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Friday 7th January 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.



I hope you had a good Christmas break and that you managed to stay healthy! The children have come back full of excitement and are ready to learn.

Would you like to come and spend time with our lovely children and get paid for it?!

If the answer is 'yes!' we would love to welcome you to our staffing team as a Midday Supervisor. The hours are 12 – 1pm each day, term-time only and we have one vacancy. If you are interested please keep an eye out for the advert or contact Mrs Moffat directly using finance@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk

Life Education

On 5th and 6th January we welcomed the Life Education Bus to Wheatfields. Pupils in Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 visited the centre to learn elements of the PSHE curriculum, which are brought to life with the enhanced resources and teaching within the centre. Our kind thanks go to PAWS and St Ives Rotary Club for funding the visit. The children and staff have been very enthusiastic about their learning and we plan to invite the Life Education Centre back every year.



New Parent Governors

I am delighted to announce that we have two new parent governors joining our Governing Body at Wheatfields. Paul Prosser (children in years 3 and 5) and Nicola Tabb (a child in year 5). We look forward to welcoming them to the Governing body to support our continual school improvement.





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COVID - thank you!

Thank you so much for continuing to be proactive regarding Covid. We will continue to send out letters if there is a positive case in your child's class or year group so that you can be aware. Thank you for your continued vigilance and support. 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

Guidance 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**. To help with stopping the spread from a household positive case, **daily LFD's** are suggested for any children aged 5 plus (recent age change). LFDs are free and can be ordered here <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

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.

As you will be aware, testing capacity is pushed and as a result there is a suspension of the need to do a PCR if you have a positive LFD from **Tuesday 11th January**.

In addition, Gov.uk states that:

If you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, **you have no symptoms** and you are:

- fully vaccinated or under 18 years and 6 months old, you should **do daily rapid tests** (1 a day for 7 days).
- not fully vaccinated, **get a PCR test** to check if you have COVID-19 on GOV.UK

Anyone who has Covid symptoms must still get a PCR.

This guidance also applies if you have tested positive within the last 90 days.

Communication





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To get in touch with us, please continue to use the usual communication channels. However, from Monday 10th January, Miss Keane will be receiving emails using the office@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk as school secretary. Miss Keane's reception@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk address can also be used but it is likely that this address will be phased out over time.

In addition, Mrs Urquhart can be contacted using the admin@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk email address. Please note that the admin@ address will not be checked every day, therefore if your message is urgent, please use office@

Mrs Moffat is now our School Business Manager and as such will no longer be the first port of call for parent queries.

Parent Consultations – 8 / 9th February

As there is still so much uncertainty about face-to-face events in schools, I have made the decision to hold parent consultations virtually again this year. You will receive letter detailing how and when appointments can be booked.

Class assemblies

We have 1 class assembly booked for this half term and more after half term. I will keep an eye on guidance and let you know as soon as possible if class assemblies need to be postponed. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

