

Wallscourt Farm Academy

Welcome back to Wallscourt Farm Academy! It has been so lovely to see the children settle into their new learning zones over the past couple of weeks, and we have been delighted to welcome the new learners into Oak Learning Zone. Today is the first day that all the children are in full time, and we are so pleased to grow again as a school. The learning zones are buzzing with creativity, collaboration and curious learners of all ages!

Reminder - Community update – we have asked the local council again for an update on the road markings for the drop off zone – this is still in process. The parking allocated to school is set by the council. Please plan to walk to school if you possibly can. **Please park considerately and do not park illegally.** Please remember to drive safely and responsibly for the safety of all of our children and families. This is everyone’s responsibility.

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Events Calendar

- Thursday 1st September 2016 **Welcome back to Wallscourt Farm!**
- Monday 3rd October 2016 **CCA meeting at school – 6:00pm – all welcome.**
- 10th October **Farmer Nick visit Oak Learning Zone**
- 12th October **RSPB visit for Bird Watch**
- 14th October 2:30pm **Harvest celebration – Whole School Gathering. We will be asking for a collection of goods to donate to a local food bank.**
- Friday 21st October **Last day of term for all children.**



We have been growing things in our allotments!

Thank you to all those families who were able to help before the summer to manage the ever present weeds in our allotments! The children have started regular growing and planting sessions (and some weeding too!) and our newly appointed Green Ambassadors will be helping to set up the regular monthly gardening sessions across school.



Splatts Abbeywood – if you are keen to join this community group and support with local woodland please get in touch – slattsabw@gmail.com. We are hoping to hold a community event in November in the woodlands.

Please make sure we have the most up to date contact details including mobile number and emails for our school comms text and email service. [Follow us on twitter @wallscourt](#) and

Learning and community updates

Academy Updates - Routes around school – As the school grows, we need to make you aware of the routes around school. Please make sure you drop children off through the garden rooms and leave the way you came. Children in Year 3 are now in Acer Learning Zone at the front of school. If you need to see a member of the office/admin team, please come in through the main entrance and wait in the front foyer. Afterschool, the children are always encouraged to take all their things with them at the end of the school day. If you need to come into the school office, please remember the office hours are 8:30-4:00pm. If you need something in breakfast club or afterschool club the leaders can help and pass on any information to the team. Alternatively you can book an appointment with the staff team. All information regarding timings is included on the website – under information for parents/carers. These safe routes are to ensure the safeguarding of all children.

Medical information– Please make sure we have the most up to date medicines if your child needs to have medicines administered by our team. You will need to complete a form for us to be able to support with this. See the Welcome Zone team to complete this essential paperwork. In addition, we have some new head bump bracelets, which are for more serious bumps. If you notice your child has a bracelet with some information on please check this carefully and keep an extra eye on them at home ☺

CCA –Our Community Cultivation Group is the WFA version of a PTA- we wanted to be named after our purpose, and the focus is all about growing and developing community within and beyond Wallscourt Farm. Over the year the CCA help plan and deliver a range of activities and events for children and families. We have also managed to raise funds for the group to be self-sufficient and to begin to contribute to additional enrichment experiences for the children. All proceeds will go to the CCA and the group will be consulting this term with the children and teaching team to decide on how to spend some of the profits for all to enjoy. Our first meeting of the year will be held on Monday 3rd October at 6:00pm at Wallscourt Farm. If you are interested in joining this group please let Miss Weaver or the Welcome Zone know. We are really keen to get some new members from Oak Learning Zone to join us this year.

Community Updates - we include information about community events in our community noticeboard which is displayed outside the main entrance. We will also share updates about events in this newsletter. In November we are hoping to hold a joint event in Splatts Abbey wood – more info soon.

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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. The impact of missing school days is significant and our Attendance Welfare team work closely with the school.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Monday 5 th September – Friday 21 st October	Wednesday 2 nd November 2016 - Friday 16 th December	Wednesday 4 th January 2017- Friday 10 th February 2017	Monday 20 th February 2017 – Friday 7 th April 2017	Monday 24 th April 2017 – Friday 26 th May	Monday 5 th June – Friday 21 st July July 7th 2017 – INSET – CLF Conference