



Wheatcroft Primary School



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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope that you all thoroughly enjoyed your Easter break and the fantastic weather allowed many opportunities for holidays and adventures. It was lovely to welcome the children back this week full of smiles and energy ready for the summer term. I was particularly impressed to see the hard work that had gone into creating the wonderful rainforests in key stage 1.

I must start by sharing baby news! Congratulations go out to Mrs Smart and Miss Grey and their partners on the arrival of their new babies. Mrs Smart's baby boy Montgomery was born on 9th April and Miss Grey's twin boys Kit and Carter were born on 24th April. All are doing well and we are looking forward to meeting them all soon.

During the week beginning 14th May, the Year 2 and Year 6 children will be participating in their Sats tests. We have today sent you an information for parent's document which explains the process. Following the success of our summer fun day last year, we will be organising this for all of our children again at the end of Sats week. More details will follow soon. The week beginning 10th June will be when our Year 1 children take part in their phonics assessment so please keep supporting them using the resources you have been given by the KS1 team. Our Year 4 cohort will be taking part in the trial times tables test during the month of June. This will enable us to be ready and prepared for when this test becomes statutory in 2020.

Over the Easter break our Nursery toilets were completed and are looking lovely. However, due to unavoidable issues with suppliers and materials, the boy's toilets will be completed over the next couple of weeks. Please feel reassured that Mr Dicker is monitoring the works closely and all workmen on site are DBS checked.

This term welcomes many exciting opportunities for the children including residential journeys, day trips, sporting events and much more. Thank you in advance to all staff, parents and governors for your support to ensure these can happen for our children.

Mrs D Miller

FOUNDATION STAGE

FOUNDATION STAGE PRACTITIONERS

Welcome back. We hope you are all refreshed after the Easter break.

In the Summer term, the two topics Nursery will be covering are At the Seaside and Transport. In the first half term we will be learning all about animals under the sea and seaside towns both in familiar places and around the world. We look forward to exploring our local community through our trip to Cedar's Park and encountering some wild and domestic animals at their Nature Centre. Across both half terms we will be engaging in lots of group role play, story-telling and story scribing around our weekly books and other familiar stories. We will also continue to promote problem solving and questioning skills through number problems, whilst also focussing on building number fluency to 10 and 20.

In the first half term Reception will be learning about different types of animals, mini beasts and their Habitats. We are all looking forward to getting up close, and personal to the animals at Shepreth Wildlife Park on our school trip. In the second half term our focus will be on fictional characters such as the Gruffalo. In Maths our focus for the summer term will be on problem solving. This will include estimating, halving, doubling and sharing. We will also be learning our number bonds to 10. Children will be encouraged to write more independently in preparation for transition to KS1



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Key Stage 1

Miss Brown/Mrs Duffy/Miss Jones

Welcome back to the new term and we hope you all had a lovely Easter. We have a lot of exciting things planned for your children this term! We will be exploring the Amazon Rainforest, learning about where it is, the animals you find there as well as the different layers that make up the rainforest. Alongside this the children will be exploring music from around the world and looking at how to read graphic scores. In RE, we will be looking at the Jewish celebrations Shabbat and Yom Kippur. We will also be creating portraits in art in the style of Warhol and looking at how Da Vinci uses movement in his paintings. In Science, we will be finding out about how plants and humans grow, looking at the different stages of the lifecycle.

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 change reading books on the usual days. Thank you, in advance, for all your support.

Lower Key Stage 2

Mrs Waller/Miss Cutmore/Mrs Gwajeski/Mrs Woodier

Welcome back to the final term of the year. We hope you all had a restful Easter break.

This term will be yet another very busy one for us all! Our topic will be the Stone Age and will include a very exciting trip to the Celtic Harmony Camp for a Stone Age Day. We will link this History topic to Art by looking at the styles and pigments used in ancient art as well as Science by thinking about how rocks and fossils were made. We will also use Ancient Britain as our French topic - L'ancienne Histoire De La Grande Bretagne.

In English, we will write reports on Mary Anning's work and the Stone Age trip; Anthony Browne will be the author we study this term.

In PSHE we will be looking at relationships and in RE we will explore the Sikh religion and the relationship Sikhs have with God. Relationships will also feature in computing where we will be looking at communication methods such as emails. In music, we will look at the relationship between players in an orchestra and how they work together. We will all learn how to play the recorder.

We will be keeping fit working on athletic and outdoor games skills too.

Thank you for your continued support – we really appreciate it

Upper Key Stage 2

Miss Dienel/Miss Bowden/Mrs Rampersaud/Mrs Waller

Welcome back. We hope you all enjoyed a welcome and restful break, being able to enjoy the lovely weather and are ready for all the hard work and fun (hopefully in the sun!) that this term brings.

Our main theme this term is Ancient Greece: we will cover Ancient Greek beliefs, war and beliefs in History, as well as looking at how they waged war. This will also tie in with our English where we will look at The Adventures of Odysseus by Hugh Lupton – a child-friendly version of Homer's Odyssey -, a comical look via 'Who Let The Gods Out' by Maz Evans and look at a range of Greek poetry. In D&T and Art, we will make moving mechanisms and work with clay to complement our Greek work; in Computing, we will share our work and comment on others' via making wikis and blogs using google Classroom.

After half term, our learning will be focussed more on the local area and will involve an investigation into an issue we are all very aware of: the local traffic situation. If anyone has any key contacts in this area who the children could interview (either in person or virtually via email), please do speak to your class teacher.



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PE will be mainly outside as we work on our athletics and striking games. Although we will still have key PE days, as the weather improves we try to get outside as much as possible, so we would welcome your support in making sure your child has correct kit daily which must include trainers.

In Music, we will look at the work of Thomas Ravenscroft from the Renaissance period before moving towards preparations for our end of term production – more details on this soon.

Summer term also brings assessment week and for Year 6, we will be running SATs breakfast again; a separate letter will discuss this further. We are also looking forward to our Norfolk and Cuffley events, as well as a lot of other fun this term.

ADMINISTRATION

Dinner Money, Music and Lunch Club invoices 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.



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DATE	TIME	EVENT
24 April	8:55	First day of Summer term
29 April		Clubs Commence
30 April	14:30	DBS Volunteers Meeting
1 May	9:00	Year 4 children in Class 3 / 4 Science Workshop
2 May	All Day	Year 3 & 4 Celtic Harmony Day Trip
6 May		SCHOOL CLOSED MAY BANK HOLIDAY
8 May	9:00-3:15	Reception trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park
9 May	6:00	Sept 19 Intake Nursery Parents Meeting
9 May	7:00	Sept 19 Intake Reception Parents Meeting
13-17 May	All Day	SATs & Assessment Week
<i>14 May</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Nursery trip to Cedar Park</i>
17 May	All Day	Summer Fun Day
17 May	Evening	PTFA Y6 Girls & Ladies Evening
21-23 May	All Day	Y5 Bushcraft Residential Trip
27-31 May		HALF TERM BREAK
6 June	AM	School Group Photos
7 June	Evening	PTFA Magic Show & Disco
10-14 June	All Day	Year 1 Phonics Assessment
<i>13 June</i>	<i>9:15-11:15</i>	<i>KS1 Sports Day</i>
<i>13 June</i>	<i>1:15-3:15</i>	<i>KS2 Sports Day</i>
17-21	All Day	Y6 Residential trip to Norfolk
19 June	All Day	KS1 Y1 Trip to Whipsnade
19 June	11:30	Reception 2019 Trial Lunch
24-28 June	All Day	Level 3 Cycle Training (Y6 only)
26 June	All Day	KS1 Y2 Trip to Whipsnade
<i>28 June</i>	<i>1:15-4:15</i>	<i>District Athletics competition at Wodson Y2 - 6</i>
26 June	Evening	Music Concert
29 June	1:00-4:00	PTFA Family Festival
<i>2 July</i>	<i>11:00-1:00</i>	<i>Foundation Stage Sports Day & Picnic</i>
11 July	ALL DAY	Year 6 Secondary Visits
11 July	14:00-15:30	School Open Afternoon
17 July	18:30	UKS2 Performance
18 July	13:45	UKS2 Performance
22 July	Evening	Year 6 Leavers Party
23 July	2:30	Last day of term for children
<i>3 September</i>	<i>08:55</i>	<i>First Day of Children's Autumn Term 2019</i>

Italicised dates are provisional and weather permitting

Y2 SATs will take place across the month of May

ASSEMBLY DATES – Fridays

26.4.19	3.5.19	10.5.19	24.5.19	7.6.19	14.6.19	21.6.19	28.6.19	5.7.19	19.7.19
Rec 2	Yr 2	Yr 3	R1 & R2	Y5 Trip Assembly	Yr 3 / 4	Yr 1 / 2	Yr 1	Y6 Trip Assembly	Yr 4