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Wednesday 9th February 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.

Parent Consultations – 8 / 9th February

Thank you for attending our parents' consultations this week. I hope you enjoyed hearing about what your children are doing well and what aspects of their learning they need to focus on developing more through support in school and at home. We really appreciate your working in partnership to benefit learning outcomes for your children.

Staff news

I am delighted to announce that two of our staff are expecting babies in June! I am sure that you will want to join me in wishing Miss Davies and Mrs Baker well during the rest of their pregnancies and for the future. We will let you know as soon as possible about teaching arrangements for Ash and Larch classes.

Kids Book Hunt St Ives and beyond

Two children aged 5 and 7 have started regularly hiding their pre loved children's books around St Ives and the local area (with a bit of help from their parent) for other kids to find and enjoy, re-hide or keep. They are encouraging others to get involved hiding their pre loved children's books for a big book hunt. They have started a Facebook group where parents and guardians can post pictures of their hides and finds and also donate pre-loved books for the book hunt. The group is called Kids book hunt st ives and beyond. They are hoping to encourage fun, reading and recycling in the community.

Great Fen

Please see attached a poster about a half term event for a family fun day in the Great Fen on Wednesday 16th February. Booking details attached. More information can be found at <https://www.wildlifebcn.org/events>





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Any Budding Bakers?

Hannah is a Casting Junior Researcher at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down. She is contacting schools in the hope that word can be spread regarding this exciting opportunity.

We are delighted to say, that applications for the 8th series of Junior Bake Off have recently opened; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

We are looking for young budding bakers between 9-12 years old.

Filming would take place from July 2022, but our applications close on **Sunday 13th March 2022.**

Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Please do feel free to contact Hannah on 0207 067 4833, should you have any questions regarding the above.

enquiries: applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

PAWS fundraising has brought new outdoor play equipment

I have been notified that there is a delay in materials for our outdoor play equipment. Covid strikes again! The installation is now planned for the Easter break so that gives us more time to get excited about it!

Reminder: Early Intervention Family Workers

If you need to talk to someone about your child/children over the school holiday's we are offering virtual drop appointments across 5 days with our team of Early Intervention Family Workers. We welcome any Parent/Carer that would like to join.

These are running: Monday 14th February 2022 10.30am – 12 noon

Tuesday 15th February 2022 10.30am – 12 noon

Wednesday 16th February 2022 10.30am – 12 noon

Thursday 17th February 2022 10.30am – 12 noon

Friday 18th February 2022 10.30am – 12 noon

Our drop in will be hosted through Microsoft teams. You will need internet access and a device to be able to join through using your web browser. Please contact via the details below if you are interested in attending and we will allocate a one-to-one 15-minute time slot and send you the link.





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For more information or to request the drop in link please contact

Kayleigh.fry@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

COVID update

This last week and over the weekend has finally seen a reduction in positive cases. There are still some cases however; therefore, all of our usual preventative measures remain in place. All adults in school will continue to wear a face covering in communal areas. A reduction in numbers does mean that all of the KS2 pupils can go back to eating in the KS2 dining hall instead of their classrooms! In addition, our year 6's can go return to their jobs across the school. We continue to be proud and amazed by our pupils' attitudes to change and coping with the challenges that the pandemic brings. Well done all!

School staff are continuing to socially distance and to wear face coverings in communal areas. We would be grateful if parents would continue to support us with managing the spread of infection by wearing face coverings during drop off and pick up.

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. Due to high numbers, you will receive an automated response. Please be assured that each message is read and appropriate action taken and close contacts informed. 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.

Please continue to use the Covid@ address for Covid related absence, not the absence line.

Daily LFT for close contacts are picking up asymptomatic staff, parents and pupils so we are so grateful for staff and parental engagement with this. Please register your LFT results on the gov.uk site.

You can also use this link <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> to find where you can collect LFT from locally. You need to enter your postcode and you may also need a code before collecting which you can get from a link on the page.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 21st February.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Thornton

