

...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.*

### **Complaints**

It has come to our attention that issues related to the school are being commented on openly on Facebook. Unfortunately, derogatory comments have been made about the school and the staff.

Firstly, we would like to request that anyone who has got complaints about any of the policies or any member of staff to go through the formal or informal complaints procedure that is on the website.

Secondly, we would like to stress that the school and the governing body take duty of care seriously. Any comments which disparage any member of staff in his/her professional capacity or expose them to ridicule will be taken seriously and referred to the police who could take action under 'hate crime' procedures.

We are very proud of our school and are always looking to improve it further. We welcome suggestions and comments and we hope that all issues and complaints can be resolved in a positive manner.

We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to working with you in providing our children the best possible education.

### **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. 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.

### **Learning at home**

There are links on our website to lots of home learning opportunities to practice Maths and English skills. We use Mathletics, Spellodrome and Busythings. Passwords for Mathletics have been resent recently and Spellodrome can be accessed through Mathletics. Busythings is for children in EYFS and KS1 and has a range of learning activities covering the curriculum. For home access to [www.busythings.co.uk](http://www.busythings.co.uk) you need to use home2073 as your username and tree5520 as the password. Have fun!

### **January sort out?**

If you are planning to have a sort out following Christmas and you have any educational games, board games or books that are in good condition, we would love to take them off of your hands. Books about

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friendship and loss would be particularly useful for EYFS and KS1. If you do have anything that you think we could use, please pass them on to your child's class teacher or leave them with the admin staff in the front entrance. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Car Park safety**

There are some families walking through the staff carpark, particularly at the end of the school day. Cars move through the car park at all times of day therefore please could you help us to be safe by using the paths alongside the car park. Thank you.

### **Coats**

We have a number of older pupils telling us that they do not have a coat to wear during break times?! Please be assured that all pupils are asked to wear a coat during the cold weather but some pupils choose not to. Should you wish your child to wear a coat when they go outside in the winter, please could you make sure you that you have had those conversations at home and that there is a coat for them to wear. Thank you!

### **Join the junior parkrun family!**

Jubilee junior parkrun takes place every Sunday morning at Jubilee Park, Huntingdon and is a free, timed 2km run for 4 to 14 year-olds. It's not a race though. Children run, jog or walk against the clock to try and beat their personal best time and in doing so have fun while getting fitter and making friends in the fresh air. Adults are welcome to join in with their children (although they won't receive a time). Importantly, you don't need to be able to run the whole 2km to take part and everyone is welcome.

Before attending for the first time, you need to register your child at [www.parkrun.org.uk/register](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register) [1] and then bring along a printed copy of their barcode (not on a phone screen please). Please arrive by 8.45am, ready to run at 9am. There's lots more details on the parkrun website and at [www.parkrun.org.uk/jubilee-juniors/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/jubilee-juniors/) [2].

### **Links:**

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**[1] <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register>**

**[2] <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/jubilee-juniors/>**

### **Help with Fostering in Cambridgeshire**

Have you ever considered becoming a foster carer? If so, now is a great time to start your fostering journey as Cambridgeshire County Council's fostering service is currently recruiting carers to a wide range of rewarding roles. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who could provide a home to a teenager in care and offer them the help and support they need. To find out more about how you can make a difference, call today on 0800 052 0078 or visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering)

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**Term Dates 2019 – 2020**

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

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.*

