

Wallscourt Farm Academy

Welcome back to the start of the academic year! We hope you all had a great summer and are settled into autumn now the weather is turning cooler and the leaves are beginning to fall off the trees. We are so delighted to welcome all the children and families back Wallscourt Farm Academy and to welcome a whole new set of children and families into Oak Learning Zone. There has already been lots of learning taking place all around the learning community – read on for further updates...

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Events Calendar

Friday 6 th October 2:00-3:00	Welcome new families from Oak - in the Café
Monday 9 th October 9:00-10:00	Welcome new families from Oak in the Café
Saturday 14 th October	CCA Table Top Sale at Wallscourt Farm Academy
Thursday 12 th October	Harvest Gathering – 2:30- All welcome
Thursday 19 th October	Last day of term for all children
Tuesday 31 st October	Term 2 First day back for all children



Welcome back and welcome to Oak Learning Zone!
As a new school we are growing year on year, and it was this year that the children moved up into Maple Learning Zone. When these children joined the Academy in September 2013, they had a tour, and one child looked at Year 4 and said “blue again, like Oak but bigger!” – at the time this really captured the progression across the school. We are so excited to see the new learners in Oak and to open Maple Learning Zone to Y4 for the first time this year.

Please remember that children should be in school ready to learn at 8.45 a.m. This is valuable 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 These are official school twitter accounts.



Learning and Community updates

Safeguarding - Routes into school

We are sure the children have been updating you, but now all the new children have started we are introducing an In/Out system to the gates! We have tried to get the second gate opened but the council will not give this the go ahead. So, instead, we are asking children and families to enter school through the main front gate, but to exit the MUGA (the fenced play area) will have 1 gate open to allow families to leave. Please make sure you have clearly handed your children over to the team as this exit will not have a member of staff monitoring the gate. Children also need to walk their bikes and scooters around and park them and we have ordered some extra cycle racks!

Nut Allergy

This year we have a couple of children starting school with severe nut allergies. We would therefore ask that no child brings in anything with nuts into school, and that there are no nuts in any cake sale cakes. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Community Updates

CCA Update

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, table top sales 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 6-7.30, 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.

CCA DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Fri 6th Oct 2-3pm- Welcome event for new parents/carers from Reception

Come and enjoy some free refreshments and meet other families who have started in reception.

Mon 9th Oct 9-10am – Welcome event for new parents/carers from Reception

Come and enjoy some free refreshments and meet other families who have started in reception.

Sat 14th Oct 10-12 – Table Top sale

If you would like to book a table please book in with the Welcome Zone or just pop along and grab yourself a bargain, refreshments available.

Mon 16th Oct – 6-7.30 - CCA 'Welcome evening' meeting

Come and meet the team and find out what we do. Free refreshments will be provided.

Wed 15th Nov – 7-9.30 - Christmas sparkly shopping event

This event is aimed at the grownups so book a babysitter and come and do some Christmas shopping, enjoy a complimentary mince pie and mulled wine. If you would like a stall please contact Jenny on jennybye@hotmail.com.

Fri 8th Dec @ 3.15 – Year 4 cake/pre-loved uniform sale

Year 4 families will provide some cakes (baked and bought) which will be available after school, there will also be preloved uniform available to buy.

Friday 1st December– 5 – 7.15 – Christmas Disco – 1 for Rec and KS1 and 1 for KS2

All children will be invited to enjoy the Christmas Disco which will include games and dancing, drinks provided (no food available).

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.

Attendance - 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%.