

...in the news!

First Edition 2020-2021

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.

Welcome to the new school year 2020-2021!

A very warm welcome to all of our new families that joined us at the start of term. We are excited to be working with you. All of the children are settling in beautifully. Well done to all of our pupils, families and staff for getting through another week so brilliantly! Just a reminder that there is a 10 minute window available to you so that you don't need to wait around at drop off and pick up. The children are not late as long as they arrive within their 10 minute window so there is no need for them to rush when it looks like everyone has gone in to school. Not so many changes this week but thank you for your continued support in coping with the necessary changes.

Safeguarding

More and more young people are requiring access to devices, especially to access home learning. Safeguarding online is a very important part of our work at Wheatfields and we have a shared responsibility to keep our pupils safe when using devices. Recently a warning was issued about a very distressing clip that was posted on tik tok, easily accessible by young people.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/amp/technology-54069650>

There are some excellent websites available to parents and carers to help with keeping your child safe on line.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/primary/>

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

Young Carers

Hello!

Over the next few weeks myself and Mrs Malone will be putting together a newsletter for Young Carers that will signpost helpful websites and resources for both parents and children. We will also be checking in with our Young Carer families via a phone call to see how the families are getting in and how we can best support them.

Due to current restrictions sadly we are unable to hold Young Carers groups at school however, we will be putting together a plan so that we can still spend time with the children and support them face to face without crossing over bubbles.

Sending our Young Carer families our very best wishes.

Mrs Cutbush and Mrs Malone

Road Closures Wheatfields/Burstallars St Ives

Thursday 8th October – Saturday 10th October (weather permitting) the road may be closed from 7.30am to 6.00pm and vehicular access will be restricted. There will be a signed diversion route for through traffic. Access to properties within the working area will be possible but delays are to be expected. If you have any queries regarding the works please visit the CCC website for more information on surface treatments <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/surface-treatments>

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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.

School Meals

We often hear how much the children enjoy their school meals that are freshly prepared on a daily basis. School meals cost £2.20 which is the same price as last year. Thank you for your continued support. Should your family circumstances have changed recently and mean that you might meet the requirements for Pupil Premium and free school meals, please email the office@ address for the attention of Mrs. Verney-Davies.

Curriculum meetings

We need to think differently about our curriculum meetings this year. The purpose of the meetings at the start of each year is to meet the new teachers and to share information on the curriculum and expectations for the year. As we cannot meet together, teachers have put together an information sheet about the year which will be sent out to you and is available on the school website. In addition there is a curriculum map for the year and the learning review to help with supporting learning at home

Weekly learning review

Each week you will receive information on this week's learning from the children and adults working in their year group. We provide learning reviews to keep you up to date with the learning that is taking place in school so you can talk about it at home.

Home Learning & half termly projects

You will be sent a half termly homework project menu which will also be available on the website. Rather than collecting the projects back into school, we would ask that you take a photograph of the work and email it into school using the class email addresses. Your child will be asked to say a few words about their project while the photograph is up on the screen. 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

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.