

...in the news!

28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

*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.*

### **Missing children in KS1!**

We would really appreciate your help because we are very concerned that KS1 children cannot be seen making it safely into their classrooms following the morning whistle.

When the whistle goes, we would ask that parents use that as the cue to say goodbyes and then please step back away from the lines of children so that the children can be seen clearly by their teachers. Having said their goodbyes the children are expected to walk in their line following their class teacher. We would ask that all parents wait until the classes have gone through the gates in the KS1 playground first before going through.

Unfortunately if parents don't wait for the classes to leave the playground, it is very difficult to see that all of the children are where they should be.

I am looking at quotes to see if we can get a larger gate put in near to Burleigh Hill Pre-school which will help with access but the children will still need to go through the gates first for the reasons stated above.

Thank you in anticipation for your support.

### **School Development Priorities – 'There is no App to replace your lap. Please read to your child'**

Following our efforts to improve, our pupils are becoming better writers and the number of pupils reaching expected standard in year 6 is increasing year on year and is in line with National figures. Everyone has worked hard and we thank you for all of your efforts to support with improving writing at home. As can often be the case, when one area improves, another dips and this year our pupils did not perform as well as we had predicted in their reading tests.

Reading will be a focus for improvement this year and as well as the action plans in place to improve outcomes in reading, we look forward to sharing information evenings with you that will give you ideas and help you to be familiar with the Age Related Expectations for your child(ren) so that you are able to support with reading at home. In addition, the number of pupils starting Wheatfields with difficulties in speaking and listening is increasing. One enjoyable way of developing early speaking and listening is sharing books and asking questions.

Please see below some information we are using in school to remind us of how valuable all the time spent reading is and you will see reading posters around school with the message 'There is no App to replace your lap. Please read to your child'. We would ask that you try to find even 10 minutes a day to share a book, the help with learning that it will give your child is invaluable.

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Child 'A' reads 1 minute each day  
180 minutes in a school year  
8000 words

Child 'B' reads 5 minutes each day  
900 minutes in a school year  
282,000 words

Child 'C' reads 20 minutes each day  
3,600 minutes in a school year  
1,800,000 words



### **Parent & Class links**

Do you want to be more involved in the school but particularly your child's class? We would like a minimum of 2 parents for each class that could be a link between the parents of the class, the school and PAWS. We are looking at finding new ways to communicate school events and PAWS events and would like to have views from the parents of each class on how best to do this. We are not anticipating anything onerous and want to work with parents to find the best way to get more parents involved in school events.

If you feel that this is of interest to you and you want to find out more, please email [office@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk) with the subject class link and email your name so that we can contact you. Thank you in advance of your support.

**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.*

*Mrs Theresa Thornton, Headteacher.*