

## 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016

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 'Good News Learning Review' and the curriculum letters.

## Christmas Performances 2016

The Wheatfields Christmas performances this year were absolutely wonderful. From the Strictly-style Key Stage One dance-off, to EYFS providing us with a traditional but magical Nativity Story, and then a week later a fantastic Singing Spectacular with Key Stage Two which truly got us into the Christmas spirit. Feedback about the two sets of performances has been overwhelmingly positive, including comments on the addition of numbered seating which has been well received. We do welcome your thoughts and would like to thank families for providing responses to the performances this year.

## PAWS

On behalf of PAWS a big thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre on Friday 2nd December 2016. The event was very successful and well attended. We raised an impressive £1235 which is fantastic. Thank you to all the volunteer helpers, teachers, those who brought in donations and everyone involved. We couldn't do it without you.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Egg-citing News

We have this week said 'goodbye' to our chickens who have gone to an allotment belonging to a friend of Mrs. Merson's. The chickens came to us as eggs 18 months ago and have been a welcome addition to the WPS family, providing eggs and entertainment for us all! However, we feel that as they have got older they need a little more room and the courtyard could benefit from a little break from the scratching and pecking it has endured over the past year and a half! We know they will be well looked after and will enjoy their new, larger space to roam. Thank you to all of the children, Kids Club and Mr Dove for looking after them so well.

## Goodbye...

Wheatfields would like to say a big thank you to both Mrs. Bridgewater and Mrs. Digby who will be retiring at the end of this term. With their 10+ years experience at the school they have been an amazing part of team WPS and many of the children and adults will have had the pleasure of working with them. We don't like goodbyes but it is time to let them go on to even more exciting adventures and we wish them every bit of luck!

**Autumn 2016**

It has been a very busy term with many exciting activities including trips to London in Year 3, Ironbridge in Year 6, Ely Cathedral in Year 1, Duxford in Year 5, to name but a few! All of these events allow the children to be immersed in and enthused about their learning. A big thank you to all the teaching and support staff who organise these events for the children and to the parents and families who support us.

**Parent View**

Please remember to voice your opinion of our school via the Ofsted Parent View pages found at:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

The feedback you give helps us to know what we are doing well and where we need to further improve.

**Spring Term 2017**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January is a Professional Day so we will see you and all the children back at school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January. The half term holiday is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

We hope you have enjoyed the In The News. On behalf of all of the Staff and Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Theresa Thornton

Headteacher