

Wicklea Academy

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

Welcome Back:

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you had an enjoyable summer break. I would especially like to welcome all of our new families to Wicklea. It is lovely to have you and your children in our school. We are looking forward to an interesting and successful first term. If you have any questions, the office or your child's class teacher are the people to speak to in the first instance.

Mr Morgan & the Wicklea Team

New Play / PE Space:

I'm sure you have noticed the recent building work taking place. I'm pleased to inform you that the new artificial grassed area opened last week and has already been used by the children.

Given our growing pupil numbers this extra play space will be invaluable, as will the quality surface for PE lessons.



Free School Meals & Pupil Premium:



Are you entitled?

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals you can apply on the Bristol City Council's website.

<https://efsm.bristol.gov.uk>

The school receives additional pupil premium funding for pupils who are currently entitled to free school meals or have been in the last 6 years. If you need any help applying please contact the office.

Contact Details:

Please make sure we have up to date telephone numbers and an email address for you. The vast majority of our communications are sent electronically and it is crucial that we can telephone you in an emergency. If you have any changes to tell us of please email or pass a note to the office.

Care Plans & Medicines:

As it is a new school year we need to update care plans. If your child needs to have medicine regularly administered in school or is allergic to anything they must have a care plan. Evidence of any allergies must be supported by medical evidence. To administer any medicine in school, including inhalers, we must have a detailed and signed form. Please ask at the office for the forms required to update any care plans or set up a new one.

Breakfast Club:

All children are welcome at breakfast club from 8am onwards (doors close at 8:35am). You do not need to book in advance and entrance is free, on the assumption that food or drink is purchased. Adults and younger siblings are welcome to stay as well.

ParentPay:

We are a cashless school. All payments to school must be done via ParentPay. The only exception to this is for any external clubs that are being run. You can set up a ParentPay account and pay directly through this or alternatively pay via PayPoint. You will need to request a bar code from school in order to pay this way. If you need any guidance on this please contact the office.



Year 6 Camp

The countdown has begun to the Year 6 Simonsbath Camp and I'm sure all the children attending are looking forward to the experience. If your child is attending please return all the required forms and check you have all the items on the kit list ready. Please note - if your child isn't going on camp they must attend school as normal where they will be taught lessons in a smaller group.



Clubs:

A list of clubs will be going home this week for children to sign up to until the end of Term 2. Please complete the form and send it back into school. Your child will receive a slip letting them know if they have been successful in obtaining a place at a club. If any club is oversubscribed we will draw names from a hat and have a waiting list in case a space becomes available. There are also some paid clubs that issue separate letters regarding signing up.

Uniform & Water Bottles:

It is lovely to see all of the children coming back in uniform. Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name. Please also ensure children have PE kits in school in order for them to take part safely in these activities. Children are welcome to bring in a water bottle from home to use in class. Again please write their name on these.

Term dates 2018/19:

- **Term 1** Monday 3 September to Friday 26 October 2018
- **Term 2** Monday 5 November to Friday 21 December 2018
- **Term 3** Monday 7 January to Friday 15 February 2019
- **Term 4** Monday 25 February to Friday 5 April 2019
- **Term 5** Tuesday 23 April to Friday 24 May 2019
closed on 6 May 2019 for the Early May Bank Holiday
- **Term 6** Monday 3 June to Tuesday 23 July 2019

INSET DAYS

Friday 26th October 2018

Friday 15th February 2019

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Secondary School Open Days & Evenings

Secondary schools will shortly be holding open days & evenings for children currently in Year 6. If you wish to take your child out of school to visit a secondary school please notify the office so we can record the reason for absence.

School Improvement Priorities:

Each year we look at areas we need to improve in the school to support the learning and development of children and to provide the best possible education we can. This is called our Academy Improvement Plan. This year we have 8 areas we are working on. Below is an outline of these areas. A more detailed description of each area is attached to the newsletter.

- Accelerated progress and higher levels of attainment for all
- Developing rigorous governance
- Developing outstanding teaching and learning
- Created engaged readers and problem solvers
- Creating excellent behaviour for learning
- Maximising the impact of the Pupil Premium
- Ensuring Stakeholder Wellbeing
- Community



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Matthew Morgan (Head of School)