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Dear Parents/Carers,

M&M production

A big welcome back to term 3, we hope you all had a restful break. The children have settled back in fantastically and were treated (from Reception to year 6) in the first week back by the Friends of Waycroft to a pantomime production of Peter Pan, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. A big thank you to everyone involved in making that possible.



Year 4 work-a-long



The Year 4 children had a fantastic morning on Monday. It was lovely to see so many adults come in to support the children in their maths learning. They challenged their adults to many exciting maths games. The children also showed their adults how to complete a reading quiz on their favourite books. Thank you Year 4 parents for attending the morning.



Parents' Evening February 2020

Our next parents evening takes place on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February 2020. As with our last two parents' evenings, you will be able to book appointments online using ParentMail. More details of when bookings will go live will feature in our next newsletter!

Don't forget
parents
evening!

Health information-Verrucas



We have had many children last term saying they need to be wearing shoes for indoor PE due to a verruca. A verruca is more likely to be spread when skin is wet and therefore shouldn't be an issue in the school hall. We have checked with our Sports Partnership who say a verruca does not need to be covered during PE sessions, with the exception of swimming where a waterproof plaster is sufficient. However, having also checked the NHS guidelines, they do state: '...not to walk barefoot in public places...' so we would therefore ask you to cover your child's verruca with a plaster on PE and swimming days so that the lesson can continue as planned. Many thanks for your support with this.

School council staff interviews



The school council have decided that they would like to find out more about some of the staff in the school by carrying out interviews and reporting their investigations to the school community through the newsletter. Their second interview, with Mrs Sweet, is attached to today's newsletter.

Exceptional Leave of Absence



Although every leave of absence request is looked at on an individual basis, please bear in mind that a family holiday itself is not an exceptional circumstance. We understand family time is really important, so please plan holidays and trips out in the 175 days a year the children are not in school. Please also note that a letter from an employer saying holidays can only be taken at certain times isn't an exceptional circumstance as it is still for a holiday and may still result in a referral for a penalty notice.



New books for the library

Some boys from Year 4 and 5 were asked to help Mrs Anstee, the librarian order new books for the library. They then shared their choices and their reasons for their choices in assembly. The library is open for the children to visit and borrow books every lunch time and break time. The children also attend a library session with their class at least termly.



Key dates for terms 3 & 4

Work-a-long dates

Y2 – term 3 – Wednesday 5th February

Y3 – term 4 – Thursday 13th February

Y5 – term 4 – Friday 13th March

Parent Lunches

Nursery Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd January 2020

Year 3 Thursday 27th February 2020

Year 4 Thursday 26th March 2020

February 2020

14.02.20 Last day of Term 3

24.02.20 First day of Term 4

Term Dates 2020 to 2021

These are the term dates for 2020/2021 but please note INSET days have not yet been set.

- **Term 1** Tuesday 1 September 2020 to Friday 23 October 2020
- **Term 2** Monday 2 November 2020 to Friday 18 December 2020
- **Term 3** Monday 4 January to Friday 12 February 2021
- **Term 4** Monday 22 February to Thursday 1 April 2021
- **Term 5** Monday 19 April to Friday 28 May 2021
- **Term 6** Monday 7 June to Wednesday 21 July 2021

Update to uniform guidelines

We have noticed a number of our older children wearing false nails to school. Please can these be removed and only worn outside of school time. This has just been added to our uniform guidelines on the school website as of Friday 17th January as this has never been something to consider at Waycroft before now.

https://www.waycroftacademy.com/web/uniform_list/295004



Learning heroes and courtesy award winners

Our learning heroes over the past two weeks were:

For 10th January 2020

Yr3- Lauren, Corey, Estee & Archie

Yr4- Logan, Emily, Chase, Miley

Yr5- Sonny, Safia, Farryl & Beau

Yr6- Danny, Laylee, Kya & Matthew



Our courtesy award winners were:

Ryder (Y2) & Amelia (Y6)

For 17th January 2020

Yr1- Amelia S, Archie, Ayla-Rae & Vytis

Yr2- Frankie, Olly, Kaylon & Louise

Yr5- Travis, Poppy, Alex K & Felicity

Yr6- Kezzie, Louis, Blake & Amy

Our courtesy award winners were:

Ryan H (Y1) and Alex K (Y5)

ParentPay Accounts

Please make sure your ParentPay accounts are paid up to date. Breakfast club does need to be booked in advance. If you need help setting up ParentPay/ParentMail please speak to a member of the office team who will be happy to help.



Packed Lunches/Nuts

We have noticed there are children bringing in foods inside packed lunches, which include nuts. Recent findings have included Nutella B Ready bars and Kinder Happy Hippo bars. Both of which include nuts. We have a number of children and staff who suffer with nut allergies and it is imperative no foods bought into school include nuts of any kind. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 on Friday 21st February, they can. Many of our children are proud of wearing their uniforms but the day falls over the weekend (Saturday 22nd) this year, so we are giving them the option of the previous Friday. All other children to be in normal school uniform. It would be great to see as many children as possible celebrating this special day.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Craig, Head of School