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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers

**Learning Heroes** – On 24<sup>th</sup> November, in our Achievement Assembly, the following children were named as Learning Heroes

Yr 3; Nathan and Bethany

Yr 4; Jaiden and Ayaan

Yr 5; Anthony and Ruby T

Yr 6; Scarlett, Thomas R &

Mason

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



### BLP Focus – Empathy & Listening (linked to Reciprocity)

This means you are able to listen carefully to others' experiences to understand what they are really saying and then you can put yourself into their shoes.

Over the next two weeks can you show empathy and listening when carrying out a task at home by:

- Discussing how a day at school/work has gone with someone in your family

- Writing an emotive poem

- Creating a piece of art to show an emotion the family is feeling

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!



**Courtesy Awards** – On 24<sup>th</sup> November, Rosie in Year 1 and Charlie in Year 3 were awarded with these special lanyards. Well done to both of them for showing their courtesy skills.

**Bikes & Scooters** – Please make sure your child/ren take these home at the end of each school day. We recently had an incident of children trying to break into the school premises during a weekend, attempting to steal the bikes and scooters that had been left on site

**Message from the E-Safety Team:** Hi there, the E-safety ambassadors have been working really hard since September to ensure that all the pupils of Waycroft are safe online. So far, we have been involved in two assemblies, had 2 meetings to improve E-safety at Waycroft, created an E-safety questionnaire to ask the pupils and have asked over 30 children. We have also made some E-safety posters to go in the year 2 classrooms as we want to have year 2 E-safety ambassadors.

By Lydia, Amelie and Timothy



**Theme Menu** – There will be no theme lunch day in December due to Christmas dinner. Theme menus will return in January.

**Sickness** – There is no longer a need for children to be off for 48 hours after they have been sick. Children can return to school when they are well enough.

**Bumped Heads** – We will now be making a phone call home whenever a child has bumped their head during school time. This is our new standard practice. Nearly all bumped heads do not need any further medical attention. However, to err on the side of caution, it is best practise to inform parents so they can look out for any signs of after effects. Although we fill out an accident form, these can sometimes sit in a book bag and not been seen on the same day that the bump took place.



**The Friends of Waycroft are holding their Christmas themed Mufti day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.** In return for coming to school in non-uniform we ask Nursery, Reception and KS1 children to bring in donations of chocolate and KS2 children to donate a bottle; alcoholic or non-alcoholic. On the day please bring donations to the foyer. Children will then be allocated a raffle ticket for every donation they bring. Tickets are entered into the prize draw, then two winners in each key stage will be drawn. The children will be informed in school on the Monday. The prizes are; Playspace vouchers for Early Years & KS1 or Jump vouchers for KS2 children.

The Friends' Bidding wall starts the evening of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December and will run until Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. There are lots of great prizes including; tickets to Cardiff Castle, Wookey Hole, Freedog and a birthday party at I-play.

Finally, the Friends of Waycroft Christmas Fayre will take place on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December between 3.30pm – 5.30pm.** The fayre will be in both school halls again this year, allowing more space for extra stalls! Entrance is 50p per person (children go free). Advance tickets will be available via the school office from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. This will help reduce the length of time it takes to queue when the doors open at 3.30pm. Prepaid tickets will fast track through the KS2 doors into the old hall. Entry on the day will still be available via the main office entrance.



On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November children from Years 5 and 6 performed **The Tempest at the Redgrave Theatre**, to a packed crowd. The children have been rehearsing exceptionally hard over the last few months with Miss Leach and Miss Dennis and the results were clear for all to see. What a Shakespearean treat everyone had!



Thank you for all of your generous donations to **Children in Need.** There were spots galore on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November! We raised in excess of £450, all of which will be donated directly to Children in Need.



**All clubs finish next week (w/c 27<sup>th</sup> November),** except musical theatre. This is continuing for one more week so they can perform their Christmas show. A new clubs list will be sent home the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December detailing those clubs that will run in terms 3 & 4. If your child is interested in attending any of the clubs listed, please complete the reply slip and return to the school office by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.



**Bristol Museum and Art Gallery** - Some of our year 5 children had the opportunity to go to a pottery workshop with Radical Clay Pottery. The children then followed up this workshop with a trip to the Ceramics Exhibition at the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. The



pots that the children made look fantastic and they are now on display in the cabinet in the school reception area. Please come in and admire them!

**Parents' Questionnaire** – Thank you to all the adults who completed the questionnaire during our recent parents' evenings. We are extremely pleased with the results. The full survey can be viewed as an attachment to this newsletter.

Also, please can I draw your attention to this recent article in the Bristol Post <http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/bristol-primary-schools-best-england-816895> showing information from The *Sunday Times* Parent Power Schools Guide 2018 stating that Waycroft is the 4<sup>th</sup> best primary school in Bristol and 282 out of nearly 15,000 schools nationally. **Well done everyone!**

Yours sincerely  
Lisa Craig  
Head of School