristol Mosque*

Wednesday 23rd March – Last day of Term 4 for pupils

Thursday 24th March – INSET Day

*Further information to follow

Head of School 'How are we doing' Meetings:

Thank you to those parents who came along to Tuesday's meetings. If you were unable to attend the following is a summary of the main points discussed:

- **Year 6 SAT's.** It was explained that there are no longer level 6 papers as the tests are changing this year. All children will sit the same papers, which gradually increase in difficulty as they progress through each test. There is a short film about the new tests on the parents section of the website.
- **Year 4 Camp.** Next year the letter regarding the camp will include more information to ensure parents who couldn't make the meeting have the same level of information.
- **PSHE Curriculum.** Details of this curriculum were discussed including what is covered during Sex and Relationships Education. An overview of all subjects is on the curriculum section of the website. However, if you ever require further details these are available on request.
- **Communication.** Reminder notices for events will start to be displayed on a noticeboard by the gate as and when required as an extra way to communicate. There is also a drop box in reception if you ever need to just drop off permission slips.

Friends of Wicklea Disco:

This year's disco will be held on **Friday 4th March**. Year 3/4: 6.30-7.30. Year 5/6: 7.45-8.45. Entry will be £3, which includes a drink and sweets/crisps. During the disco there will also be a 'silly selfie' competition to raise funds for the School Council charity, Water Aid. Children do not need to bring a mobile phone. Entry for this competition is 50p per child. A letter with a permission slip for the disco will follow shortly.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers:

We are currently collecting these vouchers, which can be used by the school to purchase gardening and sports equipment. Please bring in any vouchers you receive and place them in the box in reception.

**Baden-Powell's Birthday:**

Monday 22nd February is Baden-Powell's birthday when children who attend brownies, guides, scouts or cubs can attend school in their uniform if they wish.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Morgan (Head of School)