

Wallscourt Farm Academy

The term is flying by and there has been lots of learning, visits and events taking place to update you on. We have further events planned through the CCA and some info and events planned by our Academy Improvement Teams, so read on for more!

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Events Calendar

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| Friday 9 th February | Last day of Term 3 |
| Friday 2 nd March 7.30- 10.00 p.m. | CCA Fun Quiz Night (See Posters for more details) |
| Monday 19 th February | Term 4 starts for all children |
| Thursday 1 st March | World Book Day – All children to dress up as a character from a BOOK! |
| Friday 23 rd March | Term 4 ends for all children |



Last week, Bristol Zoo visited Year 4 Maple Learning Zone!

As part of the "Are Humans Part of the Food Chain?" enquiry, Maple Learning Zone were very excited to welcome Bristol Zoo to Wallscourt Farm Academy! We met some hissing cockroaches and learned about how they keep their habitats healthy using their digestive systems! We explored animals' teeth and thought about the differences between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We even met Coco the milk snake who some of us were brave enough to touch! Thank you Bristol Zoo for such an engaging session!"

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

Academy updates

We wanted to let all families know that Mr Copp Year 3 Teacher has decided to pause his NQT year and therefore finishes teaching at WFA at the end of term. We want to thank Mr Copp and we are sure you will join us in wishing him well for the future. Mrs Rea will step into the Year 3 teacher role for the remainder of the academic year.

Academy Improvement Plan Updates

Our AIP teams continue to work together to develop learning right across the school, and over the last term the Literacy Team helped plan and run the Family Learning workshop – many thanks to all who came and for the positive feedback. Our ‘Myself and the world around me’ team, that focuses on Learning in the Natural Environment, have worked with the Forest of Avon and The Woodland Trust to plant a series of fruit trees in the allotment and a small copse woodland area. They have also worked with Iain Green to plant a wildflower meadow.

Future Leader Representatives Message

The FLR group has been planning our interview questions for the new teacher recruitment in the next few weeks. We always fully involve the children in the recruitment process and we are delighted that we have had lots of interest and visits from teachers looking to join the team at Wallscourt Farm Academy.

Musicians meeting

Unfortunately this meeting was postponed but we will let you have the new date as soon as possible. This meeting will be about music lessons. These are generally aimed at children in KS2 in schools, but we invited the Year 2 cohort as we are establishing things ready for the start of next academic year, and the children will therefore be KS2!

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 3 cake sale made £173 including Pre Loved uniform sales!**

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 and we will need as many volunteers as possible to run stalls etc.

Term dates for Academic Year 2017-18

| Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 | Term 5 | Term 6 |
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| 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 2018 Monday 7 th May – Bank Holiday | Monday 4 th June – Tuesday 24 th July 2018 INSET – Friday 6 th July and Monday 9 th July 2018 |

Term Dates 2018-19. Below are the term dates for 2018-19. Some of the INSET days are not yet confirmed but are likely to be the dates shown in italics.

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

| Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 | Term 5 | Term 6 |
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| Tuesday 3 rd September - Thursday 25 th October 2018 <i>INSET – Mon 3rd September 2018 and Fri 26th October 2018</i> | Tuesday 6 th Nov 2018 - Friday 21 st December 2018 <i>INSET – Mon 5th November 2018</i> | Tuesday 8 th January 2019 - Friday 15 th February 2018 <i>INSET – Mon 7th January 2019</i> | Monday 25 th February 2019 – Thursday 4 th April 2019 <i>INSET – Fri 5th April 2019</i> | 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 <i>INSET – Friday 5th July 2019</i> |

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.