

...in the news!

Friday 6th November 2020

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.

Lockdown 2

I hope you are all keeping well and finding ways to manage as we enter a second period of lockdown. As you are aware, Nursery and School will remain open and in essence despite new guidance, systems and processes remain the same for us. We will continue to do all we can to keep everyone safe and thank you for your support in helping us to do this as a whole school community.

Babies!

Exciting news – Both babies have arrived safely and we have one of each! Mrs Cleghorn has a little baby girl called Erin and Mrs Verney-Davies has a little boy called Rhys. Both families are doing well.

Wheatfields Nursery

We are delighted that Wheatfields Nursery is now part of Wheatfields Primary School. Please bear with us during this period of transition! Any Nursery based enquiries should continue to be raised with Nursery staff in the first instance. Much of the information on this newsletter will be school related but we are very happy to be able to share it with our Nursery parents in readiness for starting school.

Online Safety

We have had a concern raised regarding age appropriate use of Tik Tok by Primary aged pupils so we wanted to share some information with you. Tik Tok is a popular social media platform aimed at pupils 13+ therefore primary aged pupils should not be using it. The youtube video below is worth watching to find out more about keeping children and young people safe online using Tik Tok.

<https://youtu.be/e0xXCq2s0YM>

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.

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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 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

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.

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. 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

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.

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.