

...in the news!

6th November 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 'Learning Review' and termly curriculum letters.

We remember...

You will have received a letter this week about how we are remembering those who are currently serving or who have served in the past. The giant poppy is in the hall ready to display the photocopied pictures of loved ones. Please do come in and have a look.

National Anti-Bullying Campaign 2018 – Choose Respect

Wheatfields are getting in early as we started our anti – bullying annual reminder this week. The National week begins on Monday 12th November. More information can be found at <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018-choose-respect> It is important to remind children that bullying is unacceptable and to remind them about what to do if they see bullying happening in school. To help parents with understanding how bullying is tackled at Wheatfields, please see our policy that is available on the school website and we also have a number of excellent handbooks for parents called 'Say NO to Bullying' that can be purchased for only £1. They are available from the school reception.

The definition of what bullying is (and isn't!) that we use in school is taken from the parent booklet.

In school your child learns that bullying:

1. ...goes on for a while, or happens regularly
2. ...is deliberate. The other person wants to hurt, humiliate or harm the target.
3. ...involves someone (or several people) who are stronger in some way than the person being bullied. The person doing the bullying has more power; they are older, stronger, there are more of them or they have some 'hold' over the target (e.g. they know a secret about them).

Because these three things have to happen together for something to be called 'bullying', they will learn that bullying is not:

- A one off fight or argument
- A friend sometimes being nasty
- An argument with a friend



Children in Need 2018

Wheatfields will be supporting Children in Need again this year. For a small donation towards Children in Need the children can come to school wearing pyjamas or a onesie. Staff will also be taking part and if any parents want to walk to school in a onesie or pyjamas, it's all for a good cause!

PAWS Christmas fayre

PAWS are very excited to announce that our Xmas Fayre is going to be on Friday 23rd November 2018 from 5pm to 7pm.

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Please come along and support us, they'll be the usual hotdogs / other refreshments, gift stalls, raffle etc. as well as our Santa's Grotto of course!!!

If you'd like to book a stall then please use the form attached with this newsletter.

PAWS Contact details:

- Julia Norton (Committee Member) - pawscommittee@gmail.com or
- Lisa Gledson (Committee Secretary) – thegledsons@hotmail.co.uk

Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that Wheatfields is a Healthy School and a Nut-Free school. Children in EYFS and KS1 are provided with a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables at break time. We also offer a piece of fruit or raisin bread or cheesy bread for 20p at KS2 tuck shop during morning break. To support us with our healthy eating work with the children we would ask that you avoid sending crisps or chocolate as a break time snack. Thank you for your continued support.

E-safety session for parents

Craig Thompson from Cambridgeshire County Council's *Education ICT Service* will come and talk to us about the potential risks to children and practical ways in which we can minimise these risks and help children to stay safe in the digital world.

The Education ICT Service support schools across Cambridgeshire in the effective use of technology to support learning and have a wealth of experience and expertise in helping children to stay safe online. The presentation will last for approximately 1 hour and will be held on:

Wednesday 21st November at 6:30pm.

There will be time for questions both as a whole group and individually so why not take this opportunity to learn more about how to keep your child safe online?

Lining up

Thank you for your help in stepping back from your child's line when the whistle has blown. Please continue to do this as both children and parents have reported on how much safer it is and easier for all of the children to stay together as a class when coming into school.

Parent & Class links

We have received 2 responses to the information below that was sent out in a previous newsletter. I will be getting in touch with those 2 parents to see how we can move forward with this but just in case you were holding back, we thought we would give you another opportunity to come forward!

Do you want to be more involved in the school but particularly your child's class? We would like a minimum of 2 parents for each class that could be a link between the parents of the class, the school and PAWS. We are looking at finding new ways to communicate school events and PAWS events and would like to have views from the parents of each class on how best to do this. We are not anticipating anything onerous and want to work with parents to find the best way to get more parents involved in school events.



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If you feel that this is of interest to you and you want to find out more, please email office@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk with the subject class link and email your name so that we can contact you. Thank you in advance of your support.

Mrs 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.

Mrs Theresa Thornton, Headteacher.

