

...in the news!

Spring 1 2020 Friday 10th January

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.

Happy New Year! from all of us at Wheatfields.

It's as if we were never away as we have started the term as we mean to go on with lots of exciting learning taking place. Your Learning Review shows how much learning is going on. I look forward to our first tour of the school for existing parents next week. If you would like to have a look around the school, please email Mrs. Moffat using the office@ address as we have some spaces available.

Curriculum Maps

The learning themes and content for each year group are set out for you to have at home to support learning through the term. All of the plans will be on the website the week beginning Monday 20th January.

LEGZ UP!

Happy New Year to you!

First and Foremost, I would like to thank you for the incredible collections over the Christmas period – the amount of food was unbelievable and undoubtedly made a huge difference to many families within our community this Christmas.

However, the struggle for many remains and it is with this that I ask for your continued support into the New Year. I am currently in conversation with the Managers of both the St.Ives and Godmanchester Foodbank as we are currently putting together a plan to provide schools with Assemblies and workshops to help raise awareness and support those in need.

Although every school did a brilliant job collecting food in December, our **HUNGER WARRIORS OF THE MONTH** award goes to Hemingford Grey Primary School. Hemingford will be awarded with the shield and accompanied certificate for the month of January and we will announce this month's winner at the beginning of February. **The school with the most awards at the end of the year will get to keep the shield permanently.**

-Dan Peacey, LEGZ UP organiser

Thank you so much to everyone at Wheatfields that donated items. Our work continues and not that Wheatfields is competitive but wouldn't it be fantastic if Wheatfields could have the shield to add to our collection?! We can do it!

CALM town 'Meet the street' weekend – Friday 31st January – Monday 3rd February

Wheatfields Primary School is organising a 'meet the street event' on Monday 3rd February – more information to come in the New Year! We are lucky to be in the middle of a residential area therefore we will be selecting a few of our streets near the school to take part. Hopefully it will be a great success and we can hold another event with more of our neighbours.

It has now been one year since St Ives became the first CALMtown in the world! The movement is growing and the team have many exciting events planned for 2020. One very successful aspect of CALMtown's work so far has been 'Meet the Street'.

'Meet the street' is easy to organise and can have an amazing impact on how we continue to support each other within our community. It takes one person on your street to invite the neighbours round for a cuppa and a chat. These events have already shown how getting to know the neighbours can lead to people feeling safer, supported and in some cases, less lonely.

In the cold, dark months of January and February, it is easy for us all to hole up at home, but this (along with dates such as "Blue Monday", the 20th January, a day in the year when statistically people can feel at their lowest) can be pretty miserable. So we want

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to counteract that by encouraging people to connect with each other and holding a Meet the street weekend. We want to encourage as many streets as possible to take part, which will have a really positive impact on the communities of St Ives.

So, are you up for the challenge?

Can you hold a little get together for your neighbours any time between Friday 31st January and Monday 3rd February? It's very easy to organise. We would love to hear about your Meet the Street events! You can contact us through our Facebook page or just let your school know and they will be able to pass it on to us. We would love to see how many of these events our community can organise to bring us all together.

Help!

We are in need of empty, plastic, screw top jars like those that contained hot chocolate powder for example. If you have any, we would be very grateful if you could send them into school. Thank you!

Are you a knitter or do you know one?

Early Years are putting together some story bags for the children and it makes such a difference to the understanding and enjoyment of the story if the children have a 'real' character to hold, look at and play with. Unfortunately we do not have the budget to buy these items therefore if you enjoy making cuddly toys out of fabric or knitting / crocheting them from wool, we would love to hear from you! Please let any of the admin team know or the EYFS teachers if you would like to help. Thank you.

Mrs T 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.