

Wallscourt Farm Academy

Welcome back! Our amazing children have settled straight back into learning and are excited about their new enquiry questions. We have also been amazed by the contributions that children have made during Gatherings when we have been exploring why people might experience discrimination. One child summed it up perfectly by saying:

Make sure no one is left out.
Make sure people are happy.
Make sure people feel safe.
Everyone is welcome.

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Events Calendar

Monday 23 rd April 2018 6.00- 7.30 p.m.	CCA Meeting
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 18 th May	Cake Sale – Year 1
Friday 18 th May	Quiz Night 7.30-10.00 p.m.
Friday 25 th May	Term 5 ends for all children



Under Trees School

We began this Term with a Gathering to introduce Wallscourt Farm Academy to our link school in Uganda. Ibakwe Hill School is a school for refugees fleeing the conflict in South Sudan. It is an 'Under Trees' school which literally means that the children are taught under trees as they have no building. Our children are excited about thinking of ways in which we can link. They also really enjoyed hearing a song recorded by the school. We shall also be planning some fundraising to help to build the children a shelter so that they can attend school when it rains.

Please remember that children should be in school ready to learn at 8.45 a.m. This is valuable planned learning time for all year groups. **The gates are shut at 9.00 a.m. If you arrive after that time, please take your child to the Welcome Zone so that they can be registered and booked in for lunch. This lateness is recorded in the register, which is examined by the Education Officer.**

Please make sure we have the most up to date contact details including mobile number and emails for our school comms text and email service. **Follow us on twitter @wallscourt and the learning zones @YRWFA, @Y1WFA, @Y2WFA, @Y3WFA, @Y4WFA These are official school twitter accounts.**



Learning and Community updates

Academy updates

We are excited to welcome two additional teachers to join the team this term. Ms Chan has joined Year 3 and Miss Rollo-Smith has joined Year 4. This will increase the opportunities available to all the children in these year groups.

Allotment Update

The children have been busy growing a variety of seedlings ready to plant in our allotment area. We will need some volunteers to help the children plant them out. If you are interested, please speak to your child's Learning Zone team or the Welcome Zone.

Academy Improvement Plan Updates

Our AIP teams continue to work together to develop learning right across the school. We have recently created short updates on developments so far in each area of the Academy Improvement Plan. These will appear on our School Website shortly.

Future Leader Representatives Message

We are collecting ideas from our home zones for ways in which we can raise money to help our link school in Uganda. We want to help them build a shelter.

Music Lessons

Mrs Rea and Ms Kelham will be meeting with the music lesson providers soon and we will then be able to give you specific information about the cost of lessons and instrument hire. This will give you time to decide if you wish your child to learn a musical instrument from September 2018

Community Updates – CCA

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the cake sale this term and to those of you who bought cakes. **The Year 2 cake sale made £140 and the money has been donated to Stand Up for Cancer.** Our next event is the Fun Quiz Night. The ticket price will include food from 'Cod and Caper'. We are also starting to plan our Summer Fair which will be held on 23rd June 2018. This is the biggest event in the CCA calendar and **we really need as many volunteers as possible to run stalls etc.** Please also start to save jars for our Jolly Jars stall. Our next meeting is Monday 23rd April 6.00-7.30 pm at school. Please come along and join us.

Term dates for Academic Year 2017-18

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Tuesday 5 th September Thursday 19 th October	Tuesday 31 st October - Friday 15 th December	Wednesday 3 rd January 2018-Friday 9 th February 2018	Monday 19 th February 2018 – Friday 23 rd March 2018	Monday 9 th April 2018 – Friday 25 th May Monday 7 th May – Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th June – Tuesday 24 th July. INSET – Friday 6 th July and Monday 9 th July 2018

Term dates for Academic Year 2018-19 including confirmed INSET days

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Tuesday 4 th September - Wednesday 24 th October 2018 INSET – Mon 3 rd September 2018 and Thurs 25 th October and Fri 26 th October 2018	Monday 5 th Nov 2018 - Friday 21 st December 2018	Tuesday 8 th January 2019- Friday 15 th February 2018 INSET – Mon 7 th January 2019	Monday 25 th February 2019 – Thursday 4 th April 2019 INSET – Fri 5 th April 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019 – Friday 24 th May 2019 Monday 6 th may – Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd June – Tuesday 23 rd July 2019 INSET – Friday 5 th July 2019

Attendance & punctuality – We will be holding further Late Gates over the next few weeks. Please ensure children are on time every day. The gates open at 8:40 and learning begins at 8:45. - Please do not walk in though the MUGA as children won't have a lunch booked for them. Please **only book holiday during school holidays.** We **do not authorise** holiday taken during term time. Attendance is closely monitored at Wallscourt Farm, and we need to work together to ensure that children are in school and accessing learning every day. The impact of missing school days is significant and our Attendance Welfare team work closely with the school. The national average for attendance is 96.1% and we aim to be above the national average.