Wicklea Academy

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Children in Need & Kindness Week

Tomorrow is Children in Need. For a small donation children can wear non-uniform. No dressing up costumes or cropped tops are to be worn.

To celebrate Kindness Week we are also encouraging the children and staff to wear odd socks.

Christmas Performances

This year our Christmas performances will be on:

Tuesday 17th December – Years 3 & 4

Thursday 19th December - Years 5 & 6

Each child can have up to 2 families members attend. There will be a 10am and 2pm performance. You will need to book to attend **one** of these. We must use a booking system due to fire regulations and the capacity of the hall.

A link to book onto a performance will be emailed out early next week.

Main Reception Doors

As many of you know, we have had new door security installed. When you come to Reception you will need to press the intercom button and a member of staff will let you in.

Please can we request that you stand back from the doors and wait for them to open. They open slowly if you stand to close as a safety mechanism. **Please do not pull the doors to open them.** They have already been broken as a result of being pulled.

2024/25 Term Dates

- Term 2 Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December 2024
- Term 3 Tuesday 6th January to Friday 14th
 February 2025 Inset days 6th Jan
- Term 4 Monday 24th February to Friday4th April 2025 – Inset day 24th Feb
- Term 5 Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23th May 2025
- Term 6 Monday 2nd June to Tuesday 22nd
 July2025 Inset days 4th & 7th July

INSET DAYS

Monday 6th January 2025 Monday 24th February 2025 Friday 4th July 2025 Monday 7th July 2025

Key Dates for the diary

15th November – Child in need non-uniform day

25th November – Scholastic Book Fair begins

27th November – SEND coffee morning

29th November – Non-uniform day – PTA donations for Christmas Fair

6th December AM – School Nurse drop in session

6th December – Christmas Fair after school

16th December – PTA winter shop

17th December – Y3&4 Christmas performance

18th December – Festive dinner

19th December – Y5&6 Christmas performance

20th December – last day of term

PE Days

The PE days this year are:

Year 3 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 4 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 – Monday & Wednesday

Rather than the children change in school they are to wear their PE kits on these days.

Free School Meals

If you feel you may be entitled to free school meals, you need to complete the form on the council website to check. If you are entitled to them the council will let us know. Sometimes there is a delay in us receiving this information soplease email in the confirmation email you get sothat we can make sure you are not charged for any meals taken.

The link to the application form is below:

https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/travel-and-

Lip Balm

We have lots of children starting to bring in lip balm. It is fine for the children to do this but please make sure they bring in something that is plain, i.e. not coloured or flavoured. They are also not to share it with their friends.

Younger Children at the End of the Day

Many of you bring younger children with you when you come to pick up your children. Please make sure they stay with you and do not run around the reception, car park, courtyard or climb on the fences.

Absence

Please can we remind you to ring the office if your child is going to be absent from school. You will need to give details of why they are off. Please ensure you are specific with the reason. Also, if your child has an appointment to attend you will need to provide evidence of this appointment. This is now the DfE expectation on all parents and carers. This can be in the form of a letter, appointment card or text message.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastic book fair during the week beginning 25th November. The children will have chance to look at the fair during the school day then it will be open after school for families to make purchases. We are hoping to take both cash and card payments or for you to order online. We will send out more details next week.

St Annes Cleaning Vacancy

St Annes Infants have some vacancies for cleaners. If you would like more details please contact the school on 0117 9031435.

Contact Details

If you have changed any of your contact details, please can you let the office know so that we can update our records. Please could you also make sure we have a current email address.

Free English (ESOL) Courses

There are new English (ESOL) courses starting for parents/carers of all CLF pupils. The classes are free, are for 2 hours a week (during school hours), and will start in January 2025. This is suitable for parents/carers who are beginners in English.

There is an enrolment day on Wednesday 4th December. Details are on the poster below.

Bristol Parent Support

Below is a poster containing information about Parenting Support from Bristol City Council. There is a QR code on there to gain more information.

Sandy Park Lights Switch On

Message from the Sandy Park Locals & Traders:

♣ ★ Exciting News! Join us for the Sandy Park Road Christmas Lights Switch-On! 🎉

Date: Saturday, 23rd November, 2024

Partial Time: 2 PM - 6 PM

Get ready to kick off the festive season in style! Enjoy a magical afternoon up and down the high street with activities for everyone:

Face painting

Handcrafted gifts

Balloons

Candy floss

Mulled wine

Santa's Grotto

Delicious food options

№Performances by local school choirs

Let's come together to celebrate our community and support our fantastic small independent high street shops. Bring your friends and family and make some wonderful holiday memories! See you there!

Message from Unique Voice

To mark this year's anti-bullying week, we have the following FREE webinar sessions available to all primary parents/carers which you are most welcome to cascade amongst your school community.

Unique Voice Anti-Bullying Parent / Carer Session
Wednesday 20th November

1.30 - 2pm or 4-4.30pm

In this workshop the Unique Voice facilitators will explore the following with parents/carers;

- Support in understanding the risks
 of bullying situations and identifying signs and
 symptoms.
- Empower you to build upon your role as your child's trusted adult.
- Give practical and creative tools you need to recognise, report and resolve bullying situations.

To attend the event please register FREE here. (All registered attendees will be sent a Zoom link closer to the time)

We maybe only 2 weeks into term but have already started to enter the festive period with the children learning their Christmas Performance songs. I am sure they will come home singing them soon.

Please make sure your child is coming to school with a coat and that their name is in it. We have had a coat go missing last week. Please check that your child has not come home with it. We know that coats are expensive so if your child bring one home that is not theirs, they must bring it back.

Mrs Morris and the Wicklea Team







Beginners English Classes

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Have you got a child in a CLF school?
We are offering free ESOL classes for adults.









Location: Beacon Centre, City Academy Bristol

Classes start: January 2025



Enrolment day: Wednesday 4th December,

10am - 1pm



Limited places! Ring 0117 954 2806 to book.







Bristol Parenting Groups

- Are you pregnant or a parent of a 0 8 year old?
- Would you like to add ideas and skills to your parenting toolbox?
- Would you like to develop more confidence in your parenting?
- Would you like to understand your child better?

Free groups for adults run by Bristol Children's Centres

Scan here to find out more and register your interest!



Your parenting toolbox:

Nurture

Empathy

Praise

Connection

For more information please call: **07721 311 497** or email: **psso@bristol.gov.uk**

Once you have registered your interest via: **www.bit.ly/BristolParentingGroups** we will be in touch to find the best group option for you.

Listening









