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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers

All of the children have enjoyed settling into their new classes; making new friendships and getting to know the adults who will be helping them over the next year.

Secondary School Applications – Y6 parents/carers you should have received information this week regarding the application process for secondary school. For further information and to apply, please go to: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions> The deadline is 31st October 2018.

Primary School Applications – For those children who will be starting Reception in September 2019, parents and carers are now able to apply for a place online at: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/primary-admissions> The deadline is 15th January 2019.



Learning Heroes – We have two groups of Learning Heroes to report in this newsletter. On 14th

September, in our Achievement Assembly, the following children were named as Learning Heroes

Yr 1; Dougie and Ryder

Yr 2; Colt and Georgia

Yr 5; Kacey and Georgia

Yr 6; Lilly

Then on 21st September, the following children were also awarded with the Learning Heroes accolade;

Yr 1; Jada and Rama

Yr 2; Eve and Sawyer

Yr 3; Emily and Henry

Yr 4; Ollie J and Isabella

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:



Lucy in year 1, Grace in year 4, Lucy in year 1 and TJ in year 3.

Environmental Week - During the first two weeks of term, the children took part in Environmental week. Year 1 had a fantastic time on their nature hunt. They identified all the different types of trees as well as discussing their features including their leaves. They also spent time hunting for different flowers and plants. Year 2 learnt all about animals; the children were very excited to meet Mrs French's puppy Dolorius and thought carefully about what animals need to stay happy and healthy.

Year three learnt all about the three different types of rocks: sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous. They then explored the school grounds to investigate how different rocks had been used to create structures and buildings. Year 4 explored animals and plants and how humans can have a negative and positive impact on the environment. They particularly enjoyed learning about Coral Reefs. Year 5 spent the week investigating the life processes of living things with a special emphasis on plants. They really enjoyed sketching the seeds of different plants that they found on the school grounds. However, the highlight of the week was dissecting Fuschia flowers from Mrs. Vickers' garden. Year 6 explored our outside environment and painted pictures of visions through a hedge. They then identified features of flowers and spent time looking



at the jobs they do including how green plants make their own food through the process of photosynthesis.

We have had an excellent start to

the term. Come and check out our learning on the displays in the school hall.

Year 6 Camp – Many of our year 6 children have thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Simonsbath. It is an action packed week of mountain biking, archery, surfing, challenges, drumming and much more.

The children behaved beautifully and were a pleasure to take away.



Year 4 Camp – Hooke Court is drawing nearer. We hope the children are looking forward to their residential camp on 10th October. If you have misplaced your kit list and need another, please let the office know and we will print another for you. For those children that aren't attending, please remember that they will be expected to attend school for those three days where they will be taught in another class.



Health and Safety:

Although we understand it is lovely to see the children playing on



the KS1 playground please do not call children over whilst walking past. It can cause conflict with our 'stranger danger' messages and encourage the children to try and talk to passers-by they do not know.

Summer reading Challenge – Many of our children have taken part in the library Summer Reading Challenge over the holidays. It was lovely to see so many children bringing in their medals and certificates to share in assembly today.



Work-alongs – As well as our lunches, we would also like to invite parents/carers to come into school to take part in a typical lesson alongside your child. Teachers/the children will write to you prior to the event (Reception you should have received letters

already) giving further information including timings. All sessions will be in the morning as this is the usual time for maths and English to be taught.

YR – term 1 – Wednesday 26th September

Y1 – term 3 – Thursday 17th January

Y2 – term 2 – Wednesday 21st November

Y3 – term 4 – Wednesday 6th March

Y4 – term 3 – Monday 14th January

Y5 – term 4 – Wednesday 13th March

Y6 – term 2 – Thursday 15th November



Wellbeing Award – Alongside the newsletter, there is a copy of our Academy Improvement Plan showing some of the key areas we are working on to improve this year. The second priority is all about wellbeing and to aid us with this area we are carrying out a nationally recognised self-evaluation and development process with the ultimate aim of achieving the Wellbeing Award for Schools.

This also goes hand-in-hand with our Healthy Schools ethos and the drive towards having Mental Health First Aid in all schools in partnership with Public Health. Mr Howells has already attending two days of training in this area and training for the wider staff team begins next week. This is a really exciting project for the school as we are keen to celebrate what we already do well regarding supporting young people but we are also keen to develop our practice for the benefit of our pupils.

With this in mind, we will be asking parents/carers to complete a simple survey for us to gain a baseline for the project and children from Y3-6 will also have the opportunity to give their views. We will write to you shortly with additional information. If you would like to represent parents/carers in the completion of this award and be more actively involved in this project, please email info@waycroftacademy.com to express your interest as it would be useful to have a working party involving all stakeholders.

Findability: Bristol - Findability has Bristol's Local Offer information. It has information on services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or a disability, and their families, in Bristol,

from birth to 25 years old. Take a look for information:
<http://www.findabilitybristol.org.uk/>



Dates for the diary:

Dates are being added all of the time, so do not worry if a specific trip date is missing, we are still confirming dates with the venues.

September 2018

27.09.18 Y1 child and parent lunch

October 2018

09.10.18 Year 4 Photographs
 10.10.18 Photographs
 11.10.18 Shakespeare workshop (selected pupils)
 22.10.18 Text based week
 25.10.18 Y2 child and parent lunch
 25.10.18 Last day of Term 1
 26.10.18 INSET

November 2018

20.11.18 Shakespeare performance
 22.11.18 Reception child and parent lunch

December 2018

03.12.18 Y6 Life skills trip
 12.12.18 KS1 Christmas lunch
 12.12.18 Nursery singing around the Christmas tree at 3pm following their party and lunch
 12.12.18 YR Nativity DRESS REHEARSAL at 9.15am – younger children are welcome to attend this performance
 13.12.18 YR Nativity 9:15am – adults only
 13.12.18 KS2 Christmas lunch
 13.12.18 Year 1 and 2 Christmas Carol Concert at 2pm at Christ the Servant Church
 14.12.18 YR Nativity 9:15am – adults only
 18.12.18 Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Concert at 2pm at Christ the Servant Church
 19.12.18 Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert at 2pm at Christ the Servant Church
 21.12.18 Last day of Term 2

January 2019

07.01.19 First day of Term 3
 09.01.19 Jack and the Beanstalk at Waycroft
 14.01.19 Clubs start this week for Terms 3 & 4
 24.01.19 Nursery child and parent lunch

25.01.19	Y5 Steam Museum trip
<u>February 2019</u>	
14.02.19	Y3 child and parent lunch
14.02.19	Last day of Term 3
15.02.19	INSET:
25.02.19	First day of Term 4
<u>March 2019</u>	
21.03.19	Y4 child and parent lunch
<u>April 2019</u>	
05.04.19	Last day of Term 4
23.04.19	First day of Term 5
25.04.19	Y2 SS Great Britain trip
<u>May 2019</u>	
Y2 SATs all month	
06.05.19	May Day – school closed
13.05.19	Y6 SATs week
23.05.19	Y5 child and parent lunch
24.05.19	Last day of Term 5
<u>June 2019</u>	
3 rd to 7 th Y2 camps	
03.06.19	First day of Term 6
07.06.19	Y6 special lunch with parents
10.06.18	Y1 Phonics screening test week
12.06.19	Early Years Induction Evening
18.06.18	KS2 Sports Day 9.20am
26.06.18	KS1 Sports Day 9.20am
<u>July 2019</u>	
02.07.19	KS2 Sports Day 9.20am
03.07.19	KS1 Sports Day 9.20am
10.07.19	Y1-Y6 Induction Evening 5:15pm and 6.00pm
15.07.19	Nursery closed due to new intake visits
16.07.19	End of Year Reports sent home
17.07.19	Class Swap
17.07.19	Nursery sports day 2:30pm
17.07.19	Report Evening for parents with concerns about End of Year Reports, 3.30pm
18.07.19	Yr 6 Leavers' Service 2pm
18.07.19	Leavers' Disco 6.30pm to 8pm
19.07.19	End of Year Awards Ceremony 2.15pm start, invited guests only
19.07.19	Last day of term for children
22.07.19	INSET
23.07.19	INSET
23.07.19	Last day of term for staff

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Craig, Head of School