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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Changing Weather



The constant changes in weather means the children are constantly taking their jumpers and cardigans on and off. Please make sure all of your child's clothes including their PE kits and lunch boxes are named. Please also ensure they are bringing a coat (with sleeves) to school, which is named. This will help all of us save lots of time!

### Parents' Evening

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October & Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Thank you for your patience with booking parents' evening places. Unfortunately the system crashed on Wednesday morning due to the sheer number of people logging on and trying to book an appointment-sorry for any inconvenience caused. If you still need an appointment or you are unable to book via ParentMail, please contact the office.

**Please note** on both of these dates – school led clubs will be cancelled. Only gym club and golf club will go ahead.

### Annual Book Fayre

Parents and children will be able to purchase books from the fair during both of our parents' evenings. Every book you buy from the book fair helps our school buy more new books for our classrooms and library

### Learning heroes and courtesy award winners

Our learning heroes over the past two weeks were:

**For 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**Yr1-Sienna & Faye**

**Yr2- Jada & Elsa**

**Yr5- Lexi & Fynn**

**Yr6- Connie & Beau**



**And for 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**Yr1- Malachi & Reggie**

**Yr2- Isabelle B & Bobby**

**Yr3- Corey & Kai**

Our courtesy award winners over the last two weeks were: Harry (Yr2), Bella (Yr6), Joey (Yr1) and Blyss (Yr5)

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!

### Hooke Court Camp



**Y4 Camp** - The children have had a fantastic time on camp this week. They constructed shelters using items they found in the forests and all enjoyed toasted marshmallows and a camp fire sing song in the evening. After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast, the children donned their Victorian outfits and spent the day learning about what it was like to be a child during the 19th century by practising their handwriting, using a quill and ink and sewing their own bookmarks. As well as experiencing how Victorian servants washed the clothes of their employers, the children had fun playing Victorian games. In the evening, a Victorian feast was served. Following this, the children were enthusiastic to take part in a dance under the chandeliers. The boys bravely asked the awaiting girls to write them on their dance cards and learnt some tricky steps before heading to the dance floor. All the children were great sports and participated with eagerness. Camp went out with a bang with den building and river study taking place on our final morning. All of the children were much quieter on the coach home after an exhausting but fabulous three days away at Hooke Court.



### 2020 Nursery Admissions

For those children starting **Nursery in September 2020**, you can apply here:

[https://www.waycroftacademy.com/web/admissions\\_1/415912](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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of November at 10am and 2pm. Please call the school office to book a place.

### **Accelerated Reader**

We have been made aware of some confusion with Accelerated Reader as well as having received some useful feedback. The scores (ZPD) that your child receives give a range of challenge for your child to be working at. Children should be reading a school book within these scores about 80% of the time, so there is opportunity for children to read other books that are of interest to them or that are recommended or even just for pleasure. As you can imagine the books we are getting the children to choose to read in school are within the levels, but if you have a book from home that the child reads independently, they can still quiz on it and the results of these quizzes can be looked at.

The breadth of the reading score is to:

- Build the children's ability to choose appropriate books for their comprehension level so they can capitalise on their reading experiences (a number of our children do like the easy option!)
- Give a range so that the books are sometimes challenging or sometimes comfortable to develop their enjoyment of reading as we would do as adults

Your child's range is personal to them – the range gets wider as children become stronger readers.

- The lowest number in the scores represent books that are fairly comfortable for your child to access and fully understand and be able to ask questions about the content, vocabulary and the impact on the reader. If your child finds reading difficult or they really don't enjoy it, this is likely to be the best place for them to be choosing from to start to build confidence and develop their skills in a structured way with small steps.
- The midpoint would provide some challenge for your child on one or all of these areas. This is where children can be developing their reading skills through challenging themselves.
- The higher numbers within the range would be more challenging for your child and they are highly likely to need adult input to: check they understand all of the vocabulary, they may need to re-read sentences to ensure they understand meaning and/or there may be some themes they need to get clarity on such as if the book was set in a historical period which is very different to their own experiences.

We have some further staff training coming up regarding ZPD scores, so when children receive updated ranges later in the year, we will ensure the ZPD score is at least in line with where they were previously, as some children have been worried about regressing. Teachers will communicate with you via your child's reading diary with any specific individual recommendation such as to suggest your child reads two books from the top of their range as a challenge or suggest they read from a narrow range for a few weeks to develop confidence but this will be on an individual basis and can be discussed with your child's class teacher if you would like clarification for the reasons.

We apologise for any inconsistencies that you have experienced at the start of the year, this is the first year to year roll over we have done since the programme implementation. Please can I take this opportunity to reiterate that we are happy to hear from you, as parents and carers, as we can't adapt things if we don't know – these minor clarifications/adjustments have been really easy to act on very quickly. We are here to help and we all want what is best for your children.

### **Poppy Appeal**



Our year 6 children will again be selling a range of poppy pins and other poppy merchandise at Parents' Evening on both Tuesday and Wednesday evening and again after school Wednesday 6th November to Friday 8th November. If your child would like to purchase anything please provide your child/ren with a suitable donation.

### **Children in Need-15<sup>th</sup> November**



If children would like to come into school wearing items of a 'Spotacular' theme they are more than welcome on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov to support Children in Need. Donations can be given to teachers as children arrive into class.

## Waycroft Academy School Uniform



There have been a number of conversations between families and staff regarding uniform over the first few weeks of term. Please can I remind you of our uniform expectations – this is in line with the expectations over the past few years and can be referenced online at:

[https://www.waycroftacademy.com/web/uniform\\_list/295004](https://www.waycroftacademy.com/web/uniform_list/295004)

### The uniform for boys and girls is as follows:

- School cardigan, sweatshirt or fleece in royal blue (embroidered with the school badge and house name).
- White shirt with a collar or white polo shirt.
- Smart shorts, skirt, trousers or pinafore dress in grey or black. (No jeans or leggings).
- Blue and white gingham dresses can be worn when the weather is warm enough.
- White, grey or black ankle or knee high socks.
- Black or blue tights.
- **Plain Black flat shoes** with laces or buckles or **flat black ankle or calf length boots.**
- **Long hair to be tied back.**
- One wrist watch.
- **Children with pierced ears may wear up to one pair of small studs preferably not to be worn on PE days.**
- Outdoor coats
- Wellington Boots

### PE Kit (Not required for Nursery children)

- Plain white short sleeved T shirt or house T-shirt (yellow, red, blue or green).
- Black sports shorts.
- Black or navy blue jogging trousers and a black or navy blue plain sweatshirt from Y1 upwards
- Sports trainers or black slip on daps. Children will not be allowed to wear their school shoes for PE.
- Drawstring PE bag

At school adults will encourage pupils to be in full uniform and represent their school with pride.

Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name and check regularly that this has not washed off.

Our uniform supplier is Price and Buckland. To see what they sell and to order online please follow the 'order uniform online' link on the Waycroft website under the 'Parents' tab and register/login online.

## 2019/20 Autumn/Winter Menu

Look out for our new lunchtime menu coming soon!



## No nuts please!



We have a few children now who are allergic to nuts. Please can you make sure that you are sending no products containing nuts into school as this could have a devastating outcome in the hands of the wrong child. This includes items such as satay sauce, Nutella bars and a number of cereal bars. Please help us to keep all of our children safe.

## Staff Changes

We have said a fond farewell to Miss White who has moved to Cornwall after 20 years of working at Waycroft! We wish her the very best of luck in her new ventures. We would like to welcome our new Teaching Assistant, Mrs Haynes who will be joining us on Monday 14th October.

## Shakespeare Club

The Shakespeare club went to a workshop at the Trinity Centre on Wednesday. We met our professional actor directors, Joanne and Hamish, who were able to guide us during the morning. We played some fun warm up games and then learned about ways to engage the audience with our



skills. Then we did a 'trailer' for the other school at the workshop to watch. We then watched their's. After that Joanne helped us improve the scene we acted ready for a final showing. We had a fantastic morning and we are now even more enthusiastic about our performance of Twelfth Night on November 21st. If you haven't got your tickets yet, you can buy them from the Tobacco Factory Box office.





### Whitchurch Poetry Event



Next week, we are working with Whitchurch Primary school as part of a cluster event. The children will take part in writing class and individual poems and preparing some of their poems to be performed and others to be given to our partner school in the form of a poetry anthology. Many other local schools are taking part in the same event including Holymead, Wicklea, St Anne's Infants, Broomhill Infants, Broomhill Juniors, Woodlands, West Town Lane, Hillcrest and Redfield Educate Together. This is an exciting opportunity for all of our children in KS1 and KS2 to be involved in a local event. Please note: the children in KS1 will be walking to Whitchurch Primary School next Friday for this celebration of poetry.

### Aldi sticker collection



We have 16 stickers to go to reach the completed target!

Thank you to everyone for bringing in the stickers we have received so far, please keep them coming!

### Morning reminder

Please remember that no children should be on the school site unaccompanied before 8.45am, unless attending breakfast club. There are no staff to monitor them and therefore it becomes a health and safety issue- thank you for your support with this.

### Year 2 Hindu Temple Visit



Year 2 had a fantastic trip to the Bristol Hindu Temple on Wednesday. They explored the temple and learnt lots about the Hindu faith, even watching the priest make a candle. The children shared their knowledge of Ganesh with the priest and were able to ask questions, which they had created.



### Lego Event at Stockwood Library



### **in the Library**

**Saturday 12th October  
11am  
Stockwood Library**

Celebrate this year's libraries week with our fun LEGO and DUPLO building session at our local library!

### **BRICKS NEEDED!**

& parents/guardians must be present the whole time.

[friendsofstockwoodlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstockwoodlibrary@gmail.com)

### Christmas Cards



Reminder - please note the deadline is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to return your designs!

### Friends AGM

Thank you those that attended the meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Please see the attached letter from the Friends.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Craig,