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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers

Learning Heroes – We have two groups of Learning Heroes to report in this newsletter.

On 11th January, in our Achievement Assembly, the following children were named as Learning Heroes

Yr 3: Jacob and Ava

Yr 4: Travis and Lexie S

Yr 5: Kodi and Matthew

Yr 6: Isobel and Dakota

On the 18th January the Learning Heroes were

Yr 1: Olly-Noah and Alice

Yr 2: Harry and Elia

Yr 3: Zach M and Madison

Yr 4: Ashton T and Stanley

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

Courtesy Awards – Our courtesy award winners were: Tom in Y1 and Rosie in year 2, Amelie in year 5 and Ellie G in year 5.



Happy New Year – We wish all of our friends and families all the best for 2019!



Pantomime – The children from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed seeing 'Jack and the Beanstalk' on Wednesday last

week. Despite some initial nerves about the giant, they were relieved to find out he was friendly and they all lived happily ever after.



Swimming – Year 1 and Year 5 have enjoyed their first swimming lesson. They were incredibly excited but behaved beautifully throughout.

Nursery lunches – Parents/carers of children in nursery are invited into school to have lunch with their child on Tuesday or Thursday next week. You should have already have received a letter so you can book for your lunch. Letting us know in advance is essential as we order the food and cook for the right number of people.

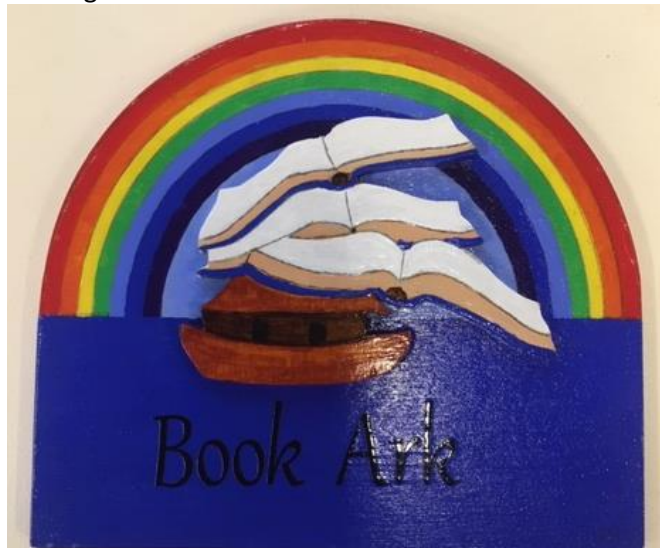


Parents' evening dates – Our next parents' evening are to be held on Wednesday 27th Feb 2019 from 3.30pm – 6.30pm and Thursday 28th Feb 2019 from 3.30pm – 6.00pm. Thank you to those parents who have completed the survey about booking appointments – it's the last day today.

Y6 AIM event – Nine Year 6 children enjoyed a challenge



Reading Ark – Our Reading Ark is now ready to be officially opened with the children in the key stage 1 playground. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Jeff Nicholls for making and donating our brand new sign.



morning at Oasis Brislington this week. One group enjoyed making pizza and then adapted the recipes for a variety of dietary requirements including vegan, vegetarian, lactose free and coeliac, which they found to be a challenge! One group did a variety of music activities with a range of instruments. The final group enjoyed a 'secondary style' physics lesson learning about forces and constructing items for a purpose, such as building a contraption to carry an egg to the ground safely.



Year 4 and Year 1 Work-alongs – Thank you to all of the parents/carers and family members who came in to enjoy a maths lesson with their children.

The children loved having you there and teaching you. We do hope these events help you feel more confident supporting your child at home. Any feedback is appreciated.

Half term holiday club - Stockwood Free Church invite children from 5 years upwards to their new style Holiday Club, "Backpackers", this coming half term. This will be for two full school days on Tuesday 19th February and Wednesday 20th February from 9am to 3.30pm, with games, stories, crafts etc. Children staying for the day will need to bring a packed lunch. Registration forms are available from p_t_morse@hotmail.com



Photography - Winners of our photography competitions were treated to a visit from professional wildlife photographer Iain Green, last Tuesday. The children first took part in a workshop in how to best take photographs of wildlife and then ventured out into the school

grounds and Stockwood nature reserve to snap some wild life and plant life. Mr. Green will return in March to work with the children again before their photographs are exhibited in Bristol Museum in the Summer.



School uniform – We have noticed a number of children not wearing their plain black school shoes after the Christmas holidays. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct foot

wear ready for school. Thanks.

Young carers – As a school we have access to a whole range of services and charities that we work with and/or can refer into for additional support for our families. We have recently been

informed of a range of support available to young carers and to schools where young carers have been identified. Being a young carer can add additional pressures to our young people, so we would like your help in identifying whether we have any young carers in our school community. If you think your child is a young carer, please get in touch with me, so we can look at whether we can provide any additional support.

Young carers are children and young people under 18 years old who provide unpaid care to a family member who is physically or mentally ill, disabled or misuses substances. The 2011 census identified over 200,000 young carers in the UK, but research by the BBC in 2010 indicates that there are as many as 700,000 young carers living in the UK.

The tasks and level of caring undertaken by young carers can vary drastically.

A young carer may undertake some or all of the following:

- practical tasks such as cooking, housework, shopping
- physical care such as lifting, helping up the stairs and physiotherapy
- personal care such as dressing, washing and helping someone go to the toilet
- emotional support such as listening, calming someone and being present
- household management such as paying the bills, managing finances and collecting benefits
- looking after siblings such as putting to bed and walking to school
- interpreting for parents with hearing or speech impediments or English as an additional language
- administering medication such as insulin needles and preparing daily tablets.

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 on Monday 25th February, they can. Many of our children are proud of wearing their uniforms but the day falls in half term this year, so we are giving them the option of the following Monday. All other children to be in normal school uniform. It would be great to see as many children as possible celebrating this special day.



Learning Together

Term dates 2019/2020 – Please find the term dates for next academic year below for Waycroft Multi Academy Trust.

Term 1 Monday 2nd September 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019

Term 2 Monday 4 November 2019 to Friday 20 December 2019

Term 3 Monday 6 January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020

Term 4 Monday 24 February 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020

Term 5 Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020

Term 6 Monday 1 June 2020 to Monday 20 July 2020

Our **INSET days** will be on:

2nd September 2019

25th October 2019

6th January 2020

17th July 2020

20th July 2020

These are training days for staff only so children will be at home on these days.

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Messages from Mrs Norfolk & Miss Pople –

We are pleased to be welcoming a new member to our team from Monday. Mrs Bennett will be our new Administrator sitting on the front desk. Please help us in making her feel welcome!

The lost property boxes in main reception are looking rather full! We will endeavour to put all lost property outside main reception for parents/carers to have a look through on a Friday afternoon. Lunch boxes that are not collected after several weeks will have to be disposed of.

Thank you for your co-operation!



Well-being and mental health- We have created a 'Change It Team' in school, which is led by Mr Howells and Mr Billington. The children in this team will discuss well-being and how to be a healthier school. We would like some parents/carers or members of the community to join our team. This role would need someone to be able to come in to school for frequent short meetings to discuss how to improve Mental Health awareness, healthier living and overall well-being for the school and the community. If you are interested, please come in and let the office know.

Also please remember that talking is extremely important for your own well-being. Having someone to talk to when you are going through a tough time is a key step on to the road to a positive outcome. Remember Mrs Trickey is available to support families in school – please contact her via the school office.



Sportivator event - On Monday the 28th, KS1 and KS2 will be taking part in the Sportivator event run by the GB Vert Skater and 3 time European champion, Rich Parker. Rich will be taking a break from his 2020 Olympics preparation to come and promote sports in school. Another hope is to raise funds for the school's PE department to buy new equipment. The event last year enabled the school to buy a substantial amount of equipment, such as brand new tennis nets, basketball hoops and a whole set of new netballs, rugby balls and basketballs. The sponsorship forms have been sent home this week- any money raised, no matter how big or small, will go a long way to support the provision of PE at Waycroft. Sponsorship forms aren't due in until Friday the 8th of February. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Craig, Head of School