

Wallscourt Farm Academy

Welcome back to a new term and Happy New Year to you all. We finished last term with the early arrival of Miss Weaver's baby Felix and they are both doing really well. Miss Weaver is hoping to visit the children soon so that they can meet him. We held our first family Celebration Gathering today and the children were clearly proud to receive their certificates in front of their families. These gatherings will take place every Friday at 9.10 a.m. and the teaching team will send you an invitation to join us if your child is receiving a certificate.

Reminder - Community update – we have asked the local council again for an update on the road markings for the drop off zone – this is still in process. Please plan to walk to school if you possibly can. **Please park considerably and do not park illegally.** Please remember to drive safely and responsibly for the safety of all of our children and families. This is everyone's responsibility.

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Events Calendar

Monday 16 th January	CCA meeting
Thursday 7 th February 2017	Safer Internet session for parents 6.30-7.00 p.m.
Friday 10 th February	End of Term 3
Monday 20 th February 2017	1st day of Term 4



Counting the days until we have chicks.

Farmer Nick visited Oak Learning Zone this week and we now have an incubator with 12 eggs. In approximately 21 days we are hoping to have some chicks. The children are understandably very excited!

Learning and community updates

Academy Updates

Safer Internet

We will be holding a Safer Internet session for parents on Tuesday 7th February. Mr Mclean will lead this session and we will give you information and ideas about how to support your child to use the internet in a safe way. We appreciate that this is most relevant to our older children but all parents are welcome to attend.



Snowy Days

We had our first beautiful snowy morning this morning. If the weather were to be severe then we would make every effort to keep the school open.

If we had to decide to close the school, then we would send a text message to all our families to inform them of this. School closures are also announced on BBC Radio.

Pupil Premium Funding

As you are aware, the school receives funding for children whose families qualify for Pupil Premium Funding. We will be sending a letter to all families with regard to this. If any of your circumstances have changed and you think your child may be eligible please ring **South Gloucestershire Council Information Service on 01454 868008**

Community Updates

Clubs info – the Sports Heroes holiday club will be running on some of the days over the February holiday. Please collect the contact details from the Welcome Zone if you need this provision.

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Please **only book holiday during these times**. We are not able to 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.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Monday 5 th September – Friday 21 st October	Wednesday 2 nd November 2016 - Friday 16 th December	Wednesday 4 th January 2017- Friday 10 th February 2017	Monday 20 th February 2017 – Friday 7 th April 2017	Monday 24 th April 2017 – Friday 26 th May	Monday 5 th June – Friday 21 st July July 7th 2017 – INSET – CLF Conference