

Wicklea Academy

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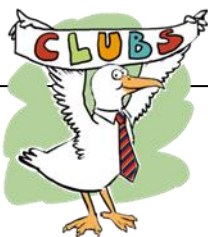
Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you had an enjoyable summer break. I would especially like to welcome the parents/carers of the Year 3 children who have made a fantastic start to what I am sure will be an enjoyable time at Wicklea Academy.

After School Clubs

A list of after school clubs will be issued soon. Clubs start during the w/c 19th September.



Uniform and PE Kit

Please ensure your child is dressed in school uniform (black/grey trousers, skirt or green pinafore dress, green sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie, white polo top and **black shoes**. Children also need to ensure their **PE kit is in school** (white T shirt, black shorts, daps or trainers) in a named bag. Can I also remind children to tie back long hair. Don't forget to label all items of uniform and PE kit with your child's name and year group/class.

Fruit Snacks & Water Bottles

In line with Healthy School's guidance children are encouraged to eat fruit snacks during morning break. As lunchboxes are stored in the hall until lunch, please pack fruit snacks in book bags so that your child has access to them at playtime. I would also encourage each child to bring a water bottle into class so they have access to a drink throughout the day.



End of the Day Routines

As the number of children attending the school has increased, space in the courtyard at the end of the day has become more limited. However, I am keen that all adults come inside the gate to ensure the safe collection of all pupils. With this in mind all children have been reminded that they must wait with their teacher until they have told them they can see their adult (unless their teacher has been notified that they travel home on their own). In addition, please note the school car park cannot be used by parents collecting their children.

Term Dates for 2016/17:

Term 1

Ends: Friday 21st October

Term 2

INSET Monday 31st October

Begins: Tuesday 1st November

Ends: Thursday 15th December

INSET Friday 16th December

Term 3

Begins: Tuesday 3rd January

Ends: Thursday 9th February

INSET Friday 10th February

Term 4

Begins: Monday 20th February

Ends: Friday 7th April

Term 5

Beings: Monday 24th April

MAY DAY Monday 1st May

Ends: Friday 26th May

Term 6

INSET Monday 5th June

Beings: Tuesday 6th June

INSET Friday 14th July

Ends: Friday 21st July

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 ensure you have returned 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 small group.

**Religious Education**

If there are any aspects of religious education that you would prefer your child didn't study please feel free to make an appointment with your child's class teacher who will be able to explain the units of study to aid your decision. A parental consent form will then be provided, which you will need to sign, if you wish your child to be withdrawn from any RE lessons.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Morgan'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'M' and a cursive 'Morgan'.

Matthew Morgan (Head of School)