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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers

Learning Heroes – We have two groups of Learning Heroes to report in this newsletter. On 29th March, in our Achievement Assembly, the following children were named as Learning Heroes:

Yr 1: Cody and Skye

Yr 2: Olly and Kadie

Yr 3: Olivia S and Lacie

Yr 4: Charlie and Macey

On the 5th April, Head of School Award certificates were handed out instead of our usual assembly. Well done to all our children for showing their use of 'building learning power'.

Courtesy Awards – Our courtesy award winners were: George in Y1 and Noah in Y3.



Photography - On Tuesday, a professional photographer came to visit Year 2 to give a photography masterclass. Ricky showed some examples of his art and talked about

what he looks for in the perfect photograph. Year 2 then had the opportunity to take wildlife photography in and around the school and choose the perfect filter to showcase the story of the picture. Ricky commented that Year 2 showed an extraordinary eye for a photo. Matthew and Mayflower would like to extend a sincere thank you to Ricky for giving up his afternoon to inspire the next generation of photographers.

Friends' Film Night – Thank you to all of the children who came and enjoyed film night. The younger children enjoyed Peter Rabbit's Adventures – fortunately they were shocked by the characters' naughty but funny behaviour! While KS2 warmed up their singing voices and sang along to the Greatest



Showman. Thank you to the Friends for organising the event and the parents who gave up their evening to supervise.

Geography photography competition – This term's theme is SPRING LIFE.

Email your phenomenal photographs of Spring Life to photography@waycroftacademy.com

Do not forget to write your name and class in the subject line! Deadline: Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Design a lunchtime mascot competition – Your child will have brought home a design a mascot sheet today. If they would like to enter the competition entries must be returned on the first day back. Thanks.

Girls' football - Over the course of 4 weeks, the girls across KS2 have competed in the football tournament at South Bristol Sports Centre. The girls showed superb skill, determination and teamwork during every match they played, turning out some very impressive results- one being a 4-0 victory over Woodlands! Throughout, they represented Waycroft brilliantly and certainly did the school proud.



Y5 Imam visit - As part of Year 5's Islam topic in RE, an Imam from a Bristol mosque visited the children on Tuesday. The visit was incredibly informative (both for the pupils and teachers!) with the children thoroughly engaged throughout. The insight into the meaning and beliefs of the Islamic religion has really sparked the children's enthusiasm to learn more within the remaining lessons.



Important dates –

April 2019

- 23.04.19 First day of Term 5
25.04.19 Y2 SS Great Britain trip

May 2019

Y2 SATs all month

- 06.05.19 May Day – school closed
13.05.19 Y6 SATs week M-Th
16.05.19 School census day
22.05.19 Nursery farm trip
23.05.19 Y3 Bristol zoo visit
23.05.19 Y5 child and parent lunch
24.05.19 Last day of Term 5

June 2019

- 3rd to 7th Y2 camps
03.06.19 First day of Term 6
07.06.19 Y6 special lunch with parents
08.06.19 Race for Life (Saturday)
10.06.18 Y1 Phonics screening test week M-F
11.06.19 Elen Caldecott author visit
12.06.19 Early Years Induction Evening
12.06.19 Class photos
13.06.19 Musical theatre performance
14.06.19 Y6 First aid training
17.06.19 Y1 Castle trip
18.06.19 KS2 Sports Day 9.20am
22.06.19 Summer Fayre (Saturday)
26.06.19 KS1 and Reception Sports Day 9:20am

July 2019

- 03.07.19 Reception farm trip
10.07.19 Y1-Y6 Induction Evening 5:15pm and 6.00pm
10.07.19 Tom Palmer author visit
15.07.19 Nursery closed due to new intake visits
16.07.19 End of Year Reports sent home
17.07.19 Y6 Churchill trip
17.07.19 Class Swap (This is subject to change depending on staffing for September 2019 due to the ski centre making an error with our booking)
17.07.19 Nursery sports day 2:30pm
17.07.19 Report Evening for parents with concerns about End of Year Reports, 3.30pm
18.07.19 Yr 6 Leavers' Service 2pm
18.07.19 Leavers' Disco 6.30pm to 8pm
19.07.19 End of Year Awards Ceremony 2.15pm start, invited guests only
19.07.19 Last day of term for children
22.07.19 INSET
23.07.19 INSET
23.07.19 Last day of term for staff

Year 6 parents- Please make sure you have accepted your child's/ children's secondary school places.



Well-being and mental health- There is a new website for parents on children's mental health problems that has launched.

Funded by Health Education England, 'HappyMaps' is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children - from babies to young adults. There is good general information (national) covering school refusal, anxiety in primary children and more. It includes information on local counselling, charities, local CAMHS and parenting groups for the SouthWest. They also hope this will be really useful for parents whose children don't meet the specialist referral thresholds or are perhaps on the waiting list. The website name is www.happymaps.co.uk. Please look at that website, along with our own wellbeing section on our school website.

The Bristol Mayors Award- Mental Health Badges

We're really excited to announce that we have passed both the basic and the advanced Mental Health and Wellbeing badges of the Healthy Schools Awards! We are extremely excited to share this amazing news.

We worked hard with the children, staff and directors to make fundamental improvements to mental health support within the school and raise the awareness of mental health within the community.

Pupil's told us that they love coming to Waycroft Academy and feel like the school takes behaviour seriously and that they have somewhere to go for help. Staff at the school also have had training and are developing their awareness of a range of mental health concerns.

The Healthy Schools Team said of our submission: "The results speak for themselves, with a 39% increase in children who felt they had a trusted adult to speak to in school and a 52% increase in the amount of children who felt they can talk openly about their wellbeing and mental health." This just highlights how the children have shifted their understanding of mental health and now are more open to talk about it. Thank you to all the parents, staff, children and everyone in the community that has helped with supporting anyone in need of assistance.



Y4 Dental Hospital visit -

On Thursday 28th March, Y4 were visited by some student dental hygienists from Bristol Dental Hospital to give them help and advice on keeping their teeth and mouths healthy. They were surprised to find

out how much sugar is in some of our favourite drinks and used a special dye to discover just how well they are brushing their teeth!

Breakfast club reminder – After Easter breakfast club will be a fixed price of £2 a day for term 5 only. The two pounds will need to be paid on arrival each day and if you have more than one child attending any additional children will be £1.50. If your child attends every day, it is okay for them to bring in £10 at the start of the week to save finding change each day. Pupil premium children will need to pay £1 a day. On a Friday they can choose a 'normal' breakfast or the 'treat breakfast as detailed below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Juice or milk Cereal with milk Slice of toast with spread Scrambled egg	Juice or milk Cereal with milk Slice of toast with spread Beans	Juice or milk Cereal with milk Slice of toast with spread Poached egg
Thursday	Friday	Friday 'treat'
Juice or milk Cereal with milk Slice of toast with spread Cheese (served as cheese on toast instead of toast)	Juice or milk Cereal with milk Slice of toast with spread Beans	Juice or milk Sausage Bacon Egg Beans Hash brown

Please can I remind you that this model does result in breakfast club running at a loss and it is not sustainable therefore there will be further changes in term 6. Details will be released after Easter.



Y3 Thank You – Year 3 would like to say thank you to the parents who came swimming with them and to the parents who came in to help with their cooking.



Reception Easter project –

Reception have been finding out about Easter in class this week. Here is one child's piece of writing showing that they understand the importance of Jesus in the Easter story. Well done to all of Reception for their thoughtful work on important celebrations.

Summer lunch menu- The summer lunch menu can be found on the website here:

<https://www.waycroftacademy.com/web/summer-menu-2019/402947>

Please note that we will be using Monday's menu on the first Tuesday back as we may not get the roast meat in on time.

Southern Links Children's Centre -



Come and find out

how to get the best out of family life



We will be running the 11 week Nurturing Programme for Parents next term.

To find out more about the course or to book a space, please contact Leanne or Lianne on 01173 533503

Creche spaces available

We hope you all have a lovely and safe Easter break and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 23rd April ready for a very busy term 5.

Kingswood Heritage Museum - The museum are running a Kickin' Chickens Easter trail, which may be of interest to you over the Easter weekend. Please see the flyer included in the Parentmail.



Easter competition – We have really enjoyed seeing all of the Easter competition entries this week. Please enjoy the photos of some of the entries.

The winners were:

Nursery: Parker, Lily and Mayleigh

Reception: Amelie and Grace B

Year 1: Lucy and Faye

Year 2: Georgia and Curtis

Year 3: Ruby W and Oliver

Year 4: Logan T and Xanthe

Year 5: Amy B and Madison

Year 6: Kara and Janey



Reception Supertato display –

Reception have been using the book 'Supertato' as a stimulus for their learning in the mornings. They have been inspired to make Supertato models.



Yours sincerely,

Lisa Craig, Head of School

