

...in the news!

25th June 2018 Summer Term

This newsletter will keep you updated with events at Wheatfields Primary and it is intended to add to the information you receive on a regular basis from your child(s) class teacher in the weekly 'Learning Review' and termly curriculum letters.

Staffing

There are staff leaving and new staff joining the school this year. Mrs Guest, Dr Tape and Miss Howe are all leaving Wheatfields in July. Mrs Guest and Dr Tape are relocating to Devon and Bath respectively. Miss Howe and Miss Beardall are leaving Wheatfields to pursue other teaching opportunities. Miss Cracknell has been accepted on a teacher training course starting in September. Kirsten Bilby is moving schools to be a SENCo and Mrs Triola is leaving Wheatfields to retire and return to Italy. Italian lessons will continue at Wheatfields and once I know the name of our new teacher, I will be able to let you know.

All of the staff that are lucky enough to work at Wheatfields always add their kindness and teaching skills to our team. We wish everyone that is leaving us an exciting time and a smooth start to all of their new ventures!

Joining the school are 3 new teaching staff and 3 new Learning Support Assistants. Miss Alice Baker and Miss Amber Parkinson join the Wheatfields teaching team and Mrs Tai Aina, returns to the Wheatfields teaching team! In addition, we welcome Ms Laura Perry, Dr. Victoria McCabe and Mrs Raheela Kausar who are joining the Learning Support Assistants team.

Assessments week & reports

Children in all years have completed assessments ahead of their school report that will be sent home on the 10th July. Well done to all pupils that have been so proud to show their progress in learning this year, compared to when they started in this year group.

Changeover morning is changing to Jump Up!

On Thursday 5th July, the children will be spending some time with their new teachers. All of the children will bring home a map of where their new classroom is and the name of their teacher(s) on Thursday 5th July. This is Jump Up to new year groups! It is an exciting time for all the children and staff as we look ahead to next year and we do it early enough so that any worries that the children may share with us can be resolved. The year 6 pupils will have 2 days transition time at the Ivo on the 12th and 13th of July this year. Year 5 pupils will have their Jump up time to year 6 on Friday 13th July this year.

Competition time!

We are running a SAFETY poster/sign design competition that is FREE to enter for all children that attend Wheatfields. The design MUST help people to remember to WALK in the school grounds with their scooter or bike. The winning design will be printed and put up on the bike/scooter shelter and the gates coming in to school. The design can be on A4 paper either portrait or landscape. There are no restrictions on media other than the fact that the design needs to be printed up. Computer aided designs can also be entered. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize and the closing date is Monday 9th July. I look forward to seeing all of your entries! The children have been told that parents can help but the work must be the children's!

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Sports Day

We were so lucky with the weather for our Sports Days this year. The points totals for each of the Sports Days are still TOP SECRET and will be revealed at the awards assembly in school. Details on the next newsletter! The attitude of the children was very good during all of the sports days. Thank you to all of the parents that took the time to come and support the children too.

Uniform

It is the time of year when our older pupils in particular can challenge the boundaries when it comes to school uniform rules. Just a reminder that the correct school uniform needs to be worn until the end of the summer term. Please speak to Mrs Thornton if there is a reason why your child cannot wear their school shoes or school uniform. Also please make sure names are in sunhats or on sun cream that your child puts on. We are encouraging the children to drink to think! Re-usable water bottles can still be purchased from the school reception for £1.50.

Open Evening & PAWS Summer Fair

You will be able to look around the school and visit your children(s) new classroom(s) during Open Evening which is on at the same time as the Summer Fair. Thursday 5th July 5.00pm – 7.00pm. There will be exciting things to do and to buy on the school field and playground and the teachers are available in the school building to visit and chat to. It is a good opportunity to visit your current class and teacher and then move on to the next one. If you have something specific to discuss with a teacher, we would ask that you make an appointment for another time as Open Evening is not the right time to have a meeting.

PAWS need help with the summer fair. PAWS are short of adults which means that we might not be able to run an event similar to previous years. On average, the funds raised for the school at a Summer Fair is over £1000. This makes an enormous difference to the additional opportunities that the children have whilst in school. For example, in the past, PAWS money has brought the permanent outdoor play equipment and the stage and lighting for school performances totalling around £12,000! Schools are continually challenged with tight budgets and next year will be no exception. If you can help even for half an hour, please email Lisa Gledson at thegledsons@hotmail.co.uk and help to raise much needed funds for your school. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

We aim to give you as much notice as possible for school events. All dates can be found using the calendar on our school website www.wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk. You will also receive our Calendar of Events detailing events through the school year.

Mrs Theresa Thornton, Headteacher.