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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers

Learning Heroes – We have two groups of Learning Heroes to report in this newsletter. On 3rd November, in our Achievement Assembly, the following children were named as Learning Heroes
Yr 1; Logan and Nicholas Z
Yr 2; Coby and Bree
Yr 5; Janey and Riley



Yr 6; Evie, Thomas H and Tamsin
Then on 10th November, the following children were also awarded with the Learning Heroes accolade;
Yr 1; Sophia and Tommy
Yr 3; Megan and Thomas
Yr 4; Melody and Alfie
Well done to all our children for showing their use of 'building learning power'.

BLP Focus – Collaboration (linked to Reciprocity)

This means you are able to work effectively as part of a team, giving your own views and respecting others. Over the next two weeks can you show collaboration when carrying out a task at home by:
-Cooking a meal together
-Cleaning the car as a family
-Finding an item in nature beginning with every letter of the alphabet

-Creating a piece of art work 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!



Courtesy Awards – On 3rd November, Ruby M in Year 2 and Jayden in Year 6 were awarded with these special lanyards. Then on 10th November, the lanyards were passed to Shelby in Year 1 and Thomas O in Year 4. Well done to all of them for showing their courtesy skills.

Shoeboxes: Just a reminder that the deadline for shoeboxes is Friday 17th November.



We have another new face joining Waycroft this term – Julie Packer joins our dedicated cleaning team. We wish her well as she settles into her new role.

Attendance Strategy – During the first week of this term, we sent home via parentmail our new attendance strategy, being adopted by all three Waycroft Multi Academy Trust schools. This clearly outlines school expectations with regards to attendance and children achieving to the highest of their ability. If you have not yet read this document, we encourage you to do so.



Children in Need - Friday 17th November. This year we are continuing with the theme of 'spotacular'. Therefore we're asking the children to go spotty! They can wear a spotty jumper or cardigan, a spotty hairband or even spotty socks. All donations taken on the day will go directly to Children in Need.



Final Reminder about our Open Day: Tuesday 28th November for prospective Nursery and Reception parents. We have three time slots available; 9am, 11am & 2pm. Crèche facilities will be available for those parents who wish to have a full school tour. Please telephone the school office if you would like to book a slot.



Join St Monica Trust on Monday 27th November and 4th December for an Intergenerational Treefest crafts session.

Stockwood residents of all ages are invited to come and create decorations for a tree that will be exhibited in St Mary Redcliffe Church, as part of this year's Treefest.

The free drop-in sessions will take place on Monday 27th November and 4th December, from 2 - 5pm at Southern Links Childrens Centre, Whittock Road, BS14 8DQ.

The tree will be on display at St Mary Redcliffe Church from Wednesday 6th - Tuesday 12th December.

Money raised from Treefest will go towards supporting St Mary Redcliffe's work in the community and local charity Young Bristol.

No need to book, just come together to celebrate what you love about where you live.



Welcome to our New MAT Chair of Directors; Andrew Bowden. Andrew is a parent of Waycroft Academy and has been part of our governing body for the last three years. A huge thank you to Oliver Feeley who has been our MAT Chair for the past two years. Although Oliver is no longer our MAT Chair, he will continue to sit on the board of directors.

Christmas Lunches: School Christmas lunch arrangements are as follows:

Reception & KS1 – Christmas lunch will be on *Wednesday 13th December* and KS2 will have a buffet lunch.

KS2 - Christmas lunch will be on *Thursday 14th December* and Reception and KS1 will have a buffet lunch. We will shortly be sending home an electronic form via parentmail for parents to complete, indicating if they would like their child to have a Christmas lunch and /or buffet options on their chosen dates. The form will also indicate if your child would like the vegetarian option, or a packed lunch. *Even if you plan on giving your child a packed lunch for both of these days, can you please still complete the form to indicate this. We will need a completed form for every child from Rec to Yr 6 (and some nursery children too).*

KS2 parents will also need to log into parentpay and pay for the relevant number of meals in advance. Thank you.



End of day arrangements – If someone other than the normal adults that have been pre-agreed to collect your child/ren on any particular occasion, can we please ask parents/carers to telephone the office in advance so that the information can be passed on to the relevant class teacher or member of staff who is dismissing the class for that day.

Paying for school lunches – Can we please remind parents that for those children in KS2, unless your child is entitled to free school meals, parents need to pay in **advance** for their child's school meals. Our lunches are priced at £2.25 each and your child's account must be in **credit** before they have their lunch. Please can we ask that all parents log into parentpay this weekend and check that they don't have any outstanding balances. If you require a paypoint letter to pay for school lunches at your local paypoint store, please ask the office who will be happy to print one for you. We would ask that you do follow our school guidelines and pay in advance for your child/ren's meals. Thank you for your cooperation.



Super Science Giveaway with the Bristol Post – Just a reminder to pop your tokens into the pink box in the foyer. The more tokens we receive, the more entries we gain into the £10,000 prize draw. Thank you to everyone who has submitted tokens so far.



Academy Improvement Plan - The Waycroft Academy Improvement Plan sets out the strategic development that will take place over the next year. You can now take a look at the eight key areas in the AIP on the website or the copy on display in reception. If you have any questions about the AIP please let me know.

Poppies – Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to this year's poppy appeal. Year 2 are visiting The Royal British Legion in Whitchurch today to attend the annual 'Pause for Thought' ceremony.



Yours sincerely
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