

Wallscourt Farm Academy

The term has flown by, and we are coming to the end of this short term already!

We were really pleased that so many families and members of the community made it to our Project Grow event earlier this month.

It was great to see families from each year group at the Family Learning Workshop for parents/carers last week. The home learning information has been sent home to those who couldn't make it, and we will share the slides on the website.

Please see below for further updates including key information regarding attendance for all children. We hope that all families received the test email and text that we sent out last week. This text and email service adds a further communication method for the team at WFA to link with families. The learning zones are also beginning to use Twitter, and will share updates with families.

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Events Calendar

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| Friday 5th February | Last day of term for all children. |
| Monday 15th February | Term 4 starts for all children. |
| Friday 26th February 7:30-10:30 | CCA event for ADULTS ONLY. Chilli Con Quiz! |
| 3rd March | World Book Day – this event will be marked with a range of activities. Further information to follow. |
| Monday 21st and 23rd March | Family Learning Workshops – Information and booking forms at the start of next term. |

Project Grow Celebration Event



We were so pleased that so many members of our community were able to join us for the **Project Grow Community Celebration** event on **Saturday 23rd January**. The event saw a whole host of members of the community join us, including Martin Maudsley, the storyteller and Jeff the Bee Man, Steve England, the team from Incredible Edible and many more. The event ended with our lead artist, Francis, sharing rides on his magnificent flying machine! Thanks to all.

Learning and community updates

Academy Updates –Following a meeting with our Attendance officer, we would like to remind ALL families that children are not permitted to take holidays during term time. The effect that missing school has on learning is significant in terms of children’s progress, attainment and their friendships and behaviour for learning. Following a change in the law, unauthorised absences may result in a fine. We thank all families for their support in this matter.

Family Learning Conferences- 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, these meetings will be held during the week beginning 21st March – Mon 21st and Weds 23rd March. We 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 Walls court 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.

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. **Holiday Clubs** - We are linking with Sports heroes/1st Sports to plan a holiday club for the community. Please let us know if you would be interested in your child/children attending this. The club will trial in the May holiday for 2 days during the week. The providers would then be hoping to run the club for a couple of days during each week of the summer. We are keen to gauge interest in this provision, so please let Miss Weaver know if interested.

Community Updates - The Outdoors Project HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS: Indoor Climbing at Clip & Climb, NERF battles, Forest School, Bush Craft Survival, Circus Skills and much more. Mon-Fri, 10-14.30, £22 (£28 for climbing). For more details go to www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

CCA – Community Cultivation Alliance – The CCA group are busy planning event, including the Chilli Con Quiz, on 26th Feb, and the Summer Fair. We would also like to remind families that we collect and sell on Pre-Loved Walls court Farm Academy Uniform. Please donate as your children grow out of their WFA uniform, thank you.

Walls court 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 Walls court 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 |
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| 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 |