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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers

Learning Heroes – On 5th January, in our Achievement Assembly, the following children were named as Learning Heroes

Yr 1; Tommy and Archie

Yr 2; Esme and Arianna

Yr 3; Logan T and Zach C

Yr 4; Marley and Noah

On 12th January the Learning Heroes were:

Yr 3; Alex and Isabelle

Yr 4; Thomas and Henry

Yr 5; Lewis and Lilly

Yr 6; Seb and Macey

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



Courtesy Awards – On 12th January, Cerys in Y1 and Xanthe in Year 3 were awarded with these special lanyards. Well done to both of them for showing their courtesy skills.

Brunelcare Shoebox Gifts – Brunelcare has asked me to pass on a huge thank you to all of the families who created a gift for the elderly in our community. The residents of Robinson House enjoyed receiving the gifts and 'The residents were quite overwhelmed in some cases, and all of them were very grateful and appreciated the thought that had gone into the contents of each box.'



22nd February is the Scout and Guide movements Founder's Day. If children who are Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts would like to wear their uniforms instead of school uniform that day, they can. All other children to be in normal school uniform. It would be great to see as many children as possible celebrating this special day.



Everyone at Waycroft would like to wish all of our families and friends a 'Happy New Year'

Pupil Voice – We are in the process of starting a new project where the children write their own School Self Evaluation Form. This will give the children the chance to say what they believe the schools strengths and areas to develop are under the main four OFSTED headings. This will of course be done at their level, however will be another huge step forwards in the children having a direct impact on school improvement. If your child has been invited to join staff meeting on 22nd January as part of one of our pupil voice groups, please return permission slips asap.

2018-19 TERM DATES

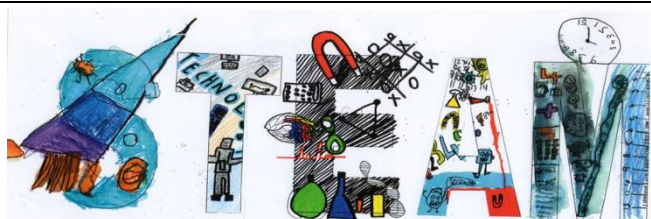
- Term 1 Monday 3 September to Friday 26 October 2018
 - Term 2 Monday 5 November to Friday 21 December 2018
 - Term 3 Monday 7 January to Friday 15 February 2019
 - Term 4 Monday 25 February to Friday 5 April 2019
 - Term 5 Tuesday 23 April to Friday 24 May 2019 closed on 6 May 2019 for the Early May Bank Holiday
 - Term 6 Monday 3 June to Tuesday 23 July 2019
- Please note, INSET days will be published soon.



Letting – Our new hall is available for hire. Please get in touch with our Business Manager, Mrs Warburton, who will be able to advise you on hire fees and assist with the necessary paperwork.

KS2 SATS 2018 – For parents of our current Year 6 pupils, there is a useful video clip on You Tube which outlines the dates of each of the tests the children will be taking in May and a brief explanation of what each paper involves. Please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=532MUvA81tM&t=229s> to view the clip. The video can also be found in the Parents section of the website.

KS1 SATS 2018 – There is also a KS1 version of the above video for KS1 families which can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVlrdqh_J6Y The video can also be found in the Parents section of the website.



Paintworks Exhibition- Waycroft is one of a number of local schools taking part in an art exhibition inspired by science, technology, engineering and maths. The exhibition is being held at Paintworks on Bath Road between Tuesday 16th and Saturday 20th January. The exhibit is open to the public to visit. Please look out for the flyer with the timings. During the exhibition we will be taking some children to Paintworks on Thursday 18th January. If you receive a permission letter for this trip, please return it to the office as soon as possible.



BLP Focus – Planning (linked to Reflectiveness)

This means thinking about: where you are going; the action you are going to take; the time and resources you will need and the obstacles you will face for a task. Over the next two weeks can you show good planning when carrying

out a task at home by:

- Looking in the fridge/freezer, can you plan dinner for the next evening/week
- Planning a day out/walk for your family
- Writing instructions for a member of family to follow e.g. to make a cup of tea

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!

Uniform – In line with our uniform policy, children should be wearing flat plain black shoes or flat black ankle or calf length boots. Long hair should be tied back and earrings should be removed on PE days. We appreciate your cooperation with following our guidelines. Thank you.



Menu Change next week – Just a reminder that our theme day will be on *Thursday* next week instead of Wednesday. This means that roast dinner day will be moved to the Wednesday. We have a Superheroes theme day on 18th January where we will be offering delicious treats such as Batman Burger and Hulk Hotdog. The full version of the theme menu is, as always, available on our website under the catering section. On Friday 19th January, potato wedges will be available instead of chips.



Open Day changes – We won't be doing an open day this year in the way we have in previous years. Instead parents/carers will be invited to come to a work along, taking part in a typical lesson with their child. Y4 trialled this last year and we had more parents/carers attending this event than across the whole school on open day. We are often asked how families can support learning at home and an opportunity to experience a lesson with your child led by the class teacher and another member of staff is an exciting way to do this. Many schools have used this model very successfully over a long period of time. The children will write to you, inviting you to their lesson prior to the event.

Dates for the diary:

Y6 – 12 th March	Y5 – 5 th March
Y4 – 29 th January	Y3 – 30 th January
Y2 – 8 th March	Y1 – 22 nd March

YR – have already done their work along at the start of the year.

We look forward to seeing you in school very soon.

Eco Club 2016/7

Last year, Eco Club and the Eco Warriors raised money on their stall at the Summer Fayre. We have used this money to buy a Heron for the school pond (made from recycled oil drums) and 4 Tree People, which have been put on trees around the school grounds (can you spot them?!).



Thank you to all those that have supported the Eco Club over the last year.

Half Term opportunity in Stockwood

Stockwood Free Church (Baptist) in Ladman Road is once again laying on an action-packed, fun-filled club at half-term. We will be sending out flyers through school nearer the time.

Tea and Talk Event in Stockwood

proud to support
time to change
let's end mental health discrimination

Tea and Talk
Time to Talk 2018
Monday 5th February
1.30-3.30pm, Stockwood Library

Find out what's out there, and what you can do in the community to look after your mental wellbeing!
It's always a good time to talk!

Huw Powell visit



Huw Powell made a surprise visit to Waycroft today to announce the winners of our latest reading

challenge. Well done to Rosie in Y6 and Beth in Y1 for winning. As part of his visit a group of Y6 children interviewed him. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all children that took part and as always they were a credit to the school.



Yours sincerely

Lisa Craig
Head of School