

Wicklea Academy

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

School Council Update:

During terms 1 & 2 the School Council have been creating a bullying leaflet to inform and help all pupils know how to spot bullying and actions they can take to prevent it from happening. During December the councillors took a whole school assembly to launch the leaflet which will be issued to all pupils.

The School Council have also decided to support a national charity this year and will be organising events to raise money for McMillan Cancer Research in the coming months.

Attendance Policy:

Can I please just remind parents that school starts at 8.55am. Our registers close at 9.20am. Therefore if your child arrives after 9.20am, they will receive an unauthorised mark for their morning session. Being late can cause embarrassment and mean that your child misses vital information about their lesson. Our full attendance policy can be found under the policies tab of our website, along with information regarding taking children out of school in exceptional circumstances.

Friends of Wicklea:

A huge thank you to the Friends for organising this year's Christmas Fayre. As ever, it was a fun-filled family event. They made over £820 profit which is fantastic. Thank you to all those parents and members of the local community who came along to give your support to this festive occasion. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves. The monies raised will help fund new fixed playground equipment for all the children to enjoy. More news on this will follow soon. If you are interested in joining the Friends, they really would appreciate the addition of any new volunteers. Check out their Facebook page 'Friends of Wicklea' where you can contact the members directly to find out more information.

Blogging:

In the next few weeks we will be launching a new blogging project. We are keen for our children to showcase their fantastic writing on a range of topics to be shared around the world. Oak class have been trialling this but it is nearly ready to be launched across the school. Watch out for information coming out to all parents/carers and details of our launch event. We are hoping you will be as enthusiastic as I know the children will be and will enjoy commenting on their blogs.



Camp Meeting for Year 3 Parents:

A meeting will take place on Tuesday 31st January at 3.35pm to discuss the Hooke Court camp taking place in the next academic year. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting.



KS2 SATS 2017:

For parents of our current Year 6 pupils, there is a useful video clip on You Tube which outlines the dates of each of the tests the children will be taking in May and a brief explanation of what each paper involves. Please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fC2yhtEtk4o&feature=youtu.be> to view the clip.

Vacancies:

We currently have the following vacancies available. Full details are on the noticeboard in the courtyard and on the website. If you require an application form please speak to the office.

The following roles are available:

Playmaker – 11.50am – 1.20pm, 5 days a week, term time only plus Inset days. This post is paid at £7.85 per hour. Fixed Term Contract (Maternity cover for up to 1 year). Closing Date – Friday 20th January.

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual who will interact with the children whilst supervising their play at lunchtime, this includes making the most of our grounds in nearly all weathers and encouraging children to use their imagination and creativity with a range of resources provided.

Cleaner – 3.30pm – 5.30pm, 5 days a week, term time only plus Inset days. This post is paid at £7.85 per hour. Fixed Term Contract (Maternity cover for up to 6 months). Closing Date – Friday 20th January.

2017-18 Term Dates:

- **Term 1** Monday 4th September – Friday 20th October 2017
- **Term 2** Monday 30th October – Friday 15th December 2017
- **Term 3** Tuesday 2nd January – Friday 9th February 2018
- **Term 4** Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd March 2018
- **Term 5** Monday 9th April – Friday 25th May 2018
- **Term 6** Monday 4th June – Tuesday 24th July 2018



Please note Inset days will be published later in the year.

Dates for your diary:

Tues 31st Jan – 3.35pm: Hooke Court Camp Meeting for Y3 parents

Fri 3rd Feb: Friends School Discos -Y3 & Y4 5pm-6pm, Y5 & Y6 6.15pm-7.15pm

Tues 7th Feb: 'How are we doing' open meetings for parents to attend with Mr Morgan – 2.30pm & 5.15pm

Thurs 9th Feb: Year 5 trip to Swindon Steam Museum

Thurs 9th Feb: End of Term 3

Fri 10th Feb: Inset Day

Mon 20th Feb: Start of Term 4

Tues 21st Feb: Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Weds 22nd Feb: Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Yours sincerely

Matthew Morgan (Head of School)