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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers

**We are pleased to announce our School Councillors for this academic year are;**

Yr 6 Jena and Andy –

Terra Nova

Yr 6 – Joshua and Eve – Ark Royal

Yr 6 – Tamsin and Jayden – Invincible

Yr 5 – Bence and Sophia – SSBG

Yr 5 – Janey and Ben – Cutty Sark

Yr 4 – Madison and Miguel – Endeavour

Yr 4 – Iga and Thomas – QEII

Yr 3 – Felicity and Alex – Britannia

Yr 3 – Blyss and Nathan – Gipsy Moth

Yr 2 – Ryley and Esme – Mayflower

Yr 2 – T.J and Jack - Matthew

Yr 1 – Pearl and Lewis – Nina

Yr 1 – Kadie and Jack – Pinta

Throughout the academic year the school councillors will be in charge of listening to the ideas and opinions of their peers. They then use these ideas to implement changes in the school that benefit the students. The children are extremely excited to get started!



**Learning Heroes** – We have two groups of Learning Heroes to report in this newsletter. On 29<sup>th</sup> September, in our Achievement

Assembly, the following children were named as Learning Heroes

Yr 3; Aliviya-Anais and Shaun

Yr 4; Leah and Kya

Yr 5; Layla and Brayden

Yr 6; Chase, Koby & Millie

Then on 6<sup>th</sup> October, the following children were also awarded with the Learning Heroes accolade;

Yr 1; Tommy and Phoebe

Yr 2; Jermaine and Ava

Yr 5; Kara and Marcus

Yr 6; Ruby G, Imogen and Layton

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



### **BLP Focus – Capitalising (linked to Resourcefulness)**

This means you are able to draw upon a full range of resources from the wider world such as: books, people, music, the internet, past experiences, future opportunities...to make the most of your learning. Over the next two weeks can you capitalise when carrying out a task at home by:

-Watching the local news as a family

-Creating a collage using a wide range of items and materials

-Making a chocolate bar/bag of sweets/pocket money last double the time it usually would

-Writing long and short term goals as a family

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!



**The children have also voted for their House Captains and Vice Captains;**

**Fry** – Jacob D & Ruby G

**Cabot** – Callum E & Alice C

**More** – Daisy C & Faye T

**Brunel** – Gabriella H &

Corey S

The roles of the house captains and vice captains are to actively encourage participation in sport, set up activities at lunch times and help with inter-house competitions.



**Courtesy Awards** – On 29<sup>th</sup> September, Trinity in Yr 6 and Leon in Yr 1 were awarded with these special lanyards. Then, on 6<sup>th</sup> October, the lanyards were passed to Lois in Yr 1 and Megan in Yr 6. Well done to all of them for showing their courtesy skills.

**Breakfast Club:** All children that attend breakfast club **must** purchase breakfast. Please do not send children to school before 8.45am unless they will be attending breakfast club, which opens at 8am. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Goodbye** – Mervyn and Sheila Jenkins leave us at the end of October. Mr Jenkins has been our caretaker here at Waycroft for over 19 years and Sheila has been part of our cleaning team for 17 years. We wish them well as they move onto pastures new.

Welcome to Paul Peterson who joins us as our new caretaker. Please make him feel welcome if you see him around the school site.



**Wellies reminder** – Following a letter that was sent home at the beginning of term requesting that children bring in a pair of named wellington boots, only a small percentage of children have brought them in. At present, we cannot offer free range play due to children not having appropriate footwear. Please send these in as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Thank you** to everyone who donated an item of food for Harvest. The items were collected this week and will be given to Counterslip Baptist Church Food Bank. The harvest collection from the Early Years was taken to Bluebell Gardens last week.



### Travelling Book Fair



Parents and children will be able to purchase books from this fair during both of our parents' evenings, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Every book you buy from the Book Fair helps our school buy more new books for our classrooms and library.

**Flu Vaccinations** – For all those children in Reception through to Year 4 who have returned their flu vaccination permission slips, the vaccination will be administered by Boots on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. For those who have not returned their slips, the deadline has now passed. However, you can still take your child to Boots at Imperial Park who will administer the vaccination directly. Please note this is only for children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4.



**Parents' Evenings** – These will be held in week two of term two. The booking folders will be placed in the foyer from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Parents' evenings will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November between 3.30pm and 6.30pm and on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November between 3.30pm and 6pm. Please check that you are writing your time slot against the correct class for your child when booking. Pat Slee, our Numbers Count teacher, and Laura Bagnall, our SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator), will be available to meet with parents/carers during the November parents' evenings. If you would like to book an appointment please do so when you book your meeting with the class teacher by the school office. They will also be available for drop ins around their meetings in case you would like any additional advice using their specialisms. Please note Laura Bagnall will only be available on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. Their booking folders will be white and class folders will be blue.

Don't forget  
Parents'  
Evening!

**Reminder** – Reception and KS1 (Years 1 & 2) finish school at 3.15pm. KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) finish school at 3.20pm. We have an increasing number of children left in our Reception area waiting to be collected after school has ended. Please note their finish times and collect promptly at the end of the school day. Can we also remind parents that children should not be playing on our play equipment, swinging on the

railings or using their bikes and scooters on the school premises after school. This is a health and safety issue as well as keeping the cars on site safe from scratches. Thank you.



### Term Dates for 2018/19

We can confirm that we will have the same term dates as Bristol City Council for the **academic year 2018/19**. They are as follows:

- Term 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> September to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018
  - Term 2: 5<sup>th</sup> November to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018
  - Term 3: 7<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019
  - Term 4: 25<sup>th</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019
  - Term 5: 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019
  - Term 6: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019
- Inset days will be published later in the year.

Yours sincerely  
Lisa Craig  
Head of School