

...in the news!

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*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.*

### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you to those that could provide us with a copy of a photograph of a loved one that has served or is currently serving in the Armed Forces. The poppy has become a permanent part of our school and can be seen through the doors by the fish tank, near the front entrance. It is an important reminder for the children and staff to give thanks in the 100 year commemoration of the end of WW1 and beyond.

The poppy total raised by Wheatfields this year was an amazing £334.72! Thank you!



### **Children in Need 2018**

This year the school raised £373.66 for Children in Need. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity that makes a really positive difference to the lives of so many children.

### **Staffing**

Miss Mindham will be leaving Wheatfields in December to take up another teaching position. I am very pleased to be able to thank Miss Mindham for all of her work and welcome Miss Crellin to the Wheatfields team. Miss Crellin will be teaching class 6 full time from the start of the term in January. The children in class 6 have already met Miss Crellin and arrangements have been made for her to meet with Miss Mindham and also to spend more time with the children before the end of term. Miss Crellin is an experienced year 2 teacher and your children will be in very capable hands as they move through the rest of year 2. Miss Street will also be leaving her post as a learning support assistant at Wheatfields at the end of term. We wish both members of staff well in their new posts.

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### **PAWS Christmas fayre**

A huge thank you to the PAWS committee for organising and running another successful Christmas Fayre. The committee worked tirelessly to make it possible for as much fundraising as possible and I am very pleased to say that our grand total was £1491.93! Thank you so much for coming and supporting the event and also a big thank you to staff and the organisations that gave their time to help with the fayre. PAWS would like to thank all of the people below for supporting the fayre and also for giving donations on the night.

Barracudas  
One Leisure  
Montaz Tandoori Restaurant  
Wimpole Hall  
Shepreth Wildlife Park  
The Welcome Chinese Restaurant  
Lakeside Lodge Golf Centre  
The Raptor Foundation  
Bests Coffee Shop  
Spar  
George's Bakery  
Whateleys Newsagents  
Kleanco dry cleaners  
Optimum Beauticians  
Golden Lion Hotel  
TGS Dance and Fitness  
Nuts Bistro  
Mrs Dunn's Buns

### **Christmas Postbox**

There are 2 Christmas postboxes available in school for the children to send cards to their friends. All that the 'Elves' ask is that the envelopes are addressed with the first and last name and the class that they need the card to be delivered to.

### **Christmassy lunch day!**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas lunch day at Wheatfields. To celebrate in style, it is also the day to wear something Christmassy to school if they would like to. Please bear in mind that the children will still have their usual playtimes outside therefore they will need to be wrapped up warm!

### **Healthy Snacks update**

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

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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.

### **New Uniform Suppliers**

We are delighted to announce that we will now be collaborating with **THE GREEN SCHOOL SHOP** who are a local (ethical) supplier based in St Ives. The benefits of this are:

- ✓ New Wheatfields logo uniform available to buy in the shop
- ✓ Phone ordering available - payable by debit or credit card
- ✓ Quick turnaround of orders (if not in stock)
- ✓ Flexible delivery options - pick up, post, school
- ✓ Online ordering (from 2019)
- ✓ Easy exchange / refund
- ✓ Second hand uniform
- ✓ Non logo uniform available to purchase – trousers, tights, shoes etc.
- ✓ Additional school needs catered for such as stationery
- ✓ Late night shopping day Tuesdays until 7pm

Information and prices have been sent out but please call them if you have any queries – they are very helpful and aim to be as flexible as they can.

### **Lining up**

Thank you for your help in stepping back from your child's line when the whistle has blown allowing the children to walk into school independently. Should you need to mention something quickly to your child's class teacher, please make sure you do this in the playground as soon as the whistle has gone, while the children are lining up. It is good to hear that 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.

### **Term Dates 2019 – 2020**

Professional Days have been added to the school calendar for 2019 – 2020.

### **Parent & Class links**

As already mentioned in our newsletter, our PAWS committee work very hard throughout the year to try to raise money for the school. In the past, they have funded a mobile stage, stage lighting and a new sound system in KS2. They also purchased the outdoor play equipment in the KS1 play area. In addition, just recently each class was given money raised by PAWS to make their reading areas more inviting. Many of the long standing members will be looking to step down soon as their children have left or are in year 6

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therefore we are keen to find as many new members as possible to help. 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.

If you feel that this is of interest to you and you want to find out more, please email [office@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk](mailto: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.

### **Christmas tree disaster averted!**



It was one Christmas Fayre too many for our wobbly but reliable Christmas tree near the front entrance this year! Thanks to Miss Keane, Tesco very kindly donated a new tree to the school. Thank you Miss Keane and Tesco!

On behalf of all of the staff and governors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and enjoyable Christmas break. School opens to the children on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

With very best wishes,

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](http://www.wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk) . You will also receive our Calendar of Events detailing events through the school year.*

*Mrs Theresa Thornton, Headteacher.*