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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers

Sharing Information - You are the experts on your children and your input to school regarding their education and well-being is very important to us. If parents/carers have concerns/things to share with teachers please do this through the school office, via letter or arrange a meeting for before/after school. If you do at any time have a worry or concern please come in and speak to your child's class teacher and if you need further support your child's phase leader is also available. All of our phase leaders are part of our senior leadership team and are able to work with your child and their class teacher effectively.

For Nurseries the phase leader is Mrs Ferguson.

For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 the phase leader is Mr Jenkins.

Miss Dennis is the phase leader for Year 3 and Year 4.

Miss Beese is the phase leader for Year 5 and Year 6.

Communication - Please note: It is not appropriate for parents/carers to be using social media to contact staff members or for parents/carers to be communicating with teachers via their direct work email – if you wish to use technology please use info@waycroftacademy.com and this will be passed on.

Also please do not be offended when staff do not accept 'friend' requests on social media. It is important that staff maintain a professional persona at all times and the informality of social media makes this difficult. Staff, through their Code of Conduct, are not allowed to include work related details or comments on their personal sites.

We must also insist that all parents/carers respect Waycroft staff and the school's professional status by not discussing them or their conduct on your social media pages – this includes not uploading photographs of any staff or pupils unless you have their personal permission or, in the case of children, their parent's/carer's permission.



Welcome messages from our SENCo and Family Link & Pastoral Support Worker –

Hello, I am Gemma Carroll the FLPSW. My role at Waycroft is to support pupils and parents with any worries, anxieties and issues. This may involve me working with you directly or to signpost you to other agencies or resources that could help or support you.
Hello, I am Laura Bagnall the Special Needs and Disability Co-ordinator (SENCo) for Waycroft. My job is to support children with any special needs they have that may affect their learning. If you would like to discuss any concerns you have or any needs you feel your child may have, please contact either Miss Bagnall or Mrs Carroll via the school office- either by telephone or email.

Learning Heroes – We have two groups of Learning Heroes to report in this newsletter. On 15th September, in our Achievement Assembly, the following children were awarded as Learning Heroes:

Yr 1; Finley G & Kmara

Yr 2; Jack M & Madison

Yr 5; Joshua G & Shannon

Yr 6; Abbie, Tegan & Isabelle

Then on 22nd September, the following children were also awarded with the Learning Heroes accolade;

Yr 1; Christopher & Leon

Yr 2; Logan & Taylor

Yr 3; Sonny & Blyss

Yr 4; Libby & Dylan

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



Courtesy Awards – In our Achievement Assembly each week, as well as issuing our Learning Heroes stickers, we also announce the winners of the 'Courtesy Award' lanyards for each key stage. On 15th September, Kai in Yr 1 and Estera in Yr 4 were awarded with these special lanyards. Then on 22nd September the lanyards were passed to Zach M in Yr 2 and Connie in Yr 4. Well done to all of them for showing their courtesy skills.

BLP Focus – Reasoning (linked to Resourcefulness)

This means you can call upon your knowledge to work things out and can spot flaws.

Over the next two weeks can you use reasoning when carrying out a task at home by:

- Completing a Sudoku puzzle or crossword as a family
- Having 6 coins and three bags. Discuss how the coins could be separated into the bags in different ways.
- Working as a family to place the digits 1-5 in the shape of a V. Can you make both 'arms' have the same total? Does this work with other digits?

Let us know what you have done as a family, you could blog about it (don't forget to tag it BLP) or send us a picture!



Goodbye - Sue Morgan, who is one of our cleaners, leaves us this week. She is off travelling with her husband and we wish her well on her adventures! In her place, Sarah Day will be starting with us. We wish her a warm welcome to the Waycroft team.



Health and Safety: Although we understand it is lovely to see the children playing on the KS1 playground please do not call children 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.



Exceptional leave of absence - our whole school attendance target this year is 97%. As a school we aim high in everything we do and high attendance gives children the best chance of reaching their potential. We are able to administer prescribed medicines so children can be in school while on medication. Moving forwards, we will be being tougher on holidays in line with our attendance policy and it is unlikely any holidays will be authorised, even if it includes visiting unwell family or family weddings, as children do get 13 weeks school holidays spread over the year. Leave of absence must be exceptional to be authorised.

Vacancy for a Cleaner – We are currently advertising for a part time cleaner. 12.5 hours per week; Monday to Friday; 3.30pm – 6pm. Full details are available on our website. Closing date is midday on 13th October.

Happy's Circus – Thank you to the Friends of Waycroft for organising another fantastic community event. We hope all those families that attended the circus had a lovely evening and enjoyed all the wonderful acts that performed.



Animal Antics - Every year, over the UK, thousands of children take part in the summer reading challenge. This gives the children an opportunity to continue their hard work during the summer holidays. The challenge set was to read six books over the six week period. These are the children who won their medals. Well done!



Year 4 Camp – Hooke Court is drawing nearer. We hope the children are looking forward to their residential camp on 11th 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.



Dates for your Diary –

Wednesday 4th October – Phonics work-along workshop for Reception parents at 9am

Wednesday 11th October – 'How are we doing?' open forum meeting for parents to drop in and see me at 2.30pm

Wednesday 11th October – Friends of Waycroft AGM at 6.45pm (new members required, so please do come along!)



Yours sincerely
Lisa Craig
Head of School