

Wallscourt Farm Academy

Welcome back to the start of the academic year! We hope you all had a great summer. It has been lovely to hear from the children about their holiday time and the exciting things they have been doing. We are so delighted to welcome all the children and families back to Wallscourt Farm Academy and to welcome a whole new set of children and families into Oak Learning Zone. We are also excited to welcome new teachers and teaching partners to join our growing team here at WFA. There has already been lots of learning taking place all around the learning community – read on for further updates...

Issue 1 September 2018 Events Calendar

1st October 2018
9.00 a.m. or 5th
October 2.00 p.m.

19th October 2018

23rd October 2018
6.00 p.m.

24th October 2018
2.00 p.m.

24th October 2018

5th November 2018

New Reception
families Welcome
morning/afternoon

Year 5 cake sale

CCA AGM – (see over)

Harvest Festival

End of Term 1

Term 2
Day 1- School photos

Making a difference to the lives of others

This week we were all so proud of our Year 4 children for raising over £1000 to donate to our link school. For families new to Wallscourt Farm Academy, 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. The children at Ibakwe were asked what they would like the money to be spent on and they have requested Sports equipment and a **toilet**. Poppy and John from the charity that supports the school have said that the amount we have raised will pay for both. The money was raised by children in Acer Learning Zone making and selling items last term and by individual children raising money themselves. A special thank you goes to Isabelle Rea for having her hair cut and raising over £800 and to Maisie Hopton for making cookies and popcorn to sell in the community.

From Field to Fork

Our Green Ambassadors harvested our vegetables and took them straight to Mrs. Bentley our chef. They were included in that day's lunches.

Well done to everyone for growing such delicious food.



Holiday Club

This October we have requested that Forever Sport run a club during the school holiday. This will be for three days – 30th Oct to 1st Nov from 10.00 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. We will let you know when the online booking is open.

Thank for your support with improving punctuality at WFA. The main gate is now opened at 8.35 a.m. to give all children time to be ready to enter their Learning Zone at 8.45 a.m. The main gate is locked at 8.50 a.m. Please do not enter through the MUGA as the doors to each home zone are locked at 8.50 a.m. **If you arrive after that time, please take your child to the Welcome Zone and they will be registered as a late arrival. Lateness is monitored by our Education Welfare 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, @WFAYear5 These are official school twitter accounts.



Learning and Community updates

Academy updates

Academy Council

We will be holding our first Academy Council meeting later in the term when we will share our Academy Improvement Plan and talk about priorities for the year. We will be welcoming our new Chair of Academy Council, Nathan Leigh as well as two new councillors, Mrs Helen Rea as teacher Representative and Miss Lucy Salmon as Pupil voice representative.

The Arts at WFA

Please have a look at our new twitter page celebrating The Arts - Art and Design, Music, Creative writing, Dance and Drama. The twitter page is TheArts@wallscourtfarmacademy

Music Lessons

As you may be aware, we have now started Brass and Guitar music lessons for children in Key Stage 2 and it is a pleasure to see the excitement on children's faces in these lessons. We look forward to including some performances in our Family Gatherings later in the year!

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the agreed school uniform every day. This includes a Primary Blue School jumper, a pale blue Polo shirt, grey or black shorts/trousers/skirts and blue checked dresses.

Children should be wearing wear school shoes not trainers. For P.E and Sports children are only allowed to wear to black shorts, a white T-shirt and daps or trainers. In colder weather black leggings/joggers and a sweatshirt can be worn.

Enrichment clubs

There are a range of clubs taking place during the year for KS1 and KS2. Some of these clubs are run by external specialists and some clubs are run in-house by the teaching team. We invite the children in Reception to join us for enrichment clubs in the summer term. During the year a range of options for clubs will be shared and we try to offer a variety of experiences and allocate places as fairly as we can. Towards the end of this term we will send a letter detailing all the clubs available over the following term.

Community Updates – CCA

Welcome back to those families who are returning, and a huge welcome to those new families who are starting in reception. We wanted to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves; the CCA (Community Cultivation Alliance) is a group of parents and carers who plan events throughout the year at WFA which benefit our pupils, families and the wider community. We organise cake sales, festive celebrations, and the summer fair along with other activities throughout the year. Would you like to be involved? We usually meet once a term alternating on a Monday / Tuesday evening from 6-7.30pm, the meetings are very relaxed and usually involve eating biscuits and drinking coffee.....but they are very productive! The CCA is very proud to have funded lots of enrichment activities for the children and we are always looking for new members with fresh ideas. **Please join us on 23rd October for our Annual General Meeting where you can hear about our journey at WFA.**

Please only book a holiday during school holidays. We do not authorise holidays taken during term time.

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

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