

...in the news!

19th July 2017

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.

Driving Improvement

We continue to work hard to drive improvement at Wheatfields to strive for the best possible outcomes for all pupils. Following analysis of our assessments and tests in year 2 and year 6, the areas for development for us as a school are writing, including spelling, problem solving and reasoning and shape, space and measures in maths. Although our teacher assessments of writing in year 6 have improved to 73%, already by the end of EYFS, the first year in school, there is a large gap between attainment for boys and girls writing. The more writing opportunities our pupils have from a very young age, at home and at school, the better their outcomes will be. Another opportunity that will make a big difference to your children's confidence and learning in maths is to learn their times tables and to practice counting objects and things when you are out and about.

Staffing

I am sure that you will want to join me in saying thank you to the staff that are leaving Wheatfields at the end of this term. Mrs Coulter, Mrs Puzzar and Mrs Gow are retiring this year having given many years of service and care to many Wheatfields pupils and families. Ms Granger is leaving to become an Education Welfare Officer for South Cambridgeshire. Mrs O'Brien is leaving the admin team to begin the process of secondary teacher training. Mrs Norman is leaving Wheatfields to take up a new teaching position in Thongsley Fields Primary School and Mr Ritchie is leaving Wheatfields to go travelling.

We welcome Miss Hazel Vickers to the Wheatfields teaching team in year 5 and Miss Alex Whittle to the teaching team in Year 2. In addition we welcome Miss Rebecca Cracknell, Mrs Jackie Maloney, Mrs Melica Cutbush and Mrs Sarah McLeod to our team of Learning Support Assistants. Finally, Miss Verney gets married in the Summer Holidays and we wish her well in her new life together with her husband.

PAWS

Once again our Summer Term events have been well supported. The Summer Fayre raised over £1,000 and was a great success. Both quizzes were well attended and the Frozen Fridays were popular. This year the main fund-raising project was to raise funds for some non-fiction books. We have been able to raise enough money for these and the school have purchased the books. PAWS have also funded other smaller projects in the summer term like the cross country, a new fish tank, Viking Day and the new starter water bottles.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported PAWS this year. All the parents/carers, children, teachers, helpers and everyone involved. Have a great summer!

Carnival

Saturday 8th July was carnival day in St Ives celebrating Community. Wheatfields Float looked fantastic and was decorated with pictures from across the school showing features unique to St Ives. The year 6 pupils

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wore uniforms to represent the clubs and activities on offer in the community as well as uniforms representing the emergency services. A HUGE thankyou to the group of year 6 parents that worked so hard under the guidance of Miss Keane and Mrs Probert to put the float together. The year 6 pupils and staff on the float showed great resilience; when the music stopped, they didn't! Congratulations to Eastfield, awarded first place and to Wheatfields for coming second.

Nut Free School

There are pupils attending Wheatfields that have an allergy to nuts. Please can you avoid nut products when providing a healthy snack or a packed lunch. Thank you for your continued support.

School Meals – 5 Stars!

Congratulations to Lyndsay and the team for achieving 5 stars again following an inspection by Environmental Health of our school kitchen. School meals will be charged at £ £2.10 for children and £3.00 for adults and if you would like to try a school meal or join your child for a school meal when it is their birthday – please let us know.

Signing in system

During September we will be letting you know about our signing in system for pupils that are late in to school or that have had an appointment. The entry system allows us to have an instant report on who is on the school premises at any given time as well as providing us with the security checks necessary to keep pupils and staff safe.

And finally...

It is a privilege to work with such an incredible team of dedicated hard working and talented people at Wheatfields. They really do go beyond what is required to educate and care for your children. The drive for improvement continues and we look forward to a visit from HMI, next academic year, to see our progress. Thank you to parents and governors for your continued support and interest in Wheatfields. I hope you have a good break over the summer and we look forward to seeing you on September 5th when the Autumn Term opens.

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.