

...in the news!

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 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.*

### **Staffing update**

We welcome back Mrs Verney-Davies our Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Cleghorn, class teacher back from maternity leave. It is lovely to have them both back. Mrs Ann Burnett is retiring at the end of this year after teaching and caring for many Wheatfields pupils and families. Mrs Wendy Buck is retiring as a Learning Support Assistant after many years of fantastic work with children. We wish them both well and an enjoyable and much deserved adventure into new things! Miss Alex Whittle is moving to a school much closer to home as an Assistant Headteacher. We are delighted for Alex and I am sure you will want to join with me in wishing her well for September and beyond.

### **Covid Update**

The local authority have informed schools that all restrictions need to remain in place due to the number of cases within schools in Cambridgeshire. Last week there were 100 positive cases in schools, this week it has doubled to 200 cases already on Wednesday. Guidance still remains to get your child **PCR tested** (LFD tests are not to be used for children at primary School) if they have any of the Covid symptoms; a temperature, a persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell.

In addition, there are increasing numbers of children with hayfever or cold like symptoms who are testing positive within Cambridgeshire. Please remain vigilant. We do appreciate that it is so frustrating that whilst we are managing to do some things to celebrate the end of year and for transition, it is not quite the same. We want to thank you and all of the staff and children for supporting the school in keeping restrictions in place and your continued understanding. I hope we can keep all bubbles of children in school until the end of term.

An announcement is expected from the DfE regarding September arrangements on 12<sup>th</sup> July. When I know more, I will be able to communicate our arrangements for September with you.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **Term Dates 2021-2022 - Additional Bank Holiday – LA Advice on the terms dates set for maintained Schools**

As part of the celebrations for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, people will be able to enjoy a UK-wide four-day weekend in recognition of the first time that a British monarch has reached this milestone. In respect of this, a change is being made to the Teachers Pay and Conditions document reducing the minimum number of sessions which must be held in the school year 2021-2022 from 380 to 378. This is to enable schools to close for the additional bank holiday announced on the 3rd June 2022.

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To this end we have reduced our 2022 Summer Term days by one in lieu of the holiday (which actually sits within the already allocated Half Term Break) therefore Wheatfields will be closed on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 and the last day at school will be **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**.

### **Parking**

A kind reminder regarding parking during drop off and pick up. There have been some reports of unsafe parking in close proximity to the Wheatfields entrance of the school grounds. Please can we remind families to be aware of young children and parking safely especially during these times. In addition we have cars arriving late and parking very close to the Nene way entrance which is very unsafe. 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.

### **Radio 2 Bee Competition**

You may be aware of a competition that has been launched on Radio 2. The competition is open to 6 – 12 year olds to design a bee friendly garden. It is an exciting opportunity to learn more about the importance of bees and I know that any of our pupils express good views about the essential role that nature and wildlife plays on our planet. Some children have designed a garden as part of their learning in school but I wanted to let you know about it in case you feel you want to have a go at home too over the weekend.

More information can be found using the links below. The closing date Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 6pm.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/57385137>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/2qk4dDdJJdsVFmcLhZ7RwmW/how-to-enter>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/B0cXHn3Z2p0lv45vpwqg39/designing-your-bee-friendly-garden-what-you-need-to-know>

### **Trees**

From September Wheatfields Classes will be known as Trees. It has caused much excitement amongst staff and we hope to inspire our learners to find out more about trees and their importance on our planet. The trees are in alphabetical order from youngest to oldest pupils which has certainly helped us to know who is who!

Ash EYFS

Beech EYFS/Y1

Birch Y1

Cedar Y2

Elm Y2

Hazel Y3

Juniper Y3

Larch Y4

Maple Y4

Oak Y5

Rowan Y5

Sycamore Y6

Willow Y6

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Best wishes,  
Mrs Theresa 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.*