

# Wallscourt Farm Academy

Wow, what a busy term – so much has been going on over the last 4 weeks, with lots of learning, celebrations and community developments, and even a solar eclipse to boot!

We were so pleased that lots of families joined us for the CCA Curry and Quiz, and lots of people wanted the recipe from Pudseys for the chutney too. The following week we celebrated (a belated!) World Book Day – thank you to everyone for coming back to Wallscourt Farm Academy, in your PJs and sharing a bedtime story, and a HUGE cookie, thanks to our Super Chef Nic.

This week we are looking forward to welcoming ALL families back for our Family Learning Conferences. This is an opportunity to come in and meet with the teaching team to talk through your child's learning, progress and how to further support with home learning.

Read on for further updates and key information...

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### Events Calendar

Friday 27th March Term 4 ends for all children

Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th March Family Learning Conferences

Monday 13th April Term 5 begins for all

#### Summer Uniform Update

If the weather brightens up, children can wear summer clothes – including **Blue** checked dresses and Short trousers. We are ready for the sunshine! ☺

Friday 22nd May Term 5 ends for all

### A solar eclipse to enquire about!



On Friday last week, the children from Oak and Beech Learning Zone got together for a shared learning experience. We watched the live feed in our Superclassroom, talked about our right to be safe, and our responsibility to make the right choices. Then we went outside if we wanted to (almost all did!) and used pinhole cameras and colanders to explore and enquire about the effect of the eclipse. The children did an impromptu round of applause! We talked about the fact that next time it happens we will all have been all through WFA!



Please remember children need to be in school everyday during term time. Appointments need to be booked outside of school hours where possible. Attendance makes a big difference for all.

# Learning and community updates

**Academy Update** – We are now at the stage in the year where we are planning ahead for next year, where our school will grow further, and welcome a new cohort of learners into Wallscourt Farm Academy. Over the past 2 weeks, we have been interviewing and appointing teachers and teaching partners to join our fantastic team. We will share names and faces of the new members of staff as soon as possible, and will of course plan in lots of opportunities to meet them in the future. We also need to wish well to our amazing Lead Reading teacher, Mrs Malone. Laura’s family is relocating to Cambridge, and unfortunately for us, this is too far to commute! We will have a new Lead Reading Recovery teacher in the following term.

**Parking** – We wanted to take this opportunity to remind families that it is essential everyone takes responsibility for the care and safeguarding of children and the wider community. We are aware that parking at schools is limited, but we would remind all families to park safely, considerately and within the law. We are working with the council and our local CPSOs on this issue. **Our Academy Council have made very clear recommendations to South Gloucestershire Council regarding the adoption of the drop off zone. We will update you as soon as we have more information.** Many thanks for your support in this matter.

**Community updates- CCA** – We wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the CCA Curry and Quiz evening earlier this term. It was a really fun evening and the quiz and curry seemed to go down well with everyone. We got people to suggest and submit questions for the next quiz. Special thanks to all those in the CCA who helped plan, organize and run this event. **We are planning for a member of the CCA to join in with our Academy Council meetings, and vice versa – to ensure clear communication between these 2 groups.**

**Sports and Pupil Premium** As detailed in our reports online, we have an amount of funding allocated to the school for Sports and Additional funding. We have employed specialist coaches to work with the teaching teams to develop high quality Physical Education across the school. We have also funded a range of enrichment experiences including work with artists and visits to UWE and Stoke Park. In addition we run a range of additional learning interventions for children across the school. **Our Academy Council monitor the impact of this spending.**

## Charity Events

Future Leader Representatives are working closely with the teaching teams to think about community charities – locally, nationally and internationally.

We recently made a donation to Comic Relief- thank you to all those who donated.

We will soon be gathering a collection for Sal’s Shoes – nominated by a new parent. **More information to follow.**

## 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	Monday 13 <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