

...in the news!

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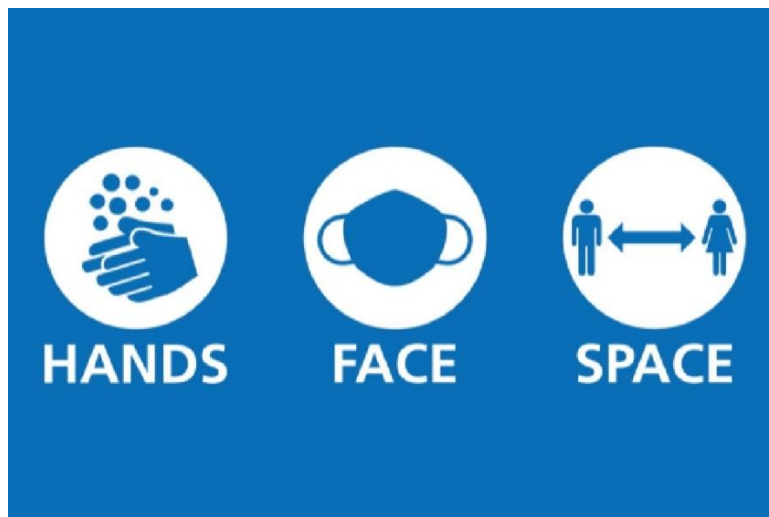
*This newsletter will keep you updated with events at Wheatfields Primary and it is intended to add to the information you receive on a regular basis from your child's class teacher in the weekly 'Learning Review' and termly curriculum letters.*

### **Learning**

As you are aware, the children have come back to school well. Our assembly theme is resilience and staff and pupils are definitely using it and in need of it at the moment! Baseline assessments were completed in the first 2 weeks and in addition to our end of year assessments in July staff have a clear idea of where the gaps are in learning and what needs to be taught this term. Inevitably, despite all of your efforts during lockdown there are some gaps in learning and staff are working carefully and assessing well to make sure that the right knowledge and skills are taught to make good progress towards meeting Age Related Expectations (ARE) in July 2021. Should it be needed, remote learning is always available using the learning platforms on the school website. Should your child need to self-isolate for 14 days, teachers will be in touch to help and to direct the learning to link with classroom learning as much as possible.

### **Exit and Entry gates onto the premises**

There are some new posters on the gates to remind us all that we have a shared responsibility to keep everyone safe during this pandemic. As cases rise nationally, the only way we can keep ourselves safe and reduce risk is by using preventative measures.



A reminder that you must only use your entry and exit gate(s) to enter and exit the school premises. I appreciate that the path across the front of the school and outside of the school can get busy but that is why we have allowed 10 minutes for you to get to where you need to be if you have more than 1 child. No one should be crossing bubbles and going through the school car park or pathway near the bicycle shed. We are trying to keep everyone safe so thank you for your support with this.

### **Covid email address**

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](mailto:covid@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk) email address. Please 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.

Should you or a member of your family receive a positive test result phone the school immediately. If it is the evening or weekend send an email using [covid@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:covid@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk)

If there is a positive test result at the weekend or during evenings we need to know as soon as possible to be able to make the necessary arrangements in school and communicate with parents whose children are required to self-isolate.

### **Dogs**

Unfortunately this week a very young child had a dog jump up on her when she wasn't expecting it, before school which was upsetting. Not everyone is a dog lover and dogs can become over excited around lots of people so please can you make sure that

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if you do decide to bring your dog with you to pick up or drop off that it is kept under control on a short lead. The children have been taught in school to ask if they can stroke a dog so it would also help if dog owners expect this of the children coming to and from school.

#### **Class emails**

There were many positives from using the class emails raised by both teachers and parents during lockdown. We are keeping them going but with the understanding that the teachers will have much less time to look at them and respond. Therefore should you need to contact us urgently then please phone or email [office@wheatfield.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@wheatfield.cambs.sch.uk). Class emails and protocol can be found on the website using the link [https://www.wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk/website/class\\_emails\\_for\\_non-urgent\\_teacher\\_contact/506605](https://www.wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk/website/class_emails_for_non-urgent_teacher_contact/506605)

#### **Road Closures Wheatfields/Burstellars St Ives**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October (weather permitting) the road may be closed from 7.30am to 6.00pm and vehicular access will be restricted. There will be a signed diversion route for through traffic. Access to properties within the working area will be possible but delays are to be expected. If you have any queries regarding the works please visit the CCC website for more information on surface treatments <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/surface-treatments>

#### **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals - Please Apply**

The past few months have seen many families nationwide struggle financially, finding themselves in very different circumstances. If your situation changed over lockdown, or you feel you may qualify for support with the cost of School, you can apply online easily by following this [link](#) and you should get a response within a few days. Children who are successfully registered for Free School Meals are also automatically entitled to Pupil Premium funding which is used directly by the School. Your child may be eligible for this funding even if they are in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2; they do not need to be in Key Stage 2. The School use this to provide daily free milk, a uniform allowance and support towards the cost of school outings, clubs and enrichment activities. We also use the funding to provide Forest Schools provision, arts-based play therapy, academic interventions and boosters for those who may need additional support, so we urge you to apply. For further information or support in completing the form, please contact the School Office.

#### **Curriculum meetings**

We need to think differently about our curriculum meetings this year. The purpose of the meetings at the start of each year is to meet the new teachers and to share information on the curriculum and expectations for the year. As we cannot meet together, teachers have put together an information sheet about the year which will be sent out to you and is available on the school website. In addition there is a curriculum map for the year and the learning review to help with supporting learning at home

#### **Home Learning & half termly projects**

You will be sent a half termly homework project menu which will also be available on the website. Rather than collecting the projects back into school, we would ask that you take a photograph of the work and email it into school using the class email addresses. Your child will be asked to say a few words about their project while the photograph is up on the screen. What was called homework is now called home learning and all of the sites we use have links on our website using the link below [https://www.wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk/website/home\\_learning\\_programmes/247503](https://www.wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk/website/home_learning_programmes/247503)

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](http://www.wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk). You will also receive our Calendar of Events detailing events through the school year.*