

9th March 2018

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 'Good News Learning Review' and the curriculum letters.

Staffing

A warm welcome to Mrs Afshan Khan-Blacker who is well into her 2nd half term with Wheatfields full time in Class 12, and Mr William Saunderson who has joined us as an LSA in UKS2 in January. A welcome back also, to Mrs Gemma Edwards (Asst. Head and SENDCo) who has come back from maternity leave four days a week. Mrs Kirsten Bilby, who was covering Mrs Edwards Maternity Leave, will continue this role 1 day per week, and will also be working with groups of children on a Thursday.

Wheatfields World Book, Bandana Day & Little Princess Trust

What a wonderful sight it was to see all of the children dressed as their favourite book characters for World Book Day! We saw Fantastic Mr Fox, Mary Poppins, several Harry Potters and Where's Wally amongst the many characters – assembly was a very colourful sight!

There were also a number of children who were supporting Bandana Day, wearing bandanas to raise money and awareness of The Brain Tumour Charity. In total Wheatfields pupils raised £117.64! Thank you to everyone who donated.

A special mention must go to Megan D in Year 6, who last week had the majority of her long and beautiful hair cut off to go to Little Princess Trust to make wigs for children who have lost their hair through illness. Not only did she give her hair away, but Megan also raised over £500 which is a huge achievement and she should be incredibly proud of herself. Well done, Megan!

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to those who supported the Scholastic Book Fair. The fair was very busy every afternoon and as a result we have managed to hit our target, which means that we will be able to buy more books for the school. Thank you!

Parent View

Thank you to those of you who filled in our Parent View Survey at the recent Parent Consultation Evenings. This facility will be available again on the evening of Tuesday 20th March at the rescheduled Consultations.

Remember, if you fill out the survey during these sessions your child will be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win a £10.00 book voucher!

If you did not get the chance to complete the Parent View Survey and you would like to voice your opinion of our School, you can do so by registering via the Ofsted Parent View pages found at:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

The feedback you give helps us to know what we are doing well and where we need to further improve.

Attendance

Since September 2017, the Department for Education policy states that the school expects attendance at school to be 100%, unless there are exceptional or unavoidable reasons for absence.

Each term Wheatfields celebrates attendance as a whole school. Children who have achieved 100% attendance for the current term will receive a certificate presented in assembly. 100% attendance for the academic year will be celebrated at the final assembly.

Requests for absence from school should be in writing and the relevant form filled in; these requests will then be considered on an individual basis. Please be aware that authorised absence will only be granted by the Headteacher in exceptional circumstances and attendance figures are reported to the Local Authority, who can impose fines for unauthorised absence. For more information as well as our attendance policy, please visit the school website.

And finally....

We aim to give you as much notice as possible for school events, trips, extra-curricular opportunities or amendments to clubs. 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 which is updated each term detailing events through the school year.

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