Dear families,

As we approach December, we can look back on some exciting learning across the Academy with children having completed their Author enquiries and are now moving into wider curriculum enquiries. We will be sending our annual questionnaire out this term to gather your views on what the Academy is doing well and any areas you think we could do better. This is an important part of our self-evaluation and we look forward to receiving your responses. We have some staffing updates for you. Towards the end of term, we will be welcoming back Miss Hannah McDonnell, our Vice Principal and SENCO, who will return to WFA after her maternity leave. She will be returning for four days per week with Miss Black continuing as Vice Principal for the 5th day. Miss Amber Driver has started to teach in Year 1 on a Tuesday before returning to her post at the end of Term 2. We would also like to tell you that Mrs Kate Wiggan and Mrs Amy Culverwell have decided not to return after maternity leave to spend time with their young families. Finally, We would like to congratulate Miss Karslake and Mrs Braddock who have both had their babies and Mrs Katie Hutton who is expecting a baby in Spring 2022. We will be appointing a teacher for her maternity leave early next term.

30th November 2021

Events Calendar

| 10 th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
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| 15 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| 17 th December | Last day of term |



We are really excited to have the opportunity to join a project which is looking at whole school approaches to equality and diversity and how schools might ensure that children and families do not experience discrimination or identity based bullying. This is a year long project and will include some parent voice questionnaires which we will send out in the new year. We would appreciate as many responses as possible in order to get a wide range of views.

Oak Learning Zone Nativity 13th, 14th 15th December

We will be sending more information to Oak families shortly regarding the Nativity performances which will be live this year but will be subject to restrictions on numbers.



Please make sure we have the most up to date contact details including mobile number and emails for our school comms text and email service Follow us on twitter @wallscourt and the learning zones @YRWFA, @Y1WFA, @WfaYear2, @Y3WFA, @Y4WFA, @WFAYear5, @WFAYear6 @WFAtheArtists These are official school twitter accounts





On the 10th December, children and adults are invited to wear a winter or Christmas themed jumper/outfit. We will be asking for £1 donations form anyone who joins in and this money will be donated to the Save the Children charity.

Trim Trail and Monkey Bars

Please do not let your child use any of the outdoor equipment at the beginning or end of the school day. This equipment is for use during learning time only.

Important Reminders:

Due to serious allergies we are a **nut and seed free** school – please do not send these items into school as part of a packed lunch.

To help us return any misplaced items to their correct owners please ensure that you label all of your child's clothing – we can then pop these back into the correct garden room when found. Emails: If you would like to contact us please ensure you email <u>info@wfa.clf.uk</u> as our schoolcomms system does not always allow us to access replies to emails sent.

| Term Dates 2021-22 | | | | | | |
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| Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 | Term 5 | Term 6 | |
| Monday 6 th September – Wednesday 20 th October 2021 INSET – Thurs 2 nd Sept Fri 3 rd Sept Thurs 21 st Oct Friday 22 nd Oct | Monday 1 st November- Friday 17th December 2021 | Wednesday 5 th January- Friday 18 th February 2022 INSET- Tuesday 4th January 2022 | Monday 28 th February- Friday 8 th April 2022 INSET- Wednesday 16 th March 2022 | Monday 25 th April –Friday 27 th May 2022 | Monday 6 th June - Friday 22 nd July 2022 INSET-Friday 8 th July 2022 Friday 22nd July 2022 | |
| 2021 | Please only book a holiday during school holidays. We do not | | | | | |

authorise holidays taken during term time.