

...in the news!

Spring 1 2020 Friday 7th February

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.

An improvement to the start of the day for KS2 pupils

On a rainy day, the children come straight into their classrooms. There is always a calmer and more purposeful start to the day on these days, even though it is raining! This would seem to be because there are fewer pupils trying to get somewhere at the same time and less distractions that could mean the day doesn't start as well as it could. There is more space in the KS2 cloakrooms and the children are expected to make their way calmly to their classrooms to begin their learning.

Therefore we would like to try this way of coming into school every day for pupils in KS2 (year 3 to year 5).
Arrangements for EYFS, KS1 and year 6 pupils will remain the same as they are currently.

Years 3-5 will go straight into classrooms when they arrive on site between 8:30-8:40am, rather than line up on the playground. For all classes, except Class 7, entry will be via the external doors leading into the classrooms. For Class 7, pupils will enter via Class 8's door. Members of staff will be in classrooms to greet the children therefore there will not be members of staff on duty in the KS2 playground.

Registration will still be between 8:40-08:55am and all external classroom doors will close promptly at 8:40am. External doors will remain closed therefore any late-comers will be expected to sign in at reception. As before, any brief messages can still be left with class teachers at the door until 8:40am, or alternatively a note sent through with the child or via the school office by phone or email.

This change will take effect from Monday 10th February.

Curriculum Maps

The learning themes and content for each year group are set out for you to have at home to support learning through the term. All of the plans are available on the school website.

Wheatfields Stay & Read

Thank you so much for attending these sessions with the children. We are definitely looking forward to the warmer weather when we can take the reading books outside! The Stay and Read sessions run monthly and are the first Monday or Friday each month. Just make your way round to the front entrance to sign in after drop off. The next session is Friday 6th March and we hope you can make it. Thank you for your continued support. We have noticed an increase in the number of children reading and an increase in their enjoyment of reading. Thank you for your support.

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Reading Well for Children - available from Cambridgeshire Libraries now



This month sees the launch of **Reading Well for children** collections in the [Cambridgeshire Libraries](#), coinciding with Children's Mental Health Week.

The aim of Reading Well for Children is to support the mental health and wellbeing of Key Stage 2 children (aged 7-11), providing them, their families and carers with information, advice and support for coping with feelings and worries.

The booklist contains 33 titles covering topics relevant to the children of today, such as grief, anxiety, bullying and staying safe online, as well as about living with diagnosed conditions and physical disabilities.

These books include picture books, stories and nonfictions, and have been selected to encourage conversation about feelings between children and their parents or carers.

You can find the books in [your local library](#) for any library customer to borrow from 3rd February.

There are also **Reading Well** booklists for young people and for adults to help with managing one's health and wellbeing. To find out more, please click [here](#).

Extreme Reading Challenge and Healthy Selfies

These challenges are proving extremely popular...not that we are a competitive bunch! Keep sending your photos in to our office@address or send a paper copy in to school to be displayed. We look forward to seeing them.

#WCD

The pennies definitely add up and our fundraising for World Cancer Day made a whopping £209.00. It was incredibly touching to see the pupils carefully putting their pennies on the sheet and especially when the older pupils helped our youngest. Mrs Baker and the pupils on Wheatfields School Council did a brilliant job organising the fundraising and I think it is something that the school staff and pupils will continue to support because we all know someone who has been or is currently affected by this illness. Well done to our School Council members for making a difference.

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LEGZ UP!

The Managers of the St.Ives and Godmanchester Foodbank wanted to express their gratitude to you all as the combined food collection for this month weighed in at an incredible 242kg.

February Foodbank Collection

Now that Christmas has past, our work to fight hunger must continue to support those in need. Please donate whatever you can towards this community project and make a real difference.

Food items to donate

Cereal Soup Pasta Rice Tinned tomatoes

Pasta sauce Crisps Tinned meat

Tea/Coffee

Collection dates

➤ **Friday 28th February 2020**

➤ **Friday 27th March 2020**

➤ **Friday 22nd May 2020**

DECEMBER'S FOOD COLLECTION



HUNGER WARRIORS OF THE MONTH

Houghton Primary School



Thank you for all your support

Please note a change to the next collection date... The next Foodbank collection will be on Friday 28th February. This is to give schools more time to collect.

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Herbie is famous!

In case you still want to donate, there is a pot to collect for Guide Dogs for the Blind in our front entrance. The children enjoyed meeting Herbie the dog so much that he is now spotted by our pupils when he is out and about for his walks. Thank you for your donations to this worthy cause.



St Ives Rotary Club Young Dancer Competition

Sunday 29th March 2020 at the Performing Arts Centre Hinchbrook School. Age groups 8-10, 11-13 & 14 – 18. Categories: Solo, Ensemble (2-4 dancers) and Group (max 12 dancers). The celebrity adjudicator is Philip Bertioli, West End star from 'Singin' in the Rain'. For more details contact: secretary@stivesrotarycambs.org.uk or leave a message on the St Ives Rotary Facebook page.

O2 Singing stars!

They were amazing both in their performance skills and their behaviour. This is such a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to perform in such an impressive venue. Well done to all of the pupils and thank you to all of the staff that also sang their hearts out!

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a good half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 24th February.

Mrs T 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.