

...in the news!

28th April 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.

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to pupils and families for our Summer Term. Hopefully it will begin to feel a little more summery soon! The term has started very well and if you are a regular reader of our weekly learning review you will be able to see exactly what your children have been learning so far this term. In addition, our Termly curriculum grids are on our website in case you are planning trips or visits as a family around your child's learning at school.

Sponsored Event

This is an annual Wheatfields tradition that is very successful in getting the whole school involved in an activity while raising much needed funds for the school.

Fairer Funding

As you may be aware, for years, Cambridgeshire has been funded at the bottom or near the bottom of all Local Authorities in the country. In addition to this there have been more cuts this year. There will be a letter printed in the National Press tomorrow to the Prime Minister, to which I have added my signature.

Dear Prime Minister,

On the steps of Downing Street you promised a country that works for everyone. That begins with our children.

Yet schools are facing real terms cuts of £3 billion. This will have a massive impact on young people and standards of education.

To make ends meet school leaders will be forced to make staff redundant, cut subjects, increase class sizes and cut back on extracurricular activity.

More and more schools are reluctantly asking for donations as a last resort to bring their budgets back from breaking point. Parents should not have to dip into their own pockets to make up for the investment government are unwilling to provide.

The future of our country depends upon the next generation. Their skills, their knowledge, their confidence and their creativity.

Let's stop seeing education as a cost and instead see it as an investment in the future. A good place to begin would be to reverse the £3 billion in cuts.

If you would like to know more to understand the challenges schools are facing, more information can be found here.

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Class Photos

Class photos have gone home today and any orders need to be back at school for **Wednesday 10th May**.

Safeguarding

The new gate does not affect access to Burleigh Hill Pre-school. We would ask that if you do need to go to Pre-school during the day, please walk around the edge of the playground. Thank you.

Year 5 Sports leaders

A huge thank you to our Year 5 Young Leaders who planned a wonderful afternoon of PE activities for our year 2 children. They were a credit to Mr Mills who has been giving the young leaders some help and direction. The year 2 teachers and children thanked them in assembly for doing a brilliant job.

Active Kids Vouchers

It's the final week to collect Active Kids vouchers from Sainsbury's. If you have any vouchers at home we would like them brought into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

New Play Equipment

The children are so excited to be using the new outdoor play equipment, funded by PAWS. Thank you to all parents that have supported this project and to PAWS for raising the funds. The equipment will be well used during playtimes and lunchtimes as well as Golden time and PE lessons.

Curriculum Updates & holiday learning at home

We are in the process of updating the curriculum content on our website at www.wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk The curriculum pages show what your child is learning in each subject through the school year as well as links to the curriculum letters sent out by class teachers. There is further information on each subject as well as links to some excellent home learning sites for you to use at home with your children.

Busy Things, Active Learn (Abacus Maths), Mathletics and Spellodrome

www.busythings.co.uk is a site that can be used at home as well as in school. The children have a log in to use at home which is **home2073**. The password is **tree5520**. You have access to a wealth of learning activities that are all part of the curriculum and are free of charge to parents of Wheatfields. We hope that you enjoy using the site and the children enjoy practising and embedding learning at home. For your convenience, there is a link to the busythings site from the home learning page on our website.

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The children will also have the opportunity to learn using www.activelearn.co.uk. Mrs Guest has sent out information today in a separate letter.

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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