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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers

Learning Heroes – We have two groups of Learning Heroes to report in this newsletter. On 15th March, in our Achievement Assembly, the following children were named as Learning Heroes

Yr 3: Emily and Megan

Yr 4: Stanley and Zach N

Yr 5: Mia and Madison

Yr 6: Timothy and Sandra

On the 22nd March the Learning Heroes were:

Yr 1: Millie P and Peggy W

Yr 2: Kai and Leon

Yr 5: Ben LI and Marley

Yr 6: Abigail and Phoebe J

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

Courtesy Awards – Our courtesy award winners were:

Kadie in year 2, Thomas K in year 5, Finley G in year 2 and Miley in year 3.

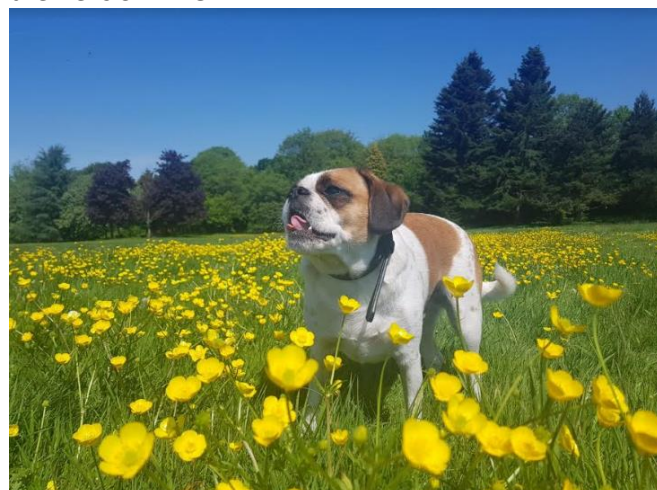


Bristol City Council consultation on term dates – You may be interested in the proposed dates for 2020/2021 school term and school holidays. If you would like to give your views as part of this consultation please follow the link below:

<https://bristol.citizenspace.com/people/school-term-dates-2020-2021>

The consultation will close on 18th April 2019. Once complete the feedback received will be reviewed before a final decision is made. Please note: This is **NOT** notification from the school that these will be our term dates.

Geography photography competition – This term's theme is **SPRING LIFE**.



Email your phenomenal photographs of Spring Life to photography@waycroftacademy.com

Do not forget to write your name and class in the subject line!

Deadline: Tuesday 23rd April 2019

E-safety – Two of our safety team have created some top tips for parents to help them keep their children safe online. Please listen to their podcast at https://www.waycroftacademy.com/web/march_2019/397694 Thank you Ava and Zac.

Y4 Parent lunch – Thank you to all of the year 4 families that came and had lunch with their children yesterday.



Red Nose Day – Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to Comic Relief. The children and staff loved dressing up for this good cause. The children raised £448.78.

Friends' Film Night – Don't forget the Friends' film night next Wednesday evening – please see their Facebook page for details.



Easter Competition – Wednesday 3rd April – Reminder from the Friends - Decorate an egg or create an egg scene to enter. All eggs/scenes should be taken to the child's classroom and will be

judged by their class & teacher. There is a prize per class. Entry is free. Please keep your creation to a reasonable size, no bigger than a shoe box.

Important dates –

March 2019

- 27.03.19 Friends' film night
28.03.19 Dental nurse visiting Y4

April 2019

- 05.04.19 Last day of Term 4
23.04.19 First day of Term 5
25.04.19 Y2 SS Great Britain trip

May 2019

Y2 SATs all month

- 06.05.19 May Day – school closed
13.05.19 Y6 SATs week M-Th
16.05.19 School census day
22.05.19 Nursery farm trip
23.05.19 Y3 Bristol zoo visit
23.05.19 Y5 child and parent lunch
24.05.19 Last day of Term 5

June 2019

- 3rd to 7th Y2 camps
03.06.19 First day of Term 6
07.06.19 Y6 special lunch with parents
08.06.19 Race for Life (Saturday)
10.06.18 Y1 Phonics screening test week M-F
11.06.19 Elen Caldecott author visit
12.06.19 Early Years Induction Evening
12.06.19 Class photos
13.06.19 Musical theatre performance
14.06.19 Y6 First aid training
17.06.19 Y1 Castle trip
18.06.19 KS2 Sports Day 9.20am
22.06.19 Summer Fayre (Saturday)
26.06.19 KS1 and Reception Sports Day 9:20am

July 2019

- 03.07.19 Reception farm trip
10.07.19 Y1-Y6 Induction Evening 5:15pm and 6.00pm
10.07.19 Tom Palmer author visit
15.07.19 Nursery closed due to new intake visits
16.07.19 End of Year Reports sent home
17.07.19 Y6 Churchill trip
17.07.19 Class Swap (This is subject to change depending on staffing for September 2019 due to the ski centre making an error with our booking)
17.07.19 Nursery sports day 2:30pm
17.07.19 Report Evening for parents with concerns about End of Year Reports, 3.30pm
18.07.19 Yr 6 Leavers' Service 2pm
18.07.19 Leavers' Disco 6.30pm to 8pm
19.07.19 End of Year Awards Ceremony 2.15pm start, invited guests only
19.07.19 Last day of term for children
22.07.19 INSET
23.07.19 INSET
23.07.19 Last day of term for staff



Well-being and mental health- The children have been discussing a key British Value in assembly this week: respect. They spoke about how a key foundation of respect is to look after each other and it is sometimes tricky to do that when you do not look after yourself. So the children learnt about some stress management techniques and how to feel happier. Here are five tips and tricks for you to look after yourself:

STRESS MANAGEMENT

TIPS & TRICKS



TIPS COMPILED FROM THE CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION WEBSITE



Year 4 launched their Ancient Egypt topic in style with a whole day dedicated to Egyptian activities! Arriving in school in their best Egyptian costumes, the children first tackled maths based around hieroglyphics, learnt about

Rebecca's trip to Egypt to see the Great Pyramids of Giza, and made and decorated fabulous Egyptian collars! Everyone immersed themselves in the day and got involved with all the activities.

Bagel breakfast – Most children are still enjoying their bagels. We have had a couple of changes to our delivery day over the past two weeks but I have increased the order to prevent further bagel shortages. Fingers crossed for next week.

Staying safe on the roads -

Please can you remind children about road safety and how important it is to not just run across a road. A number of children were seen by parents running straight across the road after school yesterday. The children have been reminded of this in assembly today but is always useful for the message to be relayed at home. Please can I also take this opportunity to remind you not to park on the yellow lines, zig zag lines or on dropped curbs as it blocks pedestrians' views and walk ways. There was an incident after school yesterday that gave a few people a bit of a fright but we are pleased to say everyone is okay.



Dinner Money and High Five

debts – Please make sure your Parentpay accounts are paid up to date. We are having to spend a lot of time chasing up families, who in some cases owe the school up to £55. This means that valuable time and resources are being wasted.



Breakfast club survey – Thank you to the 99 parents that had completed the survey by 8:30pm last night. Please complete this by following the link below if you are yet to do so. It is important that we get as many people's views as possible.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScd7_wlq_yalkq91ajEf_sC--X_Eemmo9S8b28AMtHdWxgguLw/viewform?usp=sf_link

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and families that have provided useful feedback in regards to our future breakfast club provision.



Camp Payments –

Remember, if your child is attending any of our camps (Barton, Hooke Court and Simonsbath) you can sign into parentpay and continue to pay in manageable instalments between now and the deadline dates in order to spread the cost. The deadline for paying deposits to secure your child's place has now passed for all three of these camps. ***If you haven't paid a deposit, but want your child to attend, please notify the office as soon as possible.***

Trip money - It is due to our parents and carers consistently paying the full voluntary contribution that our varied programme of school trips can go ahead; thank you for this.

Can I please remind you that we only ever charge exactly what the trip will cost for your child, therefore, in line with the charging policy.

Following feedback from some parents, we are now creating a fundraising and trip calendar to try to help families budget for upcoming events and we will have a look for ways that we can spread out the costs. Apologies to the year 4 parents who have supported World Book Day, Comic Relief and Ancient Egypt day in the past three weeks. We will try to move the Egypt day in future years.



Look out for our new summer menu coming out soon

– The kitchen team are working hard to create a new menu making sure it meets the criteria for Healthy Schools. Some of the children continue to really surprise us with their enthusiasm to try new food, even if it is just a tiny bit on the edge of their plates!



AIM event - Last Thursday, 12 Y4 children took a trip to West Town Lane Academy for a mixture of coding, drama and puzzle solving activities. The tasks varied from programming Lego constructions to test whether buildings could withstand earthquakes; code breaking in the style of the WWII code breakers of Bletchley Park and improvising in various acting challenges. All the children behaved impeccably and were total superstars!

Parents' evening online booking – We have received a lot of really positive feedback regarding the new online booking system. We are planning on keeping this in place for future years.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Craig, Head of School