

Wallscourt Farm Academy

Happy New Year to all our families – we are so pleased with how the children have settled back into school, following all that festive fun on these frosty mornings!

The term is already flying by, and the children have been engaging in lots of different learning experiences this term. We are all getting stuck into our new learning enquiries and adventures and have been busy planning a range of events – including our Project Grow celebration.

We have a Parents/Carers workshop coming up, on **Tuesday 26th January at 6:30-7:30pm**. This will be an opportunity for each year group to share key updates about learning and assessments from each learning zone, and to support you in helping your child with their home learning. Please come along to this event if you can.

The School Gates Running club is still running! See flyers/information if you are keen to get involved and get fit for the new year!

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Events Calendar

- Saturday
23rd January **Project Grow Community Event – see posters and flyers for further details.**
- Tuesday 26th
January 6:30-
7:30pm **Parents Workshops – All about reading – come along to find out more about how to help your child in their learning.**
- Friday 5th
February **Last day of term for all children.**

Children come back on Monday 15th February 2016
- Friday 26th
February
7-10pm **Save the date – CCA event for ADULTS ONLY!**

Quiz and Food – further details to follow!

Story telling with Martin Maudsley!



This week, the children from Oak, Beech and Willow Learning Zones have been learning alongside Martin Maudsley, storyteller extraordinaire. They have been sharing stories and ideas for Martin to craft and write a story especially for Wallscourt Farm Academy as part of the **Project Grow Community Celebration** event on **Saturday 23rd January 11:00-2:00**- We hope you can all join us for this event!



Attendance is a key priority. 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. Holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Learning and community updates

Academy Updates – Next term will be our next round of Family Learning Conferences- and these will run in the final week of Term 4 – so, for diary planning purposes – we are hoping to hold these meetings during the week beginning 21st March – Mon 21st and Weds 23rd March. We will share further information nearer the time and will take bookings for these at the start of next term.

Term dates - Just a general reminder to check term dates with the team in the Welcome Zone, on the bottom of this newsletter or check the Wallscourt Farm Academy website. We are aware there are some unofficial websites advertising incorrect terms dates for schools. Please check below if you are not sure. The term dates for the next academic year (2016-17) are just being agreed across the Cabot Learning Federation, please ask if you need these dates in advance.

TRO - Information from a member of our Academy Council is that the Traffic Regulation Order to adopt the drop off zone is almost in place. Please remember, when this is in place the staff car park will have to be locked for the safety of the children and from a legal point of view in terms of insurance. Please start to plan for this and find sustainable routes to school where possible.

Out of hours reminder – please remember that Breakfast Club **must** be booked in advance, and runs from 8:00-8:30. After school club, which runs from 3:15-5:45 **must** also be booked, and all booked sessions are charged as we have waiting lists.

Future Leader Representatives - A big thank you to Jane, Anne and the team at Asda, Filton – they nominated Wallscourt Farm Academy for the Community Green Tokens scheme – which is currently running in the Asda store. We will link with our Future Leader Representatives to plan how to invest these funds.

The Green Ambassadors would like to invite you all to come along to our **Project Grow Community celebration on Saturday 23rd January**. Francis Thorburn, the artist who has directed the project will be planning a fun filled day and we really hope as many people as possible will be able to join us. We have displayed posters and shared flyers to give you more of a flavour of the types of activities – this is an **outdoor** event – **so please wrap up warm!** The day promises to be a really exciting community event.

CCA – Community Cultivation Alliance – The CCA group are meeting on Monday 18th January at 6:00pm – all welcome to come along and get involved in planning family and community events for the rest of the year, including starting to plan the Summer Fair! The next event will be ADULTS only quiz and food sharing evening to be held on Friday 26th February – more information to follow.

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 nd September 2015 Wednesday 21 st October 2015	Tuesday 3 rd November 2015 – Friday 18 th December 2015	Tuesday 5 th January 2016 -Friday 5 th February 2016	Monday 15 th February 2016- Thursday 24 th March 2016	Monday 11 th April 2016- Friday 27 th May 2016	Monday 6 th June 2016 – INSET- JULY 8th Thursday 21 st July 2016
Tuesday 1 st September INSET	Monday 2 nd November INSET	Monday 4 th January INSET			July 8 th INSET July 22 nd INSET