



# Wheatcroft Primary School



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## Start of Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term and we hope that you enjoyed your Easter break with family and friends. I would like to begin our newsletter by sending our congratulations to the new Mrs McLeod (Miss Dienel) who was married during the Easter break; we wish her and Mr McLeod all the very best as they begin their married life together. As you can see from the information below, we are really looking forward to a busy term of activities which will enable us to once again invite you into school. The summer term weather always brings opportunities for more outdoor learning and activities such as class trips, sports day, PTFA events and the excitement of the school field during play times! We look forward to sharing our last, busy and exciting term with you all.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs D Miller*

Head teacher

### Foundation Stage

**Mrs Woodier, Mrs Waller, Mrs Duffy, Mrs Starling**

We are looking forward to an exciting term in EYFS, enjoying the summer weather. We are really looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Jubilee and learning about how lives have changed since the Queen has been on the throne and how members of our families have celebrated different Royal events. We will be growing a variety of plants in our outdoor area and learning about different woodland animals and mini-beasts. In RE we will be learning about stories from around the world and in our PSHE Jigsaw lessons we will be completing our last 2 pieces- relationships and changing me. In these units, we focus on being a good friend and transition to our new classes. We will continue with our weekly forest school lessons. In English, we will be using our phonics to write sentences and learning to read and write longer words. In Maths, we are looking at counting to 20, one more, one less, halving, doubling and sharing and days of the week. We will be setting weekly homework for Reception children and changing reading books each week. Thank you for your support with your children's learning and posts on Tapestry.

### Key Stage 1

**Miss Brown, Miss Morris, Mrs Hickman, Miss Jones, Mrs Leishman**

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 Seaside, learning about how it has changed through the generations as well as looking at the physical and human features found at the seaside and how they are made. Alongside this the children will be exploring pitch by learning a range of Sea Shanties and making their own Punch and Judy puppets in Design and Technology. In RE we will be looking at questions that prompt discussion as well as learning about why the world around us is so important. We will also be learning about the world around us in our Art topic which looks at patterns in nature and making prints using natural objects. In Science we will be finding out about how plants and animals are adapted to their habitats. We will explore how they survive in their habitat and how to sort them into herbivore, carnivore and omnivore. 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 day. Thank you, in advance, for all your support.



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## Lower Key Stage 2

**Mr Wackett, Mr Griffin, Miss Clarke, Mrs Smart**

It is fantastic to see the children excited and ready for the summer term! We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable break after a highly successful term in which we performed 'Peter Pan'. As part of our homework, we asked you to read the story of James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl. This will be our first English unit for the term. In maths, we will be consolidating our knowledge of formal written methods. We will also be learning about measuring and calculating area and exploring volume. In science, we will be exploring sound and look forward to investigations creating string telephones and soundproofing! For history, we will be learning about the Romans. We will investigate topics such as Roman roads, Hadrian's Wall, Boudicca's rebellion and Roman gods and goddesses! Our Geography links, exploring Italy, with a focus on Venice and Pompeii. Our homework and spelling routine will remain the same as previous terms and any changes will be advised on Google Classroom. We look forward to building on the successes of the academic year so far, enjoying the sunshine as the summer term continues!

## Upper Key Stage 2

**Mrs McLeod, Mr Marshall, Mrs Naziris**

Welcome back to Summer term in Upper Key Stage 2. We hope you and your families have had a lovely Easter break and are looking forward to all the exciting opportunities this term will bring. Our main topic is 'The Digital Age' and through this we will be reflecting on how technology has changed our lives since the end of the Second World War. In History, we will consider which inventions have improved our lives and in Geography, how London has changed during this period. Our Art & Design and Technology will complement this through our work on architecture and using simple CAD software to design our own futuristic homes. In Computing, we will turn our hand to stop-motion animation. In Science, we will look at materials, their properties and different changes which can happen to them and whether they can be reversed or not. In May, we will hold our assessments for both year groups and after this, we are thrilled to be able to take the children on the journeys to Bushcraft Cuffley and Norfolk. A particular highlight is also sure to be our end of term production which we hope you will be able to join us to see. We would like to remind you that all children should have indoor shoes and change these regularly and for those children walking home, a reminder they should not be using their mobile phones within school premises. Spellings and homework routines remain the same (out Thursday, back Tuesday) and any changes will be advised via google classroom. We are looking forward to working with you all this term to finish the year off in style!



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## Diary Dates

DATE	TIME	EVENT
19 April	All Day	Inset Day for Staff
20 April	08:55	Start of Spring Term
21 April	All Day	Knex Challenge Y5 children
22 April	All Day	Games Day whole school
25-29 April	All Week	Walk to School Week
25 April	5:00-6:00pm	Y5 Parent Information Meeting Bushcraft (Virtual)
28 April	5:00-6:00pm	Y6 Parent Information Meeting Norfolk (In School)
29 April	2:30-3:15pm	PTFA AGM (In School)
May		KS1 Test Period commences dates across the month
3 May	AM	School Nurse Reception Screening
3 May	5:00-6:00pm	Nursery Sept Intake Parents Information meeting
4 May	5:00-6:00pm	Reception Sept Intake Parents Information meeting
6 May	3:00pm	Year 4 Class Assembly to Parents
6 – 12 May	8:30-9:00am	Year 6 SAT Breakfast
9 – 12 May	All Day	Assessment Week
16-18 May	Residential	Y5 Bushcraft Residential
17 May	2:30pm	Woodwind Assembly to Parents
19 May	3:30-4:15pm	PTFA EYFS Magic Show
19 May	4:45-5:30pm	PTFA KS1 Magic Show
20 May	3:00pm	Year 3 Class Assembly to Parents
20 May	4:00-5:00pm	PTFA LKS2 Disco
20 May	5:30-6:30pm	PTFA UKS2 Disco
24 May	2:45pm	Reception Assembly to Parents
24 May	All Day	Inter-house running event (House Captains)
25 May	Evening	Rotary Essay Awards
27 May	All Day	Jubilee Day Celebration
30 May – 3 June		<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>
6 – 10 June	Residential	Y6 residential to Norfolk
6 June		Start of Y1 Phonics Screening
10 June	2:45pm	Y5 Bushcraft Assembly to Parents
10 June	After School	PTFA Lolly Sale starts and every Friday thereafter
14 June	3:00pm	Y12 Class Assembly to Parents
14 June	7:00pm	Music Festival Y5
17 June	2:45pm	Y6 Norfolk Assembly to Parents
20 June	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	Occasional Day
21 June	AM	Class & Group Photos
21 June	4:00-5:00pm	Stay & Play Reception 2022
22 June	AM	District Sports
23 June	Morning	Nursery Trip to Cedars Park
24 June	3:00pm	Y2 Class Assembly to Parents
25 June	1:00-4:00pm	PTFA Summer Fete
28 June	All Day	Y1 trip to Southend on Sea
30 June	All Day	Reception trip to Shepwreth
30 June	2:30	Guitar Assembly to Parents
1 July	3:00pm	Y34 Class Assembly to Parents



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4 July	10:00-12:30	Sports Day & Picnic Nursery & Reception (Weather dependent)
5 July	3:00pm	Y1 Class Assembly to Parents
7 July	All Day	Y2 trip to Southend on Sea
8 July	9:30-11:30	KS1 Sports Day
8 July	1:15-3:15	KS2 Sports Day
12 July	6:00-7:30	UKS2 Production
13 July	1:30-3:00	UKS Production
13 July	10:00-12:30	Reserve date for Picnic/Sports day if 4 July cancelled
14 July	All Day	Transition Day
14 July	9:30-11:30	Reception September 2022 transition session
14 July	9:30-11:30	Transition workshop for Sept 2022 Parents
14 July	11:45-1:00	Trial Lunch for Rec 2022 new children plus 1 parent
14 July	2:00-4:00	Open Afternoon all Classes Parents to meet new teachers
15 July	2:45pm	Reception Assembly to Parents
15 July	All Day	Reserve Sports Day if weather conditions dictate
18 July	4:00-6:00	Y6 Leavers Party
20 July	1:30	End of Summer Term
		<b>Monday 5 September 8:55 Start of new academic year</b>
		(this does not apply to nursery who have individual induction)
		<b>PLEASE NOTE ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>