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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers

**Learning Heroes** – On 23<sup>rd</sup> February, in our Achievement Assembly, the following children were named as Learning Heroes

Yr 1; Cerys and Rosie

Yr 2; Mia and Chase

Yr 5; Amy and Isobel C

Yr 6; Mason and Caven

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



**Term dates consultation** – We have received an email from Bristol City Council regarding the consultation for 2019/20 term dates with the following information to share with you, as parents/carers, so you can also respond.

'We endeavour to reach as wide an audience possible with our consultation. With that in mind, parents and carers from your school or Local Authority may be interested in the proposed dates and wish to comment. The consultation will close 16th March 2018. Please click on the link below to view full details.

<https://bristol.citizenspace.com/people/copy-of-bristol-school-term-and-dates-2019-20/>

**Mother's Day lunches** - Thank you so much to all of the families who have supported this event, booking a place and paying for your lunch. Unfortunately the scope of the event is just too big for the school to manage to accommodate everyone and the first come first serve option has resulted in a number of complaints - we never imagined 93% of places would be booked by midnight and the other places to have gone before school opening on the Tuesday morning - this is not in line with previous years. Therefore next year, we will not have separate Mother's and Father's day lunches but instead we will invite all families into lunch over the course of the year one year group at a time. Apologies to those families that have been disappointed, although your feedback has allowed us to improve for next year.

**World Book Day 2018** – A reminder that it is World Book day tomorrow and children can come to school dressed up as a book character.

There are some super character ideas on [www.mumsnet.com/books/world-book-day-costume-ideas](http://www.mumsnet.com/books/world-book-day-costume-ideas) [www.mumsnet.com/books/world-book-day-costume-ideas](http://www.mumsnet.com/books/world-book-day-costume-ideas).



**Work along date reminder:**

Y6 – 12th March

Y5 – 5th March

Y2 – 8th March

Y1 – 22nd March

We look forward to seeing you in school very soon.



**BLP Focus – Meta-learning**

This means knowing yourself as a learner-how you learn best and how you can talk about your learning.

Over the next two weeks can you show meta-learning when carrying out a task at home by:

-Each making a stuck poster to

show what you do when you are stuck on a task.

Where do you find help?

-Observing someone carrying out a task e.g. cooking, fixing a car, making furniture, solving a maths problem. How did they overcome problems? How were they learning as they went along? Can you copy what they have done?

-Explaining to someone in your family how you were able to complete a new task

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!

**Message from our Early Years** – Please do not touch the equipment that has been set out for the children to use as part of their child led learning. Unfortunately the sunflowers our Reception children lovingly planted were tipped out by older children who were waiting to pick up their brothers and sisters – as you can imagine our youngest children were quite upset.

**Dance Festival -** On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, year 2 took part in a dance festival in Ashton Park School.

Mayflower class performed as penguins to a song from the film 'Happy Feet' and were praised on their fabulous synchronicity. Matthew class then performed a dance to a song from Roald Dahl's 'Matilda' which was a magical spectacle that the audience captured. All the children worked very hard and thoroughly enjoyed performing.



**Y5 Steam Museum -** The Year 5 pupils went on an exciting trip to the Steam Museum in Swindon. The museum and its staff were excellent and really gave the pupils a

chance to experience what life would have been like as a child evacuee during World War 2. The children were superb throughout the day, really showing off all they've learnt in class and showing great empathy and listening skills. Mr Jones and Mr Farrell would like to thank the children and parents for arranging their outfits and really embracing the trip- they looked amazing!



**Carymoor Y4 –** Year 4 enjoyed an exciting day out at Carymoor Recycling Plant. The children learned much more about reducing, re-using and recycling, which they have

been learning about in class.

#### **Scout and Guide Movements Founder's Day –**

Many children at Waycroft enjoyed celebrating the Scout and Guide movements Founder's Day earlier this month by wearing their Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts uniform to school. It has been amazing to see so many children taking up this opportunity to mark this important day and the other children have enjoyed finding out more about these local groups.



**KS2 Photography Competition –** This has been launched to the KS2 children during an assembly and with the exciting weather forecast this week, it is a super time to remind people about this exciting competition.

#### **Geography Photography Competition**

# 'Weather'



Email your phenomenal photographs of the weather to [photography@waycroftacademy.com](mailto:photography@waycroftacademy.com)

Do not forget to write your name and class in the subject line!



Yours sincerely

Lisa Craig, Head of School

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