

# Wallscourt Farm Academy

We are so delighted to welcome children and families back to Wallscourt Farm Academy.

We hope all our families enjoyed the summer holiday, and thank you all for your support in preparing children to come back to school – ready and raring to go!

The children have settled into their new Learning Zones in Year 1 - Beech and Year 2 Willow really well, and it has been really exciting to welcome our new children and families into Oak Learning Zone. There has already been so much learning taking place; class names chosen, records broken, welly boots worn and new children welcomed to Wallscourt Farm Academy.

Over the year we have planned a whole host of exciting and enriching learning experiences, both within and beyond the school. We have been planning events with Future Leaders, CCA and beyond. Read on for further updates.

## Issue 1, September 2015

### Events Calendar

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| Monday 5th<br>October<br>3:00- 3:30      | <b>Meet the teams in KS1</b><br><br><b>Parents are invited in to meet the teaching team</b>         |
| Friday 9th<br>October 2:30               | <b>Harvest Gathering for all families – we will be making a collection of food and other items.</b> |
| Monday 12th<br>October<br>AM             | <b>Individual and Family Photos- Concept Photography</b>  |
| Wednesday<br>14th October<br>6:00-7:00pm | <b>New Reception Families – Curriculum Information Evening</b>                                      |
| Saturday<br>17th October                 | <b>Engage Dance Festival – Year 2 Children performance</b>  |

### Welcome back to WFA



During the summer holiday the whole team spent lots of time in Wallscourt Farm Academy, planning and preparing for the year ahead. The Year 2 team have transformed the empty green space into Willow Learning Zone! The children have chosen the names for the classes – Squirrels with Miss Gescir and Otters with Miss Black. Children across Oak, Beech and Willow Learning Zones have settled into the new year really well, and have been writing Rights and Responsibilities Charters and planning their Enquiries.



**Attendance is a key priority, and the impact that missing school has on children’s learning is HUGE. Please make sure your child is in school EVERY DAY to support them in their learning.**

# Learning and community updates

**Academy Updates** - The teaching teams have been so pleased with how well the children have settled into their new learning zones. As part of the progression and transition, the team in KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) would like to invite you to pop in on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 3:00-3:30** and they will share some updates about how learning is organized in Beech and Willow Learning Zone. We will supervise the children so parents/carers can focus on the information and it doesn't get too crowded in the Learning Zones! We will share the slides online and try to film the short meeting for any parents who are not able to make it.

**Engage Dance Festival-** This term, the children in Willow Learning Zone (Year 2) have begun creating a dance with 2 specialist dance teachers – Kenzi and Penny. The project is part of a South Glos wide schools project – and there will be a dance showcase, held at the WISE Academy on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Timings of the running order will be confirmed soon, and this is a morning Dance Festival – ALL WELCOME.

**Rights and Responsibilities update**– Please note, we talk to the children about making sure that they are making safe choices at Wallscourt Farm Academy. We have planned a safe route through the playground for scooters, on the left hand side of the playground, up and around the red roundabout. We would also ask that families supervise children before school opens. The children know we all have the right to be safe, and the responsibility to keep others safe. Shortly we are hoping to run some scooter safety sessions to help the children make safe choices when on their scooters. In addition, we are closely monitoring parking, whilst we await the adoption of the drop off zone the Staff Car Park remains open, but ALL families need to drive with care.

**Project Grow Update** – During the summer break, our resident artist, Francis Thorburn was on site and has created the most amazing outdoor classroom sculptures to further develop our Learning in the Natural Environment curriculum at Wallscourt Farm Academy. During October, Francis will be working with a range of people to plan a community event for all the families – the date for this event is to be confirmed, and we will let you know as soon as possible.

**Wild Wonder Bristol Eco Summit** - The exhibition will be open to the public at The Bristol 2015 Lab in the Harbourside on the weekend of **26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September**. The children from Reception and Year 1 last year took some fabulous photographs, learning alongside a professional photographer- Iain Green. This project will showcase some of the photos taken by children at Wallscourt Farm Academy.

**Wallscourt Farm Academic Year 2015-16** 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.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2015 Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2015	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2015 – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 -Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2016- Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2016- Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 – <b>INSET- JULY 8<sup>th</sup></b>  Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016
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