

Wicklea Academy

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

Lord Mayor Visit to Wicklea:

The Lord Mayor, Cllr Clare Campion-Smith will be visiting Wicklea on **Thursday 10th March**.

As well as touring the school she will take a Year 5 & 6 assembly to raise the interest and aspirations of children, particularly girls, in considering a future career in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Challenge Partners Visit:

On the 24th, 25th and 26th February Wicklea underwent its first Challenge Partner Review.

Challenge Partners is an association which enables senior staff to be trained in the school review process. They then visit schools all over the country to work alongside a registered OFSTED inspector to carry out reviews. This is excellent experience for school staff and also good for the school to have a high quality review of its own practice.



The review team were very impressed with many aspects of Wicklea Academy, not least our amazing pupils, who we are very proud of. Full details of the report will be shared once it is published.

Parents Evenings:

Parents Evenings are on **Wednesday 9th March (3.30-6.30)** and **Thursday 10th March (3.30-6.00)**. Sheets to book a timeslot are available in reception.

Please note there will not be Year 3 & 4 or Year 5 & 6 football clubs, gym club or High Five Club on these evenings.

As a paid club, Judo will take place.

Don't forget
parents
evening!

Decorated Egg Competition:



On the final day of term – Wednesday 23rd March we are inviting children to bring in a creatively decorated (hard!) boiled egg. There will be prizes available for the winner and runner up in each year group.

Mother's Day Lunch – Wednesday 9th March:

Just a reminder for those attending this event to arrive at **12pm** where you will meet your child(ren) to have your chosen meal, served by a member of staff! Please remember orders for this are now **closed**. We look forward to seeing all those who have booked a lunch.

Chance to Shine Cricket:

On Monday 22nd February a representative from this charity took a whole school assembly to promote the sport. Over the coming weeks a cricket coach will also be taking outdoor PE with Year 5 and 6. Later in the year some of these pupils will be able to represent the school at a cricket tournament.



Reminder of up and coming dates for your diary:

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

Thursday 10th March – Lord Mayor visit to Wicklea

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

Monday 11th April – Term 5 begins

Year 5 / 6 Spooky Library Event:

On Tuesday evening a brave group of year 5 and 6 children came back to school to experience a spooky library evening.

There were scary special effects, spooky games, frightening stories and plenty of screaming! Thank you to all the staff that made this fantastic event possible.



AIM Chemistry Day:

On Tuesday 23rd February a group of Year 5 children took part in a Chemistry Day at Red Maids School ran by Bristol University. During the day the children saw a range of chemical reactions and took part in experiments to see how and why things occur in science. To start the day pupils were engaged by a Science Demonstration Assembly before participating in a range of practical workshops, where they worked in small groups with children from Wicklea and other schools. All children thoroughly enjoyed the day.

**Cycle Helmets:**

Please ensure that if your child is cycling to school that they are wearing a cycle helmet.



Yours sincerely

Matthew Morgan (Head of School)

Clubs:

All clubs (excluding drama and judo) will finish the week commencing 14th March. A new clubs list and letter for Terms 5 and 6 will be issued in the next few weeks. Clubs will restart during the week commencing 18th April.

Friends of Wicklea Quiz Night:

Thank you to all the parents that supported this event and to the Friends for arranging it. £218 profit was raised.

2016--17 Term Dates:

- Term 1 Thursday 1 September to Friday 21 October 2016
- Term 2 Monday 31 October to Friday 16 December 2016
- Term 3 Tuesday 3 January to Friday 10 February 2017
- Term 4 Monday 20 February to Friday 7 April 2017
- Term 5 Monday 24 April to Friday 26 May 2017 closed on 1 May 2017 for the Early May Bank Holiday
- Term 6 Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July 2017

2016-17 Inset Dates:

Monday 31st October 2016
Friday 16th December 2016
Friday 10th February 2017
Monday 5th June 2017
Friday 14th July 2017