

...in the news!

Wednesday 16th December 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.

Fifty things to do before you're five

Fifty things to do before you're five provides a framework of low cost or no cost activities for families in Cambridgeshire that are designed to be universally accessible, play-based, and fun giving the opportunity to try something new. It can be accessed through an app that is **free to download**. The app was developed to provide a format that was accessible to everyone in the local community to use activity-based learning to drive speech and language development in children under age 5. The app is available **now** from the App store on a smart device, or via the web page <https://cambspboro.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/whats-it-all-about>

Christmas at Wheatfields

The films have been made and we will be sending out details soon of how they can be accessed. Although things are different it has been an exciting project for the children and staff and as you will expect they are of a very high standard! There is also a staff film that is dedicated to all pupils and staff in class 14 and 13 that are currently self-isolating. We are looking forward to seeing you again soon!

Home learning if self-isolating or a bubble closes

If your child needs to self-isolate because their bubble is closed, please use the learning platforms that are on our website that can be found here https://wheatfields.eschools.co.uk/website/home_learning_programmes/247503 . Providing that the teacher is not unwell, learning will be emailed to you over the next couple of days using the class email address or learning will be provided using google classroom. To help you to access google classroom there is further information and a helpful parent guide on the school website that can be found using the link above. If your child is self-isolating because a member of the household tests positive then the class teacher will be in touch as soon as possible with home learning tasks to complete that are closely linked with learning in school. If you have any questions about home learning when your child is self – isolating or if a bubble is closed, please email your child's teacher in the first instance. Thank you.

Parking

The Police have asked parents and carers to contact them using 101 if you notice any unsafe parking on the roads near the school, thank you.

Managing Children and Young People's worries

We have been told this week that parents can no longer refer to this service and referral will be made through the school from January. Details of how schools refer will be shared in January. Please do let us know if you feel that your child is exhibiting anxiety at home so that we can try to help.

Winter Grant – support is available

What kind of support is available?

We want to ensure that throughout winter any family that needs support is able to access it. We can help you with:

- food support
- utility bills (such as water and electricity bills)

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- other essential household items or concerns, such as (but not limited to) hygiene items, white goods, and boiler services.

How do I access the support?

The Council is working with schools and education providers to ensure families are supported during this time. Therefore, you can get supported by completing the online form on one of these webpages

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/wintersupport

Alternatively, you can call 0345 045 5219 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Do I need to fill this online form out if I want a food voucher?

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, Early Years Pupil Premium, a 16-19 Bursary, or Funded 2-year-old support you will automatically receive a voucher.

If you haven't received contact by the 18th December but feel you should have received this, please contact your school or setting alternatively you can call the hub on 0345 045 5219 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. They will be able to confirm whether you have received a voucher and how to access it.

If you're not eligible you can access support by completing the online form on one of these webpages:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/wintersupport

Alternatively, you can call 0345 045 5219 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

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.

Symptoms began on (or date of positive test if asymptomatic)	Between Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th December	Saturday 19 th December	Sunday 20 th December up until 5.00pm	Monday 21 st December – Monday 4 th January
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Action Required	Parents Inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 14 days	Parents Inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact on Thursday 17 th and Friday 18 th December. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 14 days	Parents Inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact on Friday 18 th December. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 14 days	Unless testing was delayed following onset of symptoms, case was not in setting and therefore there is no need to contact school.
We have a designated email address for parent/carers to contact us in the event of symptoms or a confirmed case between the close of school on Friday 18th December and Thursday 24th December . This email, covid@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk , is to be used exclusively for contact tracing purposes and no other communications				
Parental Responsibility	Parents to notify close contact family and friends and follow advice as per NHS Covid-19 guidelines http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/			

Useful information regarding Covid and self-isolation can be found on our website

https://wheatfields.eschools.co.uk/website/links_to_government_nhs_and_mental_health_information/504021

With very best wishes for a good Christmas break. Thank you for everything that you have done to support the school this term and for helping to keep us all safe. I hope you all keep safe and well and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th January 2021!

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.