

Learn and Grow Together

Wheatfields Preschool

Kids Club

...in the news!

Friday 10th September 2021

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.

Welcome back!

Every teacher in our Headteacher Award assembly started by saying that they had found it really difficult to choose 1 person to be presented with the HT award this week as all of the pupils have made such a good start. Music to my ears! Well done everyone on such a calm and positive start to the term. It has been lovely to get to know our newest members of the school; those who have joined us in EYFS and those who have moved to us from other schools. A warm welcome to you all!

Teas & Tissues!

On Wednesday 15th September our youngest learners will be having their first full day in EYFS. At Wheatfields we like to mark this occasion by offering the opportunity to spend some time with other parents, have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat if you have time. Tissues are always at the ready if needed! It is a good opportunity to chat to other parents too so if you are a parent in EYFS, Year 1 or year 2 you are also warmly invited. After drop off on Wednesday, please make your way over to the link corridor door, opposite Kids Club as we will be in the KS2 dining hall. Thank you PAWS members for making this event happen.

Online Platforms

Mathletics, Busy Things, Readwriter and TT Rockstars have proved to very popular and we are delighted with the uptake. The school is funding these programmes again this year to support learning. Regular practice helps to embed learning of spellings and times tables and makes them easy to recall if they are practiced frequently. We take time to celebrate pupil's achievements using these programmes because we know how much they help your children in the classroom. It would be good if every child could participate at home this year. Until the log ins can be transferred to new classes, we would ask your child(ren) to use their login details from last academic year. Any problems, please let your class teachers know and we can help. If you are in receipt of pupil Premium and do not have a device for your child to use at home, please email admin for the attention of Mrs Verney-Davies.

Curriculum meetings

These will take place during the first couple of weeks of the school year. The purpose of the meetings at the start of each year is to get to know your child(s) teachers and to receive information on the curriculum and expectations for the year. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible into school. If you are unable to make the meeting, there will be a **curriculum map** for the term on the website and the weekly learning review to help with supporting learning at home.

Half termly projects

You will be sent a half termly homework project menu which will also be available on the website. We look forward to you bringing your creations and projects in to school to share. 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

Covid

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. 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

Self-isolation

If your child has any symptoms of Covid, a high temperature, a continuous cough or a lack of taste and smell, they must have a PCR test and self-isolate. **LFD tests are not suitable for children aged 11 and under and will not be accepted by the**



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school. Guidance now states that if another family member has tested positive for Covid and they need to self-isolate, other household members do not need to self-isolate and pupils can attend school **as long as they have no symptoms.**

If a pupil tests positive and is self-isolating the rest of the class remain at school even when there has been close contact. Should there be 5 or more cases that are linked, the school will be guided by the Local Authority and Public Health and parents will be informed of any changes to procedures.

Thank you all for your support and work so far to keep our pupils and staff safe, it is very much appreciated.

Communication

Class emails are ready to use. They can be found on our website and I also include them here. Teachers will check their emails regularly but in the event of an emergency always phone the school office or email office@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk or reception@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk . Thank you.

EYFS	Mrs Baker	ashclass@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk
EYFS & Year 1	Miss MacDonald	beechclass@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk
Year 1	Miss Hammond	birchclass@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk
Year 2	Mrs Cleghorn & Mrs Gray-Thomas Mrs Vickers	cedarclass@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk elmclass@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk
Year 3	Mrs Probert Miss Parkinson	hazelclass@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk juniperclass@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk
Year 4	Miss Davies Mrs Tudor	larchclass@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk mapleclass@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk
Year 5	Miss Elliott Mrs Khan	oakclass@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk rowanclass@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk
Year 6	Miss Crellin Mr Streeter	sycamoreclass@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk willowclass@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk

St Ives Eco Fair

Are you are concerned about the impact of climate change on our world? Would you like to be part of a growing community of people who helping to shape a local Climate Action Plans in St Ives and surrounding villages?

If that's you, then come along to the **St Ives Eco Fair on Saturday 18th September, 10am – 4pm**, and find out about some of the practical things you can do in your everyday life to reduce your impact on the planet and to live more sustainably.

If we want to tackle climate change, the vastness of the challenges we face and the changes we need to make can be daunting, even paralysing. There are however, lots of smaller changes we can make in your daily lives, that taken together, can make a big difference. These include using eco-friendly household products, growing our own food or eating less meat, choosing 'pre- loved' instead of new toys, books and clothes, repairing broken items and importantly, building community.



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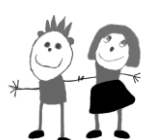
Come along to the St Ives Eco Fair to find out about these options and much more. There will be stalls, displays, fun activities and challenges, and opportunities to shape the local climate action plan where you live. You will have the chance to refill empty bottles, swap books and plants, as well as hear from local projects and organisations about how they are caring for the environment and how you can get involved.

The Eco Fair will be at St Ives Methodist Church on The Waits (opposite the Norris Museum), on Saturday 18 September, from 10am – 4pm.

For further information please email: stivesecoaction@gmail.com

Or see the St Ives EcoAction facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stivesecoaction>

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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.

FREE gardening equipment for schools when you shop at Morrisons

Morrisons are offering gardening equipment to schools if parents register using mymorrisons.com. On your first visit you will be asked to select the school you'd like to donate your Grow Tokens to. We would love to have them!! Once registered you can collect Grow Tokens for any shopping you do online or in store. After each shop you need to log onto your MyMorrisons account and donate your tokens. More information can be found at www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk

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 . You will also receive our Calendar of Events detailing events through the school year.



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