Wicklea Academy

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents



Website: www.wickleaacademy.com

Booking parents' evening appointments:

Appointment sheets are in the reception foyer. Parents' evenings will take place in the first week back after the half term break on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd February.





Race for Life:

This year the Race for Life will take place on Saturday 24th June

2017 at Waycroft Academy - Keep the date free! More details will follow later in the year.

Scout and Guide movements Founder's Day:

If children who are Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts would like to wear their uniforms instead of school uniform on **Wednesday 22**nd **February**, they can. All other children to be in normal school

Camps:

In recent weeks information regarding Hooke Court Camp and Simonsbath Camp has been sent out to parents of current Year 3 and Year 5 children. Please see the office if you haven't received a letter.

If you wish to guarantee your child's place please pay the deposit by the agreed date. Please note, that once you have paid your deposit, you can log into Parentpay and make any additional payments as and when you are able to, ensuring the full payment is made before the deadline for the relevant camp.

Sainsbury's - Active for Kids vouchers.

We are once again collecting these tokens – please find the voucher collection tub in the foyer. Thank you for all those donated so far.



Blogging:

All classes have now been introduced to our blogging project. Children have been excited to publish their writing from their lessons on the blog. Many others have been writing about their own interests at home and have had these posted as well. We have already had comments from readers in Australia, USA, Canada, Italy and many more! Please encourage your child to share the blog with you at home and perhaps add a piece of writing or comment on some of the blogs already published. Remember all blogs have to be checked by class teachers before being published. This means children must concentrate on producing their best writing. You can access the blog via the school website or directly at: wickleaacademyblogs.net



Friends of Wicklea Update:

Last week's disco was very popular with 173 children attending. A fantastic profit of £265 was made! The next Friends Meeting will be at **2.15pm on Monday 20**th **February**. Please come along if you are interested in helping out as we start to look ahead to the Summer Fair

It's also time to start getting a team together for this year's quiz night which is being held on **Friday 10**th **March**. More details to follow.

Out There Out of School Club:

If you are looking for exciting, challenging and fun activities for February Half Term, Out There are running a 'Spring Festival/Chinese New Year' themed holiday club from 13th-16th February from St Anne's Parish Church (BS4 4EL).

Their busy day includes a daily Forest School session in Nightingale Valley Woods, and over the 4 days, children can have a go at paper lantern making, kite flying, fortune cookie baking, 'firework' science experiments and much more.

They are open from 8am - 6pm, cater for children from Year 1 through to Year 6 and are registered on the childcare register (EY499100). Prices start at £14.50 for a half day. They accept a variety of childcare vouchers. For more information visit the website www.outtherebristol.co.uk or call 07954416147.

Rights Respecting School:

In our recent Rights Respecting assembly Miss Morris shared information about people who have defended other's rights throughout history. Pupils learned about Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Dr Barnardo, Hannah More, Elizabeth Fry and Malala Yousafzai. Perhaps you could discuss these people at home with your children, thinking about what they have done and which rights they defended. Can you think of any other people who have defended people's rights?



Dates for your diary:

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 Tues 28th Feb: Year 4 trip to Carrymore Environmental

Centre

Weds 8th Mar: Year 6 trip to Tudor World

Fri 10th Mar: Friends Quiz Night

Yours sincerely

Matthew Morgan (Head of School)