

# Wicklea Academy

## Newsletter No.2

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

### School Councillors:

This week each class held elections for their **school councillors**. In addition, every child in school attended a 'House Assembly' where Year 6 children put their case forward to become House Captain. Congratulations to the following children that were elected:

Year 3 Ash – Freya H & Ronnie

Year 3 Willow – Hannah & Jack D

Year 3 Beech – Daisy & Jacob

Year 4 Yew – Annabel & Louie

Year 4 Elm – Rosa & Olek

Year 4 Oak – Natalia & Noah

Year 5 Birch – Anais & Sam

Year 5 Maple – Snow & Zak

Year 5 Pine – Zara & Cosmo

### Year 6 Councillors & House Captains:

Brunel – Tiegan

Cabot – Dylan

Fry – Thea

More – Daisy



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### Year 4 Camp:

Hooke Court is drawing near! We hope the children are looking forward to their residential camp on 21<sup>st</sup> October. In order to ensure that we have everything we need please return your camp forms by 4<sup>th</sup> October. If you have misplaced any information you can obtain copies from the office. For those children that are not attending, please remember that they will be expected to attend school for those three days where they will be taught in a small group.



**HOOKE COURT**  
RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CENTRES

### NSPCC Visit:

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October the NSPCC's *Speak Out. Stay Safe.* programme is visiting Wicklea to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school. This will be followed up with workshops with year 5 classes on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October and year 6 classes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

The NSPCC's specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse using age appropriate language. We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website [nspcc.org.uk/schools](http://nspcc.org.uk/schools) or you can come into speak to me or Miss Antigha and we can provide more information.

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe. They have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex. The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at [nspcc.org.uk/pants](http://nspcc.org.uk/pants)

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website [nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/](http://nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/)

**Flu Immunisation:**

This week you should have received an email and information regarding this year's flu immunisation, which is available to all children and will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please complete the consent form, even if you do not wish your child to be immunised, and return this to the office by 24<sup>th</sup> October, in order to ensure your child's place.

**Friends of Wicklea:**

We are currently looking for new members to join the PTA, the 'Friends of Wicklea'. A number of fund raising events are planned for this year, including a Christmas Fair. If you are interested in helping organise events please let myself or the office know.

This year we are raising money to develop a 'sad looking' area of the playground.

**Coats:**

As the weather is becoming colder and wetter, please ensure your child is bringing a coat to school each day. Unless there is heavy rain, the children do go outside for playtimes and lunchtimes. Don't forget to label all clothes with your child's name.

**Dates for your diary:**

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – Year 6 Parent Workalongs

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Year 6 Parent Workalongs

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – NSPCC School Assembly

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 5 NSPCC Workshops

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – Individual Pupil Photos**

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 5 Ancient Greek Day

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 6 NSPCC Workshops

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Year 4 Hooke Court Camp**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Maple Class Swimming Begins

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – End of Term 1

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – INSET DAY**

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Start of Term 2

**Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parent Evening (3.40 – 6.30)**

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Flu Immunisations

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Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 5 Parent Workalongs

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 5 Parent Workalongs

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 3 Trip to Bristol Old Vic**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 6 Lifeskills Trip**

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 6 Trip to M Shed**

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 4 Parent Workalongs

Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 4 Parent Workalongs

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 5 Trip to Swindon Steam Museum**

Yours sincerely



Matthew Morgan (Head of School)