



Wheatcroft Primary School



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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the Spring term. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year shared with family and friends.

It was lovely welcoming back the staff and children this week who all seem ready for the new term. You will see from their phase newsletters what exciting lessons and topics they have planned. The staff will be organising theme days and weeks this term including 'Well Being Week' and World Book Day. Please remember if you do hold a current Wheatcroft approved DBS they welcome all extra help into the classrooms, just contact the office or the class teacher to let them know of your availability.

This term we will begin to consider the design of our new D&T kitchen and will also be working with the children to design a wildlife area in our courtyard. If you know of anyone who may be able to support with these project designs please let us know.

Our PTFA will be holding their AGM on Friday 26th January. The team work so hard throughout the year creating events to raise money for our children. Please come along to hear about their busy year and to consider ways that you can help with their forthcoming events.

Our parent consultations will take place in the last week of this half term. We will again be available in the hall so please ensure you make time to pop in for a coffee and to look through the resources to support your child's learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Miller

Head Teacher

ASSEMBLY DATES – Fridays

These dates are for assemblies led by the classes. We invite parents of children in the class to attend the assembly at 3.00pm on these Fridays. If you are attending and bringing younger children please ensure that they can sit through the assembly quietly, or that you position yourself so you can take them out if they cannot settle. Lower Key Stage 2 will not be undertaking class assemblies this term as they will be focussing on their end of term performances. We look forward to seeing you there.

26.1.18	2.2.18	9.2.18	23.2.18	2.3.18	9.3.18	16.3.18	23.3.18
Year 6	Y 2	Y5 / 6	Year 1 / 2	Rec 2	Year 1	Rec 1	Year 5



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FOUNDATION STAGE

Mrs Smart, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Coneelly & Mrs Starling

Welcome to the Spring term! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and your children are well rested ready for this half term. In Foundation we will be focussing on traditional tales such as 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We will be using these stories across the curriculum to enhance children's learning opportunities for example designing and creating our own gingerbread men, writing missing posters for the Big Bad Wolf and hunting for Little Red Riding Hood in our Forest School!

KEY STAGE 1

Mrs Waller, Mrs Woodier, Miss Chittenden & Miss Jones

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term; we hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We have a lot of exciting things planned for your children this term. We will be looking at the life and legacy of Beatrix Potter, including reading her wonderful stories. We will also be exploring stories from the Jewish, Hindu and Christian faiths in RE. We will be looking at plant life and what they need to grow in science, so we will visit the forest school area. In music we will be learning to play the ocarina, a simple wind instrument, and exploring drumming, with a special visitor to help us. Following the musical theme we will be investigating, designing and making musical instruments in Art. In computing, we will be using roamers to follow the instructions we give them and we will be following instructions ourselves when we make healthy food, including vegetable quiches and fruit kebabs, in Design & Technology. The healthy theme continues into PSHE where we will be considering how to keep ourselves safe and healthy in different situations. Finally, in PE we will be outside for games (weather dependent) and inside for dance and gymnastics.

As always, your child will need all their clothing and personal items named and PE kit, including trainers, in school every day. We will continue to set spelling homework and to change reading books on the usual days. Thank you, in advance, for all your support.

LOWER KEY STAGE 2

Mrs Waller, Mrs Gent, Mrs Hickman, Mrs Watson & Miss Cutmore

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a restful break and are looking forward to the opportunities the new term will bring. This term, our main topic will be World War II and the impact it had upon the local area. In English, we will produce persuasive leaflets and articles, as well as poetry and even riddles! We will complement this in our Art sessions as well with a visit to Hertford Museum to help us bring the topic to life. In Science and Design and Technology, our work will be altogether a little more modern and work on circuits; we will attempt to create working alarm systems – robbers watch out! Finally, a highlight has to be our production: if you are able to support us in ways such as sewing, crafting or making props, please do speak to your child's teacher – your support is always greatly appreciated and adds that extra sparkle to your already talented children!



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UPPER KEY STAGE 2

Mrs Cole, Miss Dienel & Mr Wilkie

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a restful break and are looking forward to the opportunities the new term will bring. Through our CLJ topic 'changes since 1948' we will be looking at changes in technology, leisure and entertainment, focusing on London since 1948. We will explore changes in buildings and land, and will explore the positive and negative effects of the Green Belt law. We will link our Art and Design & Technology to our CLJ topic as we will be learning about great architects in recent history and will consider how buildings have changed over time. In Science, we will be learning about different electrical components and their functions. We will be conducting scientific investigations and will learn how to use scientific diagrams to show our findings. Spring term is always busy for events. Year 6 children have been invited to Crucial Crew to develop their skills of keeping safe in various situations, which we know is always an event they enjoy. A key event for Spring term is always the Hertford Shires Rotary Club's annual essay competition. We know Year 6 have been working hard on their research regarding their future careers; we look forward to seeing their finished products, as well as seeing Year 5 take their first steps into essay writing to prepare them for this project next year. All in all, a lot to look forward to!

ADMINISTRATION

Dinner Money and Music Invoices – Both have already been issued. We would like to remind you these are to be paid in advance not in arrears therefore immediate payment is required.

School Comms - Thank you to all that are making use of the School Comms system to make payments to school. This is a much safer and quicker method for payment of most items i.e. dinner money, trips, swimming, music etc. If you have lost your login details or forgotten how to use the system please contact the office and we can arrange to resend you the details. Invoices for dinner money, music and milk have been issued. Your prompt payment would be appreciated.

Website – We are regularly updating our Website with weekly bulletins, please take the time to look at it. We will also be sending more communications via email rather than hardcopy and uploading these to the web. If for any reason you are unable to receive emails please let us know so that we can arrange to send home a copy. In addition please ensure you keep us informed of any change of details to ensure you are kept updated. We regret that our system will only allow us to send emails and texts to your number one priority contact.

Copy Letters – We are finding that we are spending a lot of time chasing for signed permission slips. The usual response received is that the child didn't bring home or that they have lost them. Quite often these are then found in book bags. To enable you to access these and respond more quickly we are arranging for a copy to be placed on the school website where you can download extra copies for completion. These can be found under **Parents Information** then **Letters and Forms**.

Lost Property – Unfortunately we are still finding a lot of items in lost property unnamed. All unnamed items are disposed of at the end of each half term. To ensure your child's items are safely returned to them can you please ensure that all items are regularly clearly marked and that the marking is visible.

Reception & Nursery Admissions 2018/19 – We would like to remind you that the closing date for applications for the **Reception** Intake in September 2018 closes on **Monday 15 January**. If your child is currently in a Nursery or pre-school setting you need to ensure that you have re-applied for Reception places. Please spread the word to friends and neighbours! For families looking for **Nursery** places with effect from September 2018, the admission process will open on **Monday 15 January** and closes on **Monday 26 February 2018**.



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CORE DATES FOR SPRING & SUMMER TERMS 2018

DATE	TIME	EVENT
4 January	8:55	First day of Spring term
15 January		Closing date for Reception Applications 2018/19
15 January		CLUBS Commence
29 January	Morning	Reception Height & Weight check
7 February	16:00-19:00	Parent Consultations
8 February	15:30-18:30	Parent Consultations
12-16 February		HALF TERM BREAK
23 February	Evening	PTFA Disco/Magic Show
1 March	All Day	World Book Day
2 March	12:45	Y6 Crucial Crewe at Morgans School
11 March	Evening	Royal Albert Hall Gala (Choir)
19 March		Last week of Clubs
27 March	13:45	LKS 2 Performance
28 March	18:30	LKS 2 Performance
29 March		PTFA – Easter event
29 March	2:30	Last day of term
2 – 16 April		Closed for Spring Break
17 April	8:55	First day of Summer term
7 May		May day bank holiday
14-18 May	Each Day	ASSESSMENT PERIOD
18 May	Evening	PTFA – Ladies evening
24 May		Class & Team Photos
29 May – 2 June		HALF TERM BREAK
<i>June</i>	<i>Evening</i>	<i>Annual Music Concert (tbc)</i>
15 June	Evening	PTFA Disco/Magic Show
<i>12-16 June</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Year 1 Phonics Assessment period</i>
<i>8 July</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>	<i>PTFA Summer Fete</i>
12 July	ALL DAY	Year 6 Secondary Visits
12 July	14:00	School Open Afternoon
16 July	Afternoon	UKS2 Performance
17 July	Evening	UKS2 Performance
19 July	Evening	Year 6 Leavers Party
20 July	2:30	Last day of term for children

Italicised dates are provisional