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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers



Staff changes - Mr Empson has left us for a six month career break to play first team cricket in Australia. As you can

imagine the offer and decision had to be made very quickly and we wish him all the best. He should return to Waycroft in term 5.

Mrs Simmons will be covering his breakfast assistant role and Mr Ryan will be covering a number of his sports coaching hours.

Learning Heroes – We have two groups of Learning Heroes to report in this newsletter. On 12th October, in our Achievement Assembly, the following children were named as Learning Heroes
Yr 1; Jacob B and Shelby
Yr 2; Beau and Bobby
Yr 3; Olivia and Liepa
Yr 4; Ivan



Then on 19th October, the following children were also awarded with the Learning Heroes awards;

Yr 3; Amy and Aasher
Yr 4; Charlie and Finley
Yr 5; Libby and Iga
Yr 6; Rhys and Ashley

Well done to all our children for showing their use of 'building learning power'.

Courtesy Awards – Our courtesy award winners over the past two weeks were: Harry in year 2, Isla-Grace in Year 2, Noah in year 3 and Ben LI in Year 5.

Thank you to all of the year 3 parents/carers that came into school to help the children with their picture frames. Your support is greatly appreciated by the teachers to help ensure small fingers are safe when using the saws!



Premier League Primary Stars Poetry Competition -



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Primary Stars

This year, we will be inviting our key stage two children to enter this fantastic poetry competition on the theme of 'Diversity', which is a wonderful way of promoting our strong British values. Having already had one winner from Waycroft last year, who had her poem published, there is no reason not to have a go. Details of the competition and what to include in your poem can be found on this website: <https://plprimarystars.com/competitions/writing-stars>
Please name all entries and return to Miss Leach by 10th December.



Y4 Camp - The children had a fantastic time on camp. On the first day they constructed shelters using items they found in the forests. In the evening, we all enjoyed

toasted marshmallows and a camp fire sing song. After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast, the children donned their Victorian outfits and spent the day learning about what it was like to be a child during the 19th century. They practised their handwriting using a quill and ink, polished brass and sewed their own bookmarks. As well as experiencing how Victorian servants washed the clothes of their employers, the children had fun playing Victorian games. In the evening, a Victorian feast was served. Following this, the children were enthusiastic to take part in a dance under the chandeliers. The boys bravely asked the awaiting girls to write them on their dance cards and learnt some tricky steps before heading to the dance floor. All the children were great sports and participated with eagerness.

Camp went out with a bang with rocket building taking place on our final morning. All of the children were much quieter on the coach home after an exhausting but fabulous three days away at Hooke Court.





Poppies – A group of year 5 girls are organising our poppy appeal this year as one of the girls is a volunteer at the Royal British Legion. Please see the assembly information that they delivered to their peers for information and if you would like to support the poppy appeal, they would appreciate your contributions.

The Royal British Legion & The Poppy Appeal 2018

How it started...

100 years ago the First World War ended. The Royal British Legion was formed as a charity to support those who fought and suffered in the war. A lot of people sadly lost their lives to help save and form the place we live today.

Each year we mark the 11th November at 11am with a silence to remember those who fought and those that lost their lives. In the run up to this date we sell poppies as a mark of respect for what those people did for our country.

What do the Royal British Legion do?

Over the years, all the money raised has helped the charity look after people and their families of the armed forces who are in need, financially or otherwise. They spend nearly £2 million per week on welfare activities!

I am a volunteer for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal. In my spare time (at weekends and in the school holidays), I help prepare and make all of the poppy boxes up for shops, schools and other places you would go to.

For our school I have made an extra special selection of things!

Last year

At Waycroft last year we raised £243.57, so it would be amazing if we could raise more money this year. The money raised can be used to do so much good for people in need!

As it is 100 years since World War 1 ended, it is a very important anniversary this year!

If you would like to support and help raise money for the poppy appeal, here is how you can....

This year's poppy boxes

The poppy boxes this year are very special!

This year in the poppy boxes we have got: Hair clips, bracelets, keyrings, rubber bands, pencils, rubbers, rulers, sharpeners, magnets and tattoos that you must do at home!

These things won't cost anything over a £1.00

Prices

- Poppy bracelets: 50p
- Multi coloured bands: 30p
- Reflectors: 10p
- Key rings: 50p
- Magnets: 20p
- Pads: 30p
- Crayons: 20p
- Tattoos: 50p
- Hair clips: 10p
- Sew on badges: 30p
- Pencils: 30p
- Rubbers: 30p
- Sharpeners: 30p
- Rulers: 50p



When you can buy

The Year 2's will be bringing round the normal box to each classroom selling just the poppies as usual as part of their learning about World War 1.

On Monday after school we will be selling other items from these special boxes.

Also on both evenings of Parents' Evening, two of us will have the poppy boxes available in the reception area so you can come and see what is available.

Thank you for listening (reading) about the Royal British Legion and The Poppy Appeal!

We hope that you understand about why we raise money and help. Let's see how much we can raise!

By Connie, Amy, Sofia, Kya & Brayleigh

Parents' Evening – It is parents' evening on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. If you have not yet signed up to a time slot, please do so by the school office.



Children In Need – 16th November

If children would like to come into school wearing items of a 'Spotacular' theme they are more than

welcome on this Friday to support Children In Need. Donations can be given to teachers as children arrive into class.

Dates for the diary for the rest of term 1:

- 23.10.18 Parents' Evening
- 24.10.18 Parents' Evening
- 25.10.18 Y2 child and parent lunch
- 25.10.18 Last day of Term 1 for children
- 26.10.18 INSET

03.11.18 Back to School





Y4 Victorian day - Year 4's Victorian day went off in a stern and rigid fashion, with all children separated into boys and girls and sitting in rows. We followed a strict set of rules just like

Victorian school children did, remembering to speak only when spoken to and standing to attention each time an adult walked into the room. After a morning of hard work, Punch and Judy came to Waycroft with the children making their own puppets using split pins and card, before rehearsing and performing their very own puppet show inspired by the nation's favourite husband and wife! All the children participated brilliantly and were great sports throughout the whole day. Thank you to all the adults in school who made it possible!



Stockwood Free Church - Activity Morning: All children from Reception to Year 6 are very welcome at our next "Activity Morning" of games, craft DVD & refreshments at Stockwood Free Church, Ladman Road, on Wednesday 31 October, from 10am to 12 noon.

Also Surrounded by Light, an event on 31st October for primary school children to join together, eat some food, watch a film (The Boss Baby) & have a light hearted evening, with a fancy dress theme of babies - a night not to be missed at Stockwood Free Church from 4:30 to 7:30.

E-safety Champion – Would anyone be interested in being a parent representative for our esafety team? The group meets six times a year and discusses the latest computing trends and how best to educate the children about them to keep children safe online. The group is made up of Mrs Horwood, our computing lead, Mr Gooding, one of our IT technicians, a number of children from across the school, Lance Mason, as a community representative and myself as Head of School. Meetings happen at lunchtimes on a Wednesday and take about 30 minutes once a term. If you would be happy to support this team, please contact Mrs Horwood via info@waycroftacademy.com The meetings are very child led so you don't need to be an expert!



Wellbeing Award for Schools – Thank you to the 44 families that responded to the Wellbeing Award survey sent out earlier this term.

We now know families feel confident and appreciate strengths in the following area:

I understand that my child needs to feel happy and secure at school to do well.

I know who to talk to if someone at the school is worried or unhappy.

I am happy to talk to the school about my child's feelings.

The main area to develop is: 'I feel involved with the school's plans for emotional wellbeing and mental health.'

If you have not yet completed the survey but would like to, I have left it open, so please feel free to complete before half term when we will start analysing the results in detail to inform our school action plan. The written comments are particularly useful and we are looking forward to sharing more information with you regarding supporting Children's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health as requested in the feedback.

If there are any parents/carers who would like to be involved in developing the action plan, please let me know via info@waycroftacademy.com You know your children best so your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Book Fair



Parents and children will be able to purchase books from the fair during both of our parents' evenings next week. Every book you buy from the book fair helps our school buy more new books for our classrooms and library.

Look out for our new autumn/winter lunch time menu coming soon.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Craig

Lisa Craig, Head of School

