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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.

The heat

As you are probably aware high temperatures are forecast for Sunday (29 degrees) – Tuesday (37 degrees). Preschool will be closed for Monday and Tuesday as it is not possible to keep the children safe in the high temperatures in the preschool building or outside. School will be open but we have made arrangements to keep children and staff healthy and safe. **We ask parents to raise any medical issues their child has that may be heightened with the increased temperatures, so mitigations can be considered by the school.**

I have heard that there is a National meeting today therefore should any information change, we will update you as soon as possible.

In line with the DfE advice we would ask that children:-

- apply sun cream before coming to school
- have a full water bottle to drink from frequently
- wear a sunhat (named) on journeys to and from school
- wear loose fitting uniform

We will ensure that :-

- pupils stay indoors for morning and lunch breaks
- pupils drink plenty of water
- pupils limit their physical activity
- PE lessons are low physical intensity and take place in classrooms or in the hall space
- the use of electric light is kept to a minimum in school and switching off electric equipment, such as screens and computers, when not in use
- windows are opened as early as possible in the morning before pupils arrive
- If needed, 10 mins can be spent in the shade sitting with members of staff
- pupils are offered an ice pop each day to help to cool down
- the planned Thornton's cinema is in classrooms rather than altogether the hall
- there is as much access as possible to fans and well-ventilated spaces
- year 6 have their disco on Wednesday evening instead





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Staff news

We will be wishing some members of staff all the best for their next adventures at the end of term and give them a huge thank you for everything they have done for pupils and families at Wheatfields. They are all leaving for very good reasons but we will miss them! Mrs Barker wants to be able to spend more time looking after her gorgeous granddaughter. Mrs Vickers is pursuing her love of Sports and PE teaching. Mrs Lynch, admin, will be working as a Virtual Personal Assistant. Mr Dove our Caretaker and Premises Manager is retiring and is looking forward to spending more time with family and having trips away. We also want to say thank you to Jo, our Blue Smile Therapist who finishes her work this term. We will be welcoming a new Blue Smile therapist in September. You have all made a difference and we wish you the very best for the future.

Year 6 'Wheatfields Goes Live' performance

Our year 6's continue to amaze us. They were super talented performers, technicians and artists in their end of year performance and their collaboration and care for one another was clear to see. They have completed all of their secondary transition visits this week and I am sure that they will enjoy their final few days at Wheatfields. We will miss them! Staff would like to thank the year 6 'Learning Support Assistants' for their brilliant and very useful help this week.

Summer Reading Challenge

This is something that many of our pupils love to do in the holidays and the Summer Reading Challenge is available again this year. Please click on the link to find out how to get involved.
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/news-and-events/library-news/summer-reading-challenge>

Rotary Young Photographer Competition

Wheatfields is still basking in the glory of a **National Finalist** in the 2022 competition – well done Felix! The competition is running again with the theme of 'the beauty of architecture'.

There are three stages to the competition, each designed to support and encourage the development of photographic skills.

The competition aims to encourage young people to:

- experiment with photography
- use digital and/or traditional methods of photography
- demonstrate interpretation of the topic
- express ideas through the medium of photography





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There are three age groups:

Junior: Up to and including 10 years old

Intermediate: 11 to 13 years old

Senior: 14 to 17 years old

Entrants must not be over the upper age parameter for each group on 31 August 2022.

More information and Local Rotary Clubs can be found by using the club finder facility in the top left-hand corner of the Home Page of the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland website www.rotarygbi.org.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the most talented, kind and dedicated staff that I have the privilege to lead. Thank you so much to parents, carers and families for your continued support and everything you do that contributes to learning at Wheatfields. Just a reminder that there are two professional days when school is open to staff only on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September. We look forward to welcoming all pupils on Monday 5 September.

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.

