

...in the news!

Friday 27th November 2020

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.

Face coverings

There have been more concerns raised from parents about parents who are not wearing face coverings outside of school or in the playground at drop off and pick up. Whilst the school cannot insist everyone wears a face covering, government guidelines state that wearing of a face covering does help to reduce the transmission of the virus and no one wants a bubble or the school to close. Therefore the school would strongly advise all parents and carers to wear a face covering, even while keeping a 2m distance. Should any parents or carers need to come in to the school front entrance you are required to wear a face covering, unless you are exempt.

Cambridgeshire Tier 2

To support schools with some clarity on the tiers, the Local Authority have pulled together [a summary from the latest government guidance](#) which you may find helpful. For Parents/Carers, school arrangements remain the same.

Christmas at Wheatfields

Things will be a bit different this year but Wheatfields Christmas will still happen! Thank you in advance for your support with this, especially if you have pupils in more than one year group.

- Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner for all year groups is on Tuesday 15th December. This day is fondly known as Christmas Jumper Day but the children can wear anything Christmassy if they don't have a Christmas Jumper ☺
- Children can bring in Christmas cards for people in their own class or bubble only. Each classroom will have a postbox. The cards will be distributed 48 hours later (following quarantine) and taken home by the children. To make this manageable and safe, each teacher will send out dates during which the children can bring cards in for their class which will be around a 3 day window. I am sorry but cards will not be accepted outside of this window.
- A class or year group film (suggested theme is Christmas Traditions) is going to be made to share with parents and carers we will let you know how you can access the films nearer the time.
- Each class/year group will let parents know when to wear Christmas outfits for the film recording.
- Any school items for the children to take home will be quarantined (48 hours) before sending home.
- Should any children/parents/carers wish to send in a gift for the staff they can be brought in and quarantined (48 hours). Thank you.

Messages

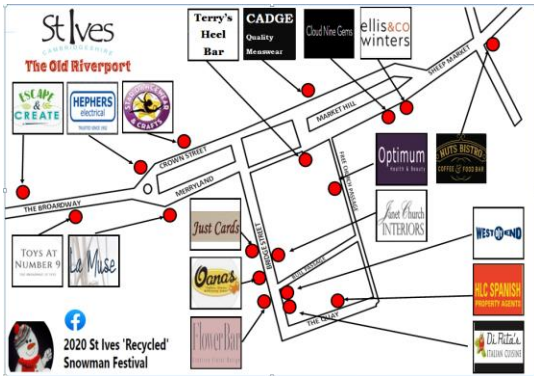
Thank you to pupils and parents/carers that have taken the time to send in their positive messages so far. There is no deadline so please keep them coming!!

Snowman Project & Facebook page

In addition to the Snowman project mentioned in our last newsletter, there is Facebook page '2020 St Ives 'Recycled' Snowman Festival' that has just been launched. If you visit the site there are also details of a Snowman Elf Trail. 18 retailers are displaying Elves carrying 18 letters which make up 3 words for the Christmas season. When they discover the words, children are asked to request their parents to direct message their answers to the Facebook page, where 10 winning entrants will be randomly selected and 10 winners will each receive a £20 voucher, donated by the Town Team, to be spent in St Ives Shops. Good luck everyone!

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Odd requests...Log discs and a van

We have been offered some free furniture from a local business only 5 minutes away from the school which is amazing but we need a van, preferably free of charge, to get the furniture to school. If you think you can help, please get in touch. Also EYFS are doing a project using discs of tree trunk that are about 3-4 cm thick. If you think you may be able to help us with this, we would love to hear from you.

Parking

The Police have asked parents and carers to contact them using 101 if you notice any unsafe parking on the roads near the school, thank you.

Safety before school

Physical safety this time - just a reminder for pupils and parents to step off of scooters and bikes at the school gates and walk onto the playground. It would also help us if you can let your children know that they don't need to run into school if their classmates have already disappeared and gone in to school. There is 10 minutes for them to get to their class doors safely and it would be good to avoid early morning first aid cases. Thank you!

Home learning if self-isolating or a bubble closes

If your child needs to self-isolate because their bubble is closed, please use the learning platforms that are on our website that can be found here https://wheatfields.eschools.co.uk/website/home_learning_programmes/247503. Providing that the teacher is not unwell, learning will be emailed to you over the next couple of days using the class email address or learning will be provided using google classroom. To help you to access google classroom there is further information and a helpful parent guide on the school website that can be found using the link above. If your child is self-isolating because a member of the household tests positive then the class teacher will be in touch as soon as possible with home learning tasks to complete that are closely linked with learning in school. If you have any questions about home learning when your child is self – isolating or if a bubble is closed, please email your child's teacher in the first instance. Thank you.

Managing Children and Young People's worries

Wheatfields is fortunate to be part of a project where a team of trainee educational psychologists can offer support to children and families who may need help to manage worry. If you would like further information or support for your child, please contact the team using the email address ccs.mhst@nhs.net. Please mention that your child attends Wheatfields.

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Covid email address

In order to respond as soon as possible to any illness or absence from school due to covid symptoms we have set up a covid@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk email address. Please use this email address to notify us of any covid related absence and when you receive your negative test result and are able to email us the result.

Should you or a member of your family receive a positive test result phone the school immediately. If it is the evening or weekend send an email using covid@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk

If there is a positive test result at the weekend or during evenings we need to know as soon as possible to be able to make the necessary arrangements in school and communicate with parents whose children are required to self-isolate.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Thornton

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.