

# Wallscourt Farm Academy

We were really pleased to welcome all families back to Wallscourt Farm Academy, as part of our family learning conferences. We hope you all enjoyed the break. The children have all settled back into life and learning at Wallscourt Farm Academy really well this term, and we are so excited about all the learning, progress and events that will take place over the next two terms.

As we move through this academic year, we are also beginning to think further about effective transitions for all children, moving up and onto the next phase in their learning journey. We are also really looking forward to welcoming a new group of children into Oak in September, but we have lots of time, events and learning to focus on before the summer!

At the bottom of the newsletter we have outlined the term dates for 2015-16- agreed across CLF

Read on for further updates and key information...

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### Events Calendar

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| Monday 13th<br>April             | Term 5 starts for all                          |
| Tuesday 21st<br>April 1:20pm     | Academy Council Learning<br>Walk - Mathematics |
| Monday 27th<br>April 6pm-<br>7pm | CCA meeting at Wallscourt<br>Farm Academy      |
| Monday 4th<br>May                | Early May Bank Holiday –<br>NO SCHOOL          |
| Friday 22nd<br>May               | Term 5 ends for all                            |

### Around the world... to WFA!



Late on Wednesday evening, a surprise visitor landed in the Sports field at Wallscourt Farm Academy. A hot air balloon landed on the grass! The children have been so careful to look after the grass, and so patient, as it will not be ready to use until at least the summer. So, it was quite unexpected when the balloon turned up after school in the middle of the week. Still, it made a fun story to share with the children the following day.



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 delighted to let you know that we are in the process of recruiting new teachers to join our growing team in September, and we will introduce you to these new members of staff as soon as possible. We also welcome Katie Pound Harrington, who is our Teaching Partner in Beech Learning Zone in Year 1, and also Amy Woolnough, who is our new Lead Reading Teacher.

We will be welcoming a further 60 children and families to Wallscourt Farm Academy, and we are planning a range of events for the coming 2 terms. We will share these with you as soon as we have our new families list from the local authority and can invite our new children to be part of these events.

**Summer Uniform and P.E. Kits** – Now the sunshine is out, the children are welcome to move to Summer uniform. This includes blue checked dresses, and short trousers if preferred.

ALL children also need a P.E. kit in school everyday. Please check if you are not sure what children need.

Hats and sun cream can be worn, and we ask that if children need to apply sun cream during the day, they bring in a labeled bottle of cream and they will need to apply this themselves.

Please do not allow children to wear sunglasses or open sandals for school.

**Community updates- Academy Council** - We hope you found the newsletter from the Academy Council useful to give you an overview of the work of the council. This week, they will be joining in with the learning across Oak and Beech Learning Zones as part of a learning walk. The council will be looking at mathematics as a focus.

**CCA – Community Cultivation Alliance** – The CCA will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to plan the summer events, including the summer fair. If you have any ideas or thoughts on how to make this really successful, please let us know.

## Wallscourt Farm Academic Year 2014-15 and looking ahead to 2015-16

**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.

| Term 5                                                     | Term 6                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April- Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June- Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July |
| NO INSET                                                   | CLF Wide INSET- Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July              |
|                                                            | INSET DAY Transition- Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July        |

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