

...in the news!

24th November 2017

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.

Feedback on School News Sharing – is this the best way?

We are interested in your views so thank you for taking the time to complete our recent survey on parent communication. We had 25 responses in total so the % responses are helpful to show that we are along the right lines in what and how we provide the information but they are a limited reflection of parental views. However, the comments made will be extremely useful in helping us to improve. Please see the summary of % responses below.

- 96% would you prefer to receive 'In the News'? By email, 28% Facebook and 16% by text.
- 96% always read In the News and 4 % sometimes read it.
- 100% find In the News helpful
- 92% of parents are aware of the website and In the News, 100% the weekly learning review, 16% curriculum maps, 24% curriculum letters, 60% annual pupil report, 36% termly pupil report and 8% Key performance indicators for each year group.
- 68% feel the information received is about right and 32% feel that there is not enough information received.

There is some work to do around making the parent community aware of all of the information that is available to parents. In addition, we will continue to review the timing of information sent. We can't promise to get it right every time but we will keep you informed of any changes we make in response to the views gathered in this survey.

PAWS & Christmas

On Christmas Fayre day, 1st December, it is a Wheatfields tradition to come to school looking 'Christmassy'. This could mean wearing red and green or something sparkly or it could be wearing a pair of antlers or a Christmas hat or a Christmas jumper.

The Christmas Fayre is on Friday 1st December at 5-7pm. We look forward to seeing you there for lots of Christmas fun and excitement! If anyone is interesting in having a stall it is only £10 per table. Please contact Claire Martin by email pawscommittee@gmail.com or by telephone 01480 494253 for further details.

Lights, Camera, Action!!

The school Christmas performances are coming up rapidly. Please check messages for information about tickets. We would ask that if you will be travelling by car to the performances that you park responsibly and safely, showing consideration for the residents near to the school. Thank you.

Curiosity Café success!

Recently we held our first Curiosity Café. This is a new initiative and one that we will be rolling out across the school. The idea is to invite parents to learn alongside your children in the classroom, look at teaching resources and have some refreshments. The aim is to help parents to know how best to help with learning at home as well as finding out more about the way that your child is being taught in school. Our first event for year 1 and 2 reading was very well attended and we received very positive feedback about how useful and helpful it was. Parents were also given a whiteboard and pen to use at home. We will be holding another Curiosity Café for lower KS2 reading next term.

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Following our curriculum meetings, there are 4 key priorities we are working on this year that you can help with at home:-

1. To improve outcomes in reading by practising answering questions about a book and finding the answers in the book.
2. To improve outcomes in writing by writing down the answers to a question that has been talked about first
3. To improve outcomes in maths by asking the children to explain their thinking and how they found the answer. Can they find another way? How can they prove they are right?
4. To learn all of their times tables by the end of year 4.

We hope that the curriculum meetings, curriculum grids, learning reviews and the website will support you when you are helping your children with learning at home but please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

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.

Mrs Theresa Thornton, Headteacher.