

Wicklea Academy

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

Parking in and around the school has become a lot busier in recent weeks, particularly in the lane next to the school. Please do not park opposite a parked car in the lane as it can block access for school kitchen deliveries and access for local residents. I have recently met with local residents and Bristol City Council to find a workable solution to this problem.

During parent's evenings I issued a questionnaire regarding the demand for **paid after school provision**. This way I was able to ensure the maximum number of parents received the questionnaire (94% of parents attended over the two evenings).

The feedback showed that the demand for such provision is very low with only 4.5% of parents stating that they were very likely to use a club. This was presented to the local governing body, who decided that given the small number of parents stating an interest, we will not currently be offering such provision at our school.



With effect from Friday 4th December we will be serving bacon rolls and showing a film each Friday during breakfast club. Bacon rolls will cost 80 pence each.

On Monday 16th November a representative from the One Tree Per Child initiative gave an assembly to the whole school. With Bristol being the European Green Capital this year the aim is for a tree to be planted by every primary aged child in the city.

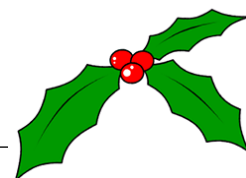
On December 9th fifteen children from each year group will also be selected to plant trees in the local woods with representatives from the project. Make sure you return your form by this date indicating which tree you would like. Trees are expected to be delivered in January.



I would like to say a very big thank you to all who helped prepare, set up and run the Christmas Fair last Friday (we made around £825). A lot of time and effort is given by parent volunteers and it is greatly appreciated. It was great to see so many staff helping on the day and several ex-pupils too.

I joined the Friends team several years ago, not knowing anyone. I've met some lovely people throughout the years and get a buzz from knowing the children benefit greatly from the funds we raise for the school and it's lovely to see so many happy faces at the events the Friends make possible. We can't do it without ongoing commitment and welcome new members & new ideas. If you can't make our meetings then please send your email address to friendsofwickleaacademy@gmail.com and be on our mailing list for Minutes and information on upcoming events. Please volunteer for events if you can, an hour of your time helps enormously. Watch this space for future events, including our fun Quiz Night for parents only!! Not to be missed.

Best wishes
Wendy
Acting Chairperson
Friends of Wicklea



Last Thursday four netball teams went to Waycroft for a tournament against the two other Waycroft MAT schools. Each team of mixed aged children were representing their house. After playing every other team, Wicklea Cabot (Joel McGregor, Tori Hill, Hannah Crawford, Mollie Turner and Abdulahi Jimale) finished in third place and Wicklea Brunel (Shawn Rundaba, Tadiwa Maisokwadzo, Sicely Francis, Saffron Crawl and Hafsa Said) were the overall winners!

In addition, Joel McGregor and Shawn Rundaba were awarded certificates for excellent sportsmanship. A huge well done to both teams - these are our first successes playing inter school sport as Wicklea Academy but I'm sure they won't be our last.

Upcoming dates for your diary

01.12.15 – Open Day (9:15-12:00 & 1:30-3:00)
07.12.15 – Last week of after school clubs
10.12.15 – Christmas Lunch
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

2015-16 Academic Year Dates and Events

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
10.12.12 Christmas Lunch
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
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

February 2016

02.02.16
03.02.16
05.02.16
15.02.16

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

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)

