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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers

Learning Heroes – On 2nd February, in our Achievement Assembly, the following children were named as Learning Heroes

Yr 3; Poppy & Ashton B

Yr 4; Ellie G & Ellie R

Yr 5; Sandra & Tegan

Yr 6; Maisie B & Jakub

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



Courtesy Awards – On 2nd February, Anna in Y2 and Caitlin in Y6 were awarded with these special lanyards. Well done to all of these children for showing their courtesy skills.

Half term holiday club at Stockwood Free Church -

All primary school children, from Reception right up to Year 6, are invited to come along to join the fun at the Free Church in Ladman Road during half term. There will be the usual great mixture of games, stories, drama, music, craft and refreshments. The club runs from Tuesday 13th until Friday 16th February, starting at 10.00 each morning and finishing at 12.30. Every child should also receive an invitation card. It would be great if you could register beforehand, but we are very happy if you just turn up on the day. It really doesn't matter if you can only come on one or two mornings; we would love to see you!

Lance Mason Pastor, Free Church

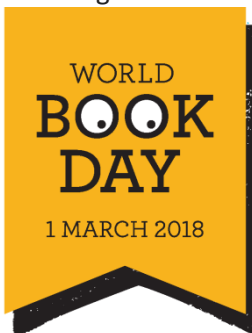


No Nutella in school please – Children are not allowed nuts in their packed lunches and this includes Nutella in their sandwiches. We have children in school with nut allergies and by putting

these items in your child's lunchbox you are putting children at risk. Children will not be allowed to eat items with nuts in and from after half term items will be removed from the dinner hall if necessary. Chocolate spread is not a healthy lunchbox item, so it is essential that you find alternatives over the half term break. Remember this is to save lives and prevent anaphylaxis – it is not school being difficult.

World Book Day 2018 - Once again we will be celebrating all things books on World Book Day, Thursday March 1st 2018, and offering the children the opportunity to dress up as a well-known book character.

It will soon be upon us, so the upcoming holidays might be a good chance to think about costumes. The past few years have seen the school filled with some amazing book characters -



Horrid Henry,
Matilda,
Mr. Twit, Mr Bump,
Pinocchio etc.



There are some super character ideas on

www.mumsnet.com/books/world-book-day-costume-ideas
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Book Stall - Some Year 6 students will be holding a book sale on World Book Day to raise funds for new books in school.

Reading is an excellent pastime that many of children lose hours doing. As you can imagine in school, the best loved books soon become tatty due to the fact they are being passed from child to child all of the time, yet at home books can be read just once and then left on the shelf.

If you have any high quality, new/nearly new children's books that you no longer need, the Y6 students would be most grateful for your donations. This can include:

Fiction/stories
Non-fiction/information books
Poetry books
Reference books
Picture books etc

Please send them into school (the library) the week after the February holiday. Thank you.



Work alongs

On Monday 29th January and Tuesday 30th January, Y4 and Y3 really enjoyed having their family members in to share a maths lesson alongside them. It was a super opportunity for people to see the



way children learn in school including the methods taught, how teachers teach new skills, the expectations of that year group and to have a positive learning

experience together led by trained professionals.

Feedback from families was excellent at the time and

further feedback is welcomed via email to

info@waycroftacademy.com

The best part is most

families were able to send someone which shows how



you value your child's education and has really increased the number of parents coming through the door in comparison to open days in previous years –

thank you!

Dates 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 – Distilling (linked to reflectiveness)

This means looking at what is being learnt and pulling out the essential features to aid learning.

Over the next two weeks can you distil information when carrying out a task at home by:

-Following an insect. Can you find

its nest? Why do you think it has chosen that place?

-Building a tower out of (Jenga/large Lego) bricks. Can you make the tower taller? Adjust the support blocks and see if you can make it sturdier.

-Mixing some sugar with cold water, warm water and hot water. What do you notice? Try it with salt.

-Placing an egg shell or dirty 2p coin in Cola. Observe as a family what happens each day.

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!

Applications for Nursery – If your child turns three before September 2018 and you would like them to join our nursery, please ensure your application form is returned before the end of February.

Busy time for Y4 –

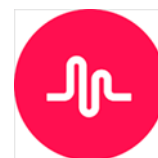


Bristol River Avon Trust visited Y4 to

talk about water pollution linked to their Reduce, Reuse, Recycle geography project. They experimented with filters to try to clean river water, which was an amazing learning experience as well as lots of fun!

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6th February – I hope you all found the leaflet handed out by the e-safety team after school on Tuesday useful. This is also attached to this newsletter for information. The children enjoyed discussing how to remain safe on line during PSHE lessons on Tuesday.

Musical.ly - The social network Musical.ly has recently been brought to our attention again. Children have been directly contacted by someone pretending to be younger than they are. The age restriction for having a Musical.ly account is 13. If you know your child is using Musical.ly, please ensure you know exactly where they are posting their videos. Also please note: even setting a profile to private, allows profile information including the picture, username and short biography to be visible to all users. Users can be blocked from visiting profiles by selecting 'block this user'.



KS2 Sportivator visit – Brief reminder that KS2 children can wear their PE kits to school on Monday 19th February.

Reminder: 22nd February is the Scout and Guide movements Founder's Day – Children can wear their Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts uniforms to celebrate this event. All other children need to be in school uniform.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Craig
Head of School