



Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 Carymoor Trip

Year 4 had a fantastic day at Carymoor Recycling Centre. We learnt all about the landfill and how waste is recycled. We flew to Sierra Leone to find out how people reuse waste to create homes to live in and products to sell. They were very engaged and asked lots of questions. We were very impressed with their super behaviour.



Sportivator



We were very lucky to have Isabel Haigh come and visit us on Monday 10th February. Year groups 1 - 6 took part in different exercises and cheered each other on. We were so impressed with the perseverance of the children and the energy they brought to the event. A reminder that sponsorship money is due next Monday (24th February).



World Book Day



A reminder that World Book Day is just around the corner. This year it will be held on Thursday 5th March and is again a chance for children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Half term might provide the perfect opportunity to think about a costume ahead of time. There are some amazing ideas online - some of them manage to capture the essence of a book character without too much effort or cost, ideally using items already at home. It's the idea and discussion around it that really matters. Most of all, have fun!

Attached is World Book Day homework where your child can design their favourite character using a potato? Bring your potato creation to school on World Book Day!

Year 3 Work-a-Long

Thank you to those that came along to the work-a-long. The children had a great time playing games and learning about time. Pictures can be found on our Facebook page.

Safer Internet Day 2020



To mark the annual event at Waycroft Academy children spent the afternoon discussing and taking part in E-safety activities. Our year 5 and 6 E-safety Ambassadors spent an hour visiting each year, seeing what they were doing and chatting to the children about their learning. They gathered these quotes:

'Don't share passwords or give them away,' year 4 child.
'Sometimes online things can pop up and you might not expect it,' year 2 child.

'I learnt what flaming is,' year 6 child.

'Leaving passwords for someone to see is like leaving a key to your house,' year 3 child.

'Don't talk to suspicious people,' year 5 child.



Parents Evening

Don't forget
parents
evening!

Booking for Parents' evening is now live and the deadline for booking appointments on ParentMail will be Friday 21st February 2020. The office will be able to book appointments after this date if needed, providing there is availability.

Dates for parents' evening are: Wednesday 26th February 3.30 – 6.30pm and Thursday 27th February, 3.30 – 6.00pm.

Data Collection Sheets

You should have all now received a data collection sheet for your child/ren. If you haven't already done so, please return this to the school office if there are any changes to the information we hold about you or your child. It is important that we have the most up-to-date information for all contacts listed. Thank you.

Key dates for term 4

Work-a-long dates

Y5 – Term 4 – Friday 13th March

Parent Lunches

Year 3 Thursday 27th February 2020

Year 4 Thursday 26th March 2020

February/March 2020

24.02.20 First day of Term 4

27.03.20 Year 2 Trip to SSGB

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

Deposit Reminders and ParentPay Accounts

Please note camp and trip deposits are due by Friday 28th February. Please also ensure any debts on ParentPay are cleared ready for the beginning of the new term.

Homework survey

We will be closing the homework survey on Monday 24th February, so please complete this if you would like your views considered.

Children's medication



Please can you make sure that all medication for children is handed in to the school office; clearly labelled and that it is never kept in children's bags. We have had a couple of occasions recently where medicine has been found by children in their bags, so other children could have had access to it. This is particularly important if parents are packing bags when children are going home with different people or child minders. We are happy to store it safely, even if we don't need to administer it in school.

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 24th February, they can. 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 heroes and courtesy award winners

Our learning heroes over the past two weeks were:

For 7th February 2020

Yr1- Daniel, Luna, Eva & Ryan

Yr2- Amelia, Olly, Miya & Luca

Yr5- Harry, Blyss, Olivia & Bradley

Yr6- Danny, Laney, Lydia & Alfie



Our courtesy award winners were: Mia C (Y1) & Summer (Y3)

For 14th February 2020

Yr3- Kadie, Sawyer, Theo & Millierose

Yr4- Esme, Rebecka, Ava & Charlie

Yr1- Cooper, Kami, Reggie & Maisie E

Yr2- Gabriel, Lucy B, Jacob N & Millie D

Our courtesy award winners were: Lucy (Y2) & Ava (Y4)

Happy Half Term

We hope you all have a happy and safe half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 24th February.

Please can you also have a look for library books as we have quite a few outstanding. Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Craig

Lisa Craig, Head of School

