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Wednesday 6th April 2022

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. You will also receive additional information from Wheatfields Preschool and Kids Club.

I hope you are all enjoying the Easter break! What a busy half term we have had with plenty of challenges but also plenty to celebrate. We said a fond farewell to Mrs Jo Wareing who has worked as a midday supervisor, cleaner and as a member of staff at Kids Club. We wish her well in her new job. We also celebrated a magnificent 32 years of work at Wheatfields by Mrs Penny Benn who retired at Easter. She will be greatly missed by pupils and colleagues and we hope she enjoys a well-deserved rest.

As always, your children have shown great determination in their learning and pride in their wonderful school this half term. We have had some fantastic class assemblies, a couple of whole school assemblies face to face, our public speaking competition, planting, Van Gogh painting and Viking Day amongst many other things. It has been good to be able to bring back some school events and a real bonus to be able to welcome parents into the school again this half term. Well done everyone!!

Public Speaking Competition 2022

This is a Wheatfields tradition and one that we are exceptionally proud of. Covid didn't get the better of us and thankfully, we were able to go ahead this year! The pupils in KS2 are asked to write a speech about something that interests them. They perform their speech to friends in their class and then their year group and finally 2 year groups. It is our expectation that all pupils have a go and take part and Mrs Probert organised a wonderful competition. Pupils this year worked doubly hard and went out of their comfort zone because they had not had the opportunity to reflect on speeches from previous years. This year winners were presented with a third, second and first place within their year group. A huge thank you to PAWS for funding the prizes. All of the pupils through to the final performed their speeches brilliantly and it proved difficult to decide on the winning order. However, I am delighted to say that the winners were-

- Year 3 - first place went to Lexi with Freya and Kaelen runners up
- Year 4 - first place went to Matthew with Charlie and Jacob runners up
- Year 5 - first place went to Katie with Ollie and Olivia runners up
- Year 6 - first place went to Anna with Lewis and Tom runners up.





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Well done to all!

Thank you PAWS!

This term, PAWS fundraising has brought new outdoor play equipment, funded prizes for the public speaking competition and made Viking Day possible. The climbing frame is being installed this week and it looks like it is going to be great fun to go on. After the Easter break the school will be taking part in its Annual Sponsored Event which the children love doing. All funds raised will go to PAWS to fund further exciting projects or events for the children.

COVID update

Covid rates were high amongst staff last term but less so amongst pupils. Please continue to use the Covid@ address for Covid related absence, not the absence line.

Through tenacity and resilience, all classes were covered and kept open which is good. Thank you to all the staff who were required to go above and beyond frequently this term.

- There will be no public access to testing aside from private sector testing.
- From 1 April, anyone with **a positive COVID-19 test result** will be advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be three days. This will rely on people accessing paid tests.
- From 1 April, updated guidance will advise **people with symptoms of a respiratory infection**, including COVID-19, and a high temperature or who feel unwell, to try stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Schools are expected to take these measures -
 - Ensuring all eligible groups are enabled and supported to take up the offer of national vaccination programmes including COVID-19 and flu.
 - Ensuring occupied spaces are well-ventilated and let fresh air in.
 - Reinforcing good hygiene practices such as hand washing and cleaning.

Vaccination offer expands to all children aged 5-11

The COVID-19 vaccination programme, the biggest vaccination effort in the nation's history, will expand to include all children aged 5-11 in April. Previously only children who were in an at-risk group were eligible for the vaccination.





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Parents who would like to have their child receive the vaccination will be able to book vaccination appointments online via www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine , or by calling 119, from early April onwards (we believe this will be the 2nd April). Children who are not in an at-risk group will need to wait 12 weeks between their first and second dose.

Children who recently had COVID-19 will need to wait to have the vaccination for 12 weeks after their symptoms started, or 12 weeks after the day of their positive test if they were not symptomatic.

Parents who would like to find out more about the vaccination for children aged 5-11 can find a range of resources via GOV.UK here. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-aged-5-to-11-years>

We look forward to welcoming you back to school for the start of the summer term on Wednesday 20th April.

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.





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