

17th December 2020

Dear families,

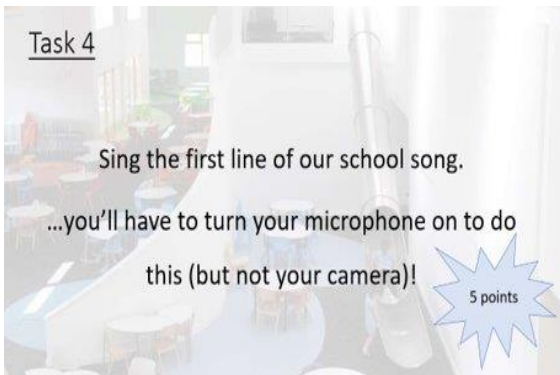
As we come to the close of Term 2, we look back over a term that has not been without its challenges; staggered start and ends, staggered lunchtimes, no whole school Gatherings or singing face to face, no mixing of year groups – we have had to be creative and imaginative in how we continue the sense of ‘one learning community’ However, we have been astounded at the resilience of our learners and our whole staff team as they adapt to new ways of being in school.

We have also got some festive treats for you this week as we have had to create alternative options for performances such as Ukelele, Brass Ensemble and of course our wonderful Nativity. I would like to thank the Teaching Team in Oak for their flexibility and commitment to trying something completely different and a huge thank you to Helen Rea who has filmed, recorded, edited, created and polished each performance to such a high standard. I know you will enjoy them when the links are shared with you this week. Only people in receipt of the links can view the films and we request that you do not share them on social media.

We wish you all a happy holiday and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Remote and blended learning

Two year group bubbles had to close but the children and adults adapted to remote learning with a positive attitude that we see so often here at WFA. The teaching teams have had to adapt their teaching and resources so that any children who are self-isolating can still access the learning that is taking place in school. We have been teaching other year groups how to access their Teams accounts so that they are well-prepared for accessing learning should they need to in the future. Year 4 presented Teams challenges so that each learner was able to use the microphone, chat, hands up and camera functions.



Whilst we hope that we have no further bubble closures, we will be sharing some further guidance regarding remote learning after the holiday.



What have Willow Learning Zone been doing this term?

Willow Learning Zone have enjoyed being scientists this term whilst answering their Enquiry question 'Why should we eat healthy food?' This week the learners made some delicious fruit smoothies, from their own recipes and today have written these recipes as instructions so families can be super healthy over the festive period! (But you can still nibble on some chocolates!)



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

CCA updates

CCA 'When I grow up..' competition.

There were an amazing number of entries for the competition. Thank you to everyone who entered. The winning entries are as follows:

Oak – Vienna

Beech – Niara

Willow – Olivia B

Acer – Zachary R

Maple – Joseph R

Hazel – Katie M

Elm – Isobel C

Katie actually said to Ms Kelham after winning, "I so enjoyed writing it that I wouldn't have minded whether I won or not."

The children received a certificate from Ms Kelham and a book token from CCA. The winning entries were shared in a Celebration Gathering on Monday morning and the link for this has been shared with the families of the children whose entries were chosen.



Parking

As you are aware the car park at the school is for staff only. We have staff in and out at different times of the day and therefore cannot have children in the car park being dropped off or collected. From a Safeguarding perspective please do not park in the car park even if the gate is open and do not use the car park as an entrance to the school when walking.

Safeguarding over the holiday

At WFA we have a confidential Safeguarding mailbox which is checked every day and will continue to be checked until 23/12/2020. If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please contact us using the following email address.

safeguarding@wfa.clf.uk

You can also contact South Glos Access and Response on the following numbers - 01454 866000 Monday to Thursday 9.00 – 5.00, 4.30 on Friday
01454 615165 out of hours and at weekends.

Term Dates 2020-21

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Tuesday 1st September- Friday 23rd October 2020	Monday 2nd November- Friday 18th December 2020	Monday 4th January-Friday 12th February 2021	Monday 22nd February- Thursday 1st April 2021	Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May 2021	Monday 7th June - Wednesday 21st July 2021
INSET – Tuesday 1st September, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October 2020	INSET – Friday 18th December 2020	INSET- Monday 4th Jan uary 2021	INSET- Wednesday 17th March 2021 Good Friday 2nd	May Bank Holiday Monday	INSET- Friday 2nd July 2021

Please only book a holiday during school holidays. We do not authorise holidays taken during term time.