

10th February 2023

This newsletter will keep you updated with events at Wheatfields Primary and 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 Class Dojo posts.

Stay & Connect – Children's Mental Health Week

Thank you to all the parents who made our Stay & Connect session on Wednesday such a success. We had 133 parents join us in school to take part in activities with their children, whether that was playing a game, cutting and sticking, colouring in or just enjoying a good book together. The activities don't have to stop over half term. See below for more ideas...

Half Term Activities

In keeping with our Stay & Connect sessions, we would love to see any photographs of you and your family connecting with each other over the half term – please send them in to your child's class teacher on Dojo. Maybe you'll have a bake off, or sit and chat over a cup of hot chocolate (with whipped cream and sprinkles of course!) or go for a walk somewhere new. For more ideas the link below, The National Trusts 50 Things to Do in Winter, is great!

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/50-things/top-50-things-to-do-before-youre-11-activities-to-do-in-winter>

Bag2School – 28th February

After half term we have a Bag2School event scheduled at School. If you are having a clothing clean out in the holiday, please consider donating your unwanted items to this event and raise some money for PAWS. Please click below to see what items are accepted: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Public Speaking Competition

You will have been sent a letter regarding the Key Stage 2 Public Speaking Competition. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to practice their presentation skills on a subject that interests them, and be in with a chance of being nominated to go forward to the final at the end of March, which will be judged by a panel – to be confirmed! Please can your child bring their speech in after the half term holiday to be heard by their year group, and begin the process of choosing the finalists.

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March 2023

To celebrate our love of books we invite your children to dress as a book character for the day. This is always such a popular event in school and it is lovely to see all the different characters the children create!

Junior Bake-Off

We have been contacted by Love Productions to say that applications have recently opened for the 9th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. Channel 4 are looking for young budding bakers between 9-12 years old. Filming would take place from July 2023, but applications close on Sunday 12th March 2023.

Interested bakers can apply online at www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Industrial Strike Action

As you are aware, there are further dates scheduled for industrial action on 1st, 15th and 16th March. We are reviewing our Risk Assessment from the previous strike action and aim to get notice to parents as soon as possible after the half term of the school's intentions for these dates. Thank you for your patience and support with this.

Moving on...

We are very sad to announce that our Senior Inclusion Worker, Mrs Kathy Griffiths, will be retiring at the end of February after 29 years' service to Wheatfields. Mrs Griffiths has supported many children and their families in her time here, and will be greatly missed. She is looking forward to spending some quality time with her family, especially her young grandchildren, and in her own beautiful garden, though she has promised to come back and help us keep the school garden in shape! I know you will all join me in wishing Mrs Griffiths a happy and healthy retirement.

School is now closed for the half term holiday. Please have a wonderful break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 20th February.

Best Wishes,

*Mrs Verney-Davies,
Deputy Headteacher*