

...in the news!

End of Autumn Term 2019

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.

Residents Parking

I am very happy to report that since the reminder in my last newsletter, I have not received any complaints about inconsiderate parking from residents living near to the school. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Christmas Performances

Thank you so much for supporting our KS1 and EYFS and KS2 performances this term. They are a very important part of the curriculum at Wheatfields. A HUGE THANK YOU for your generosity with your donations this year. In addition to the money raised from selling calendars and photos as well as tea and coffee donations an amazing £2156.05!! The stage microphone catalogues will be out in the New Year! Thank you so much from PAWS and the school staff and children.

NSPCC Resources

I would like to draw your attention to some excellent online safety resources from the NSPCC. I am pretty sure that Father Christmas will be delivering some electronic devices into homes this year for some lucky children! The NSPCC have joined up with O2 to offer teachers and parents Share Aware teaching materials to help to keep children safe online. I will order packs for the school in January but if you would like more information in the meantime, more information can be found using

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

From Instagram and Snapchat to Minecraft and Tumblr, Net Aware is a simple no-nonsense guide for parents and teachers from the NSPCC and O2 to guide you through social media, apps and games that young people use. More information can be found at <https://www.net-aware.org.uk> where you can also download the free net aware app.

If you go into an O2 shop and ask for the Safeguarding Guru, they will help you to manage the parental settings on your phone. You don't have to have an account with O2 to access this service. Our nearest O2 shop is in Huntingdon.

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CALM town 'Meet the street' weekend – Friday 31st January – Monday 3rd February

Wheatfields Primary School is organising a 'meet the street event' on Monday 3rd February – more information to come in the New Year!

It has now been one year since St Ives became the first CALMtown in the world! The movement is growing and the team have many exciting events planned for 2020. One very successful aspect of CALMtown's work so far has been 'Meet the Street'.

'Meet the street' is easy to organise and can have an amazing impact on how we continue to support each other within our community. It takes one person on your street to invite the neighbours round for a cuppa and a chat. These events have already shown how getting to know the neighbours can lead to people feeling safer, supported and in some cases, less lonely.

In the cold, dark months of January and February, it is easy for us all to hole up at home, but this (along with dates such as "Blue Monday", the 20th January, a day in the year when statistically people can feel at their lowest) can be pretty miserable. So we want to counteract that by encouraging people to connect with each other and holding a Meet the street weekend. We want to encourage as many streets as possible to take part, which will have a really positive impact on the communities of St Ives.

So, are you up for the challenge?

Can you hold a little get together for your neighbours any time between Friday 31st January and Monday 3rd February? It's very easy to organise. We would love to hear about your Meet the Street events! You can contact us through our Facebook page or just

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let your school know and they will be able to pass it on to us. We would love to see how many of these events our community can organise to bring us all together.

Help!

We are in need of empty, plastic, screw top jars like those that contained hot chocolate powder for example. If you have any, we would be very grateful if you could send them into school the first week back. Thank you!

Thank you from LEGZ UP

Thank you so much for all of your donations to the foodbank. You can continue to send items in to school. The foodbank is in the school entrance.

On behalf of all the staff at Wheatfields I would like to wish you a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break and a very happy new year! We look forward to seeing you on 6th January 2020 for the start of the spring term.

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.