

Wallscourt Farm Academy

Well, what a super busy term it has been so far! The children have been exploring and enquiring, and learning so much in each of the learning zones. The term is flying by and we are heading towards Spring. We have Family Learning Conferences coming up, which children are welcome to come along to. We call them Family Learning Conferences, as we very much see the children are the heart of the learning conversations, and the teaching team have been spending time with each and every child, talking through their learning journeys.

We will be sharing the results from our Family Feedback questionnaire at the meetings next week, so you can read others comments and get a sense of the self-evaluations we have completed.

Next term, to further develop our outside learning environment, particularly at lunchtimes, we are investing in a Playpod. We will send out some more information about this early next term – but we are all really excited about this development. Read on for further updates...

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Events Calendar

Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd March	Family Learning Conferences for ALL.
Tuesday 22nd March 2:00 and Wednesday 23rd 9:15am	Year 1 Performance Please note, only the children in Year 1 – Beech Learning Zone are performing this show.
Thursday 24th March	Last day of term.
Monday 11th April	First day of term for all
Monday 11th	6:00pm CCA meeting

Celebrating World Book Day



We were so impressed with the range and creativity that the children put into World Book Day. We held a series of mini enquiries in each learning zone, and the children make some great connections to themselves as authors, and the value and purpose of reading. It was a great opportunity for shared learning. Thank you to everyone.

Learning and community updates

Academy Updates –Following some feedback from families we have made a minor edit to our Top Ten. These are our Key Values and they were created when we wrote the vision for learning, but they are reflective of our school community, and we want to ensure they are shared values, understood by all. So, we have changed one to Happy, Healthy, Humane. This is all about supporting children and families to think about themselves and others. All the posters, displays etc are all still very much on display and a key part of our Learning Community. Thank you for the feedback on this, and for your support.

Musical lessons – This term, Year 2 have been learning pioneers. They have been working with Ben, the Harmonica Man, who is an international harmonica player. He has been coaching the children and adults to play the harmonica, via video link tutorials. This is a ground-breaking project and the children (and teaching team) have been fantastic at taking on this new learning challenge with relish! We will keep you posted on how it develops. We will also be checking to see what extra-curricular/tuition music sessions the children might like to experience, as from Year 3 we can offer music tutors through the South Glos Music Hub. Further updates soon.

Just to let you know, the parking restrictions on the drop-off will be in place soon, and as soon as they are, the STAFF CAR PARK will be closed. We are still working hard to get the council to reconsider opening the bottom gate, but in the meantime we are looking at other options for the main gate. Thank you for your patience and please remember to act safely and responsibly to ensure the safety of the children, adults and community.

Family Learning Conferences- These meetings will be held during the week beginning 21st March – Mon 21st and Weds 23rd March. Please make sure you have booked an appointment. We will do our best to stay on time – please remember, appointments are 10 mins each. If you need a further follow-up meeting please arrange this with us.

Term dates - The term will be confirmed by CLF ASAP. We do know that children will start back on Monday 5th September 2016, and we will follow the same term dates as South Glos. We will confirm final INSET dates in the next couple of weeks.

Community Updates – Come and Sing – this is a female New Harmony Choir which runs from the Church Hall of Horfield United Reform Church. Any queries – 07548 907359.

CCA – We were really pleased that those who attended the Chili con Quiz night had a great evening. We are trying to find out what sort of events you would like moving forward and we will be asking you to tell us your ideas! The cake sale for Willow Learning Zone raised £50! This term the families in Oak Learning Zone have been asked to provide Cakes and Snacks. The cake sale will be on the final day of term – Thursday 24th March. PLEASE PARK RESPONSIBLY – WE WANT THIS TO BE A POSITIVE END TO A FAB TERM! Thanks you for your support with this.

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
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