

# Wallscourt Farm Academy

A really warm welcome to all at Wallscourt Farm Academy. We are really delighted to welcome back all our children and families, and the new academic year is already underway. The children in Beech Learning Zone have settled back in really well, and with their new class names – Pheasants with Ms Smith, and Woodpeckers with Mr McLean, they are starting to make their new learning zone their own! Miss Jones and Mrs Malone also join the team in Beech in their Teaching Partner and Lead Reading Teacher roles. The new children have also started in Oak Learning Zone this week, and we are so proud of how they are getting on. It was also a real privilege to visit the children in their nursery and home settings, to get a real sense of them as learners.

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## Events Calendar

Monday 1st September	INSET- School closed
Tuesday 2nd September	Term starts for Beech – Y1 Oak Learning Zone Visits
Monday 22nd September	All children in full time – Welcome to Oak Learning Zone families
Friday 24th October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 3rd November	INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
Tuesday 4th November	Term 2 starts for all children

## There is such thing as a free lunch!



SCHOOL MEALS- as promised, all infant aged children are now entitled to a Free School Meal every day. However, we are still able to claim additional funding for families who were previously eligible for a free school meal. Please ask if you are not sure, and complete the FSM from asap and return to us.



Please make sure that all children are in full school uniform and have a suitable coat and wellies, as it is turning to Autumn now ☺

Please let us know if someone else is collecting your child at 3:15

# Learning and community updates

**Academy Update** –We are really grateful to all those families who returned their recordable speech bubble. We used the feedback from these and the children’s reports during our INSET day, to think carefully about evaluating the year and planning forwards for this year. All the devices were numbered and we do need you to return them, but we hope you will be able to take a few moments to record yours or your child’s thoughts for us- Many thanks ☺

**Community updates- City Car Club-** There is going to be a City Car club scheme starting on Cheswick, with the car located at the far end of the drop off zone, prior to the district centre being completed. Further info to follow.

**Parenting Course at Windmill Hill Farm- Parenting Talks with Catherine Coulter- for children 0-9 years old.** TO FIND OUT MORE AND ENROL ON A COURSE

go to [www.windmillhillcityfarm.org.uk](http://www.windmillhillcityfarm.org.uk) or email Catherine for information only at <http://www.bristolchildparentsupport.co.uk> call 0117 9633252 or pop in Monday to Friday 9-5pm

## Gatherings/Assemblies!

For the children in Beech Learning Zone, we will be starting to hold celebration assemblies or gatherings on Friday mornings. We will be inviting families to join us, if your child is having a certificate. We will invite you in advance and please let us know if you can’t make it and we will switch the date over if at all possible. If you know you need lots of warning, please let us know in advance. Gatherings will be from 9:10-9:30 starting next week.

## Welcome Zone

We wanted to let you know that Mrs. Claire Murray will be off for a little while, and whilst she is away Mrs Esme Whitlock will be covering the welcome zone. Esme will be in the office as much as possible and will deal with any queries and support as far as possible. However, there may be times when the welcome zone is manned by Noodle only, and you may have to pop back if you need to see someone. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## South Glos– The South Gloucestershire Discover Festival 2014

The Discover Festival runs from 11 September to 31 October with an exciting programme of over 200 events – of which over 150 are free! For a full programme and to book events, go to [www.southglos.gov.uk/discover](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/discover).

## Wallscourt Farm Academic Year 2014-15

**Term Dates- Please only book holiday during these times. We are not able to authorise holiday taken during term time. Attendance is closely monitored at Wallscourt Farm, and we need to work together to ensure that children are in school and accessing learning every day.**

### Wallscourt Farm Academic Year 2014-15

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October  INSET DAY – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December  CLF INSET DAY- Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January- Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February  PAC- INSET – Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March  NO INSET	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April- Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May  NO INSET	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June- Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July  CLF Wide INSET- Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July  INSET DAY Transition- Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July