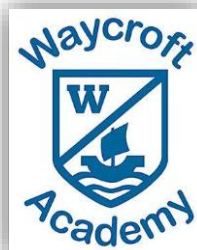


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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back

It has been a great start to the new academic year and the children have settled into school brilliantly.

Applying for an EYFS place

For those children who will be starting **Reception in September 2020**, parents and carers are now able to apply for a place online at: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/primary-admissions>. The deadline is 15th January 2020.

For those children starting **Nursery in September 2020**, you can apply here: https://www.waycroftacademy.com/web/admissions_1/415912. The deadline is the last working day in February.

We are offering tours of the school for prospective parents on the 13th and 14th of November at 10am and 2pm. Please call the school office to book a place.

Secondary School Applications

Y6 parents/carers you should have received information this week regarding the application process for secondary school. For further information and to apply, please go to: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions>. The deadline is 31st October 2019.

Admiral nursery (2 year olds)

Please find a poster for our Admiral Nursery 2 year old provision with the newsletter. If you have a rising 2 year old and think you may be eligible for a place, please feel free to arrange a visit and applications need to be made directly with the local authority. If you know of any local families with 1 year olds, please also feel free to share the information with them.

Key personnel you may need to speak to:



If you come into our main school office, you will be greeted by either **Mrs Bennett**, **Miss Pople** or **Mrs Norfolk** who are happy to help you with any queries, passing on information or to set up a meeting with another member of staff.

Mrs Trickey, our Family Link Worker, leads on our whole school attendance strategy, supports children emotionally in school and is available to provide family support such as if you have concerns about children's behaviour at home, managing children's anxiety or even someone to talk to if you are going through a difficult time.

Mrs Lucas, previously Sage, is our SENCO so please arrange to meet her if you have concerns about your children's needs or progress.

Class teachers are available for meetings/conversations. For the early years and KS1, please catch the teacher at drop off/pick up to arrange a mutually agreeable time or via the school office. For key stage 2, you can catch them at the end of the day or via the school office.

If there is an on-going worry that you haven't been able to resolve with the class teacher, the phase leaders are also able to meet with you.

Early Years – **Mrs Ferguson**

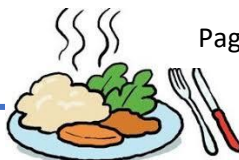
Key stage 1 (year 1 and 2) – **Mr Jenkins**

Lower key stage 2 (year 3 and 4) – **Miss Dennis**

Upper key stage 2 (year 5 and 6) – **Miss Fish**

Any finally **Mrs Sweet** (Assistant Head of School) and myself, **Miss Craig** (Head of School), are happy to meet with and talk to families as needed.

As a school, we want all families to feel confident to come in and speak to us about anything. I can assure you that between us we have a vast amount of experience supporting children and their families and no conversation is too big or too small.



Parent lunches – dates for the diary

Please find below the dates that families will be invited into school to have lunch with their children

Y1	Thursday 26 th September 2019
Y2	Thursday 24 th October 2019
Reception	Thursday 28 th November 2019
Nursery	Tuesday 21 st January 2020 and Thursday 23 rd January 2020
Y3	Thursday 27 th February 2020
Y4	Thursday 26 th March 2020
Y5	Thursday 14 th May 2020
Y6	Special Lunch Friday 12 th June 2020



Aldi sticker collection

This term we're collecting Team GB stickers with **Aldi's Kit for Schools** for the chance to be one of 20 primary schools to win £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school!

From 6 September–3 November, when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB sticker – if our school works together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw!

Please send any stickers you receive into school with your children, or bring them in yourself and put them in the pink box in the office and we will add them to our Aldi's Kit for Schools sticker poster.

The Aldi's Kit for Schools campaign supports the aims of Get Set to Eat Fresh, Aldi and Team GB's award-winning school's programme, which has already beaten its target to reach 1.2 million young people in the UK by 2020, reaching over 1.5 million young people since its inception.



Summer Reading Challenge

If your child took part in the summer reading challenge with the library, please send their certificates and medals into school for our Friday celebration assembly on 20th September so we can take a big group photo and say well done to them all at once.

Support for Parents of Children with Special Educational Needs

Supportive Parents provide Bristol's mandatory Independent Advice and Support Service. This is a service for anyone who requires confidential and independent advice relating to SEND issues. Please use the following link if you would like any additional information about how they can help.

<http://www.supportiveparents.org.uk/how-we-help/>

Work-a-longs – dates for the diary



Please find below the dates of our work-a-longs where a parent/carer can join their child in a lesson. You will receive a letter from teachers nearer the time (Reception parents, you should have already received yours) with the specifics such as subject and times.

YR – term 1	– Wednesday 9 th October
Y1 – term 2	– Thursday 21 st November
Y2 – term 3	– Wednesday 5 th February
Y3 – term 4	– Thursday 13 th February
Y4 – term 3	– Monday 13 th January
Y5 – term 4	– Friday 13 th March
Y6 – term 2	– Thursday 14 th November

Facebook and communication



We are going to be setting up a new Waycroft Academy Facebook page for families to join and find out what is happening in our school. We would appreciate you taking the time to fill out our short survey to allow us to see how you would like to receive key information so that we are not unnecessarily duplicating it.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpDBtOHZjkwA56rtc2znWFxU1d8mueA5qh2cPBJZhOIQ6piQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

Pick up and drop off

Please make sure the children stay with you/are supervised at all times when in the car park at the start of the day and at the end of the day.

Unfortunately on Friday last week, a member of staff's car was damaged by what appears to be a young child drawing a noughts and crosses grid on the paintwork with a sharp stone.



Mission Statement, Aims and Values

Over the past 18 months, all three schools and the Directors have been developing and refreshing the MAT's mission statement, aims and values. The mission statement and aims are for your information. We have launched the values with KS2 this week and will do the same with KS1 next week. The Early Years are going to have simplified values which you will see displayed in their classrooms and will be introduced one at a time, such as 'I am happy'. Over the next couple of years, the children will be involved in creating art work linked to the values to be displayed in school and they will be common themes for our assemblies.

Mission statement

To enable our pupils to be Independent, confident members of the community who are equipped with skills to be lifelong learners to engage with their dreams and aspirations.

Aims:-

1. **Our academies** will provide safe, nurturing learning environments that provide all children with opportunities to thrive and achieve their full potential.
2. **Our staff** will promote the Trust values, be energetic and passionate about what they do, feel valued for their work and having a wealth of opportunities to develop themselves, progress their careers and maintain a good work-life balance.
3. **Our MAT** will welcome schools to join us and work in collaboration through shared vision and values to benefit pupils, adults and the community.
4. **Our assets** will be managed effectively to enable all academies to thrive through collaboration and expertise

Month	I am	I show....	Value
September	Learning	Wisdom	Challenge
October	Inclusive	Teamwork	Equality
November	Flexible	Acceptance	Diversity
December	listening	Collaboration	Empathy
January	Adventurous	Dedication	Resilience
February	Unique	Curiosity	Creativity
March	Mindful	Responsibility	Fairness
April	Being my best	Encouragement	Growth
May	Making a difference	Courage	Honesty
June	Happy	Passion	Commitment
July	Thoughtful	Caring	Compassion
August	Kind	Respect	Community

Breakfast Club reminder



Following the parent survey last term, breakfast club now opens at 7:30am. Please remember to sign up via ParentPay in advance.

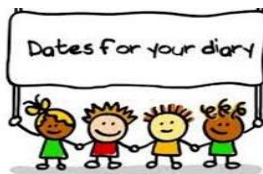
Messy Church



Come and have some fun and share a meal at Messy Church on Monday 16th September 3.45 to 5.45pm at Christ the Servant Church. Bring your adults, everyone welcome!

2019-20 Academic Year Dates & Events

This will be added to as dates are confirmed



October 2019

03.10.19	Census day – please have school lunches
07.10.19	Provisional date for pupil immunisations
22.10.19	Parents' evening 3:30-6:30pm
23.10.19	Parents' evening 3:30-6:00pm
24.10.19	Last day of Term 1
25.10.19	INSET day

November 2019

04.11.19	First day of Term 2 for children
06.11.19	Photographs
13.11.19	EYFS Show rounds
14.11.19	EYFS Show rounds

December 2019

03.12.19	Y6 choir at Brunelcare Christmas service
20.12.19	Last day of Term 2

January 2020

06.01.20	INSET day
07.01.20	First day of Term 3
08.01.20	M&M Productions – Peter at school during the day (paid for by Friends)
16.01.20	Census day – please have school lunches

February 2020

14.02.20	Last day of Term 3
24.02.20	First day of Term 4

March 2020

April 2020

03.04.20	Last day of Term 4
20.04.20	First day of Term 5

May 2020

08.05.20	May Day
11.05.20	Y6 SATs week
21.05.20	Census day – please have school lunches
22.05.20	Last day of Term 5

June 2020

01.06.20	First day of Term 6
10.06.20	FS Induction Evening
17.06.20	KS2 Sports Day 9.20am
24.06.20	KS1 Sports Day 9.20am

July 2020

08.07.19	Y1-Y6 Induction Evening 5:15pm and 6pm
14.07.20	End of Year Reports sent home
15.07.20	Class Swap
15.07.20	Nursery sports day 2:30pm
15.07.20	Report Evening for concerns about End of Year Reports, 3.30pm
15.07.20	Yr 6 Leavers' Service 2pm
15.07.20	Leavers' Disco 6.30pm to 8pm
16.07.20	End of Year Awards Ceremony 2.15pm start, invited guests only
17.07.20	INSET day
20.07.20	INSET day

Clubs



We are aware the clubs list is minimal this term but we were unfortunately let down a couple of times at the last minute for terms 1 and 2.

As a school we do really value clubs and offering broader opportunities for your children but as you can imagine there is an increasing amount of red tape that we need to work through when working with external providers to keep your children safe and this doesn't happen quickly.

Musical theatre will return following Natasha Hingston's maternity leave when she is ready to return and we are currently collating the final details for a gym club to start later this term. We are also looking at a couple of other options for the new year.

MAT Directors



We are looking for people to become MAT Directors – formally known as school governors. Please find attached to this newsletter a letter from the Directors with more information including an expression of interest form. The Directors are looking for board members and/or local academy council members for each of the three schools and roles will be allocated according to people's experiences and expertise.

Learning heroes and courtesy award winners



Our learning heroes over the past two weeks were:

For 6th September 19

Yr3-	Pearl-Anne and Jacob
Yr4-	Megan and Chase
Yr5-	Abi and Bethany
Yr6-	Noah

For 13th September 19

Yr1 –	Maisy W and Leo
Yr2 –	Harry and Miya
Yr5-	Jude H and Ollie J
Yr6-	Georgia

While Maisy W (Yr2), Lexxi (Yr5), Max (Yr1) and Soul (Yr6) were our courtesy award winners.

We are talking to the children about how to improve our Friday celebration assemblies ready for the new year and we are looking forward to hearing their great ideas soon!

Lisa Craig, Head of School