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**Wheatfields Infants' and Nursery School**  
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**Newsletter No.19 February 9<sup>th</sup> 2018**



Dear Parents

What a lot of learning in Tigers. Everything from numicon and rekenreks in maths to rockets and giant role play. It was great to see all the wonderful mark making that both girls and boys are enjoying. A lovely retelling of their class story too! Thank you to Mr Rush, Mrs Carlin and Mrs Spanswick for supporting the children with their first class assembly.

We held the finals of our "Express Yourself" house challenge this morning. What an exciting event this was as each class presented their house winner.

The children made us feel so proud to watch them perform their act in front of the whole school. It was incredibly difficult to choose an overall winner, 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Zebras, The Wick, "2<sup>nd</sup> Place to Ash Class, Clarence and 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Chestnut Class, The Wick.

The overall winners came from Chestnut Class and they sang and danced to "Roar" by Katy Perry. At the end of this half term points are as follows:

The Wick	700
Heartwood	525
Clarence	510
Jersey Farm	495

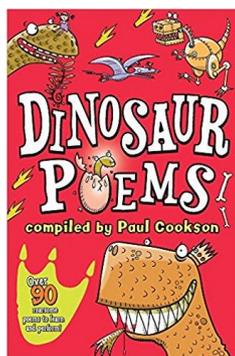
**RAIN FOREST TALK**

Last Friday, the children in Year 2 were very privileged to have a visit from Dr Storkey who talked to them about rainforests. The children learned that the largest mammal found in the Asian rainforests is a Bengal Tiger and that when a tree is cut down the other trees all compete to grow and reach the light first. They also thought about the importance of recycling paper to save resources and limit the number of trees that have to be cut down.

**SAFER INTERNET DAY**

This Tuesday was Safer Internet Day. The theme this year was 'Create, Connect, Share Respect: A Better Internet Starts with You'. We talked about the importance of being kind whilst using the internet and how we have to think about other's feelings if we put something online. Ask your children to tell you the story of 'The Three Monsters and The School Competition'.

**POETRY WORKSHOPS**



Thank you to all parents who have sent donations in for "Express Yourself". This has allowed us to go ahead with our poetry workshops on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Paul Cookson, the poet has agreed to visit the school to perform his poetry.

Paul will be talking to the children to provide inspiration for their own writing and also enthusing them about the joy of reading. This will support the literacy work that we do in school and we hope it will prove a stimulating experience for the children. There will be an opportunity

to buy one of his books should you wish on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

**DIARY DATES**

**FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY –**  
**MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Nursery Applications Open

**MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY –**  
**FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Half Term

**MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY &**  
**TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Poetry Workshops

**TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**9.00am**

Parent Forum

**TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**3.30pm – 6.30pm**

Parent Consultations

**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY**

**4.30pm – 7.30pm**

Parent Consultations

**THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY**

Thinking Day

**THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

World Book Day

**THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

**9.00am**

Class Assembly: Maple

**WEEK COMMENCING 19<sup>th</sup>**

**FEBRUARY 2018**

**SCHOOL MENU: Week 2**

## **PARENT FORUM TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Invitations have been sent out for our next Parent Forum which takes place on at 9.00am on Tuesday 20th February. Items for discussion include

- Treetops
- Cashless Schools
- Trips and voluntary contributions
- A.O.B

All parents are welcome and if you are keen to be included in the Forum, please contact Mrs Churchill in the School Office.

## **PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATION MEETINGS:**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm—6.30pm**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 4.30pm – 7.30pm**

This meeting is an opportunity for teachers and parents to jointly discuss how the children are progressing and areas for development. On the day of your meeting please enter school via the main entrance. All the meetings will take place in the School Hall except for **Nursery meetings** which will take place in **Beech Class**, so please make your way there just before your appointment time. A bell will ring after each ten minute appointment to signal the end of each session. We recognise that sometimes the conversation may need longer than ten minute and teachers are always happy to follow up at a different time if this is the case. Please remember to keep to the ten minute time slot to allow all parents equal access to the teacher. We look forward to seeing you.

## **OFSTED PARENT VIEW**

Parent View is a survey that gives you gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until a school is being inspected. You can also see what other parents think about Wheatfields. Taking part is easy; you just register to receive a login and can access the survey. It is very helpful for us if as many parents as possible complete the survey and we will have laptops set up for parents to take part at our consultation evenings.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

## **WORLD THINKING DAY: THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY**

The children are welcome to wear their Rainbow, Beaver or Brownie uniforms to school on 22nd February.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2018**

On World Book Day we will be inviting the children bring a prop from their favourite book Further details will be sent out when we return to school but the half term holiday may be an ideal time to start thinking about a prop.

## **RSPB BIG BIRDWATCH2018**

Ava, Ollie, DJ, Bertie, Nell and Elliot, our Sustainable Ambassadors were busy this week analysing data from the RSPB Big Bird Watch. Prior to the Big Bird Watch they all predicted which would be the most prolific species, and well done to Ollie who thought that there would be more gulls than any other birds! The ambassadors have also been making recycled bird feeders using polystyrene coffee cups and thinking about how we can improve the school habitat to make it more bird friendly.

Here are the final results. Thank you to everyone who took part and returned the bird spotting sheets, especially Georgia in Beech who spotted a parakeet in Surrey, Loren in Zebras who heard a woodpecker although she didn't see it ,and Chloe in Chestnut who drew fantastic pictures of a red kite and a jay.

1	Black Headed Gull	167
2	Blackbird	94
3	Robin	89
4	Magpie	75
5	Wood Pigeon	74
6	Blue Tit	55
7	Carrion Crow	49
8	Starling	47
9	Dunnock	36
10	Wren	32

11	Jackdaw	30
12	Coal Tit	28
13	Greenfinch	28
14	House Sparrow	27
15	Chaffinch	27
16	Long Tailed Tit	26
17	Great Tit	20
18	Song Thrush	16
19	Collared Dove	15
20	Pied Wagtail	5

## **MATHS EVENING YEAR 1 & Year 2: 7.30pm 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

There will be a maths evening for parents of children in Year 1 & Year 2 to help you support your child's learning with multiplication, division and fractions on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm. Further information to follow.

## **CHINESE NEW YEAR**

Happy New Year to everyone who will be celebrating on 16<sup>th</sup> February.



## **SCHOOL MEALS**

This week we have been trying to encourage the children to waste less food. The children now eat the first course of their school dinner before they collect their pudding. Prior to this the children collected both courses at once and the temptation to eat their dessert before they had finished their first course often proved too tempting! We never force the children to eat anything they don't like, however we do encourage them to try new foods. The strategy appears to be paying off as the children are definitely eating more! Please can parents support us at home and talk about the school menu with your child so that they choose food that they like. It would also be helpful if you could help your child practise cutting up their food with a knife and fork.

## **CALENDAR**

A reminder that all dates for school events, consultation evenings etc. can be found on our school website at [www.wheatfieldsinfants.herts.sch.uk/calendar](http://www.wheatfieldsinfants.herts.sch.uk/calendar). Events for the whole academic year are listed here, so you may find it useful for future planning. Occasionally dates have to be altered, however if this happens, we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible.

## **PE KITS & LOST PROPERTY**

As it is half term, all PE kits will be sent home for washing. Please also check our lost property to reclaim your belongings as once again we have accumulated a number of lost items. We strongly urge you to name all items and water bottles as named items almost always find their way back to their owner. Please can you also remind the children to look after their possessions and take care of their own belongings?

## **SICKNESS**

We have been made aware that there seems to be a nasty stomach bug doing the rounds especially in Oak Class. In school we are reminding the children about the importance of flushing toilets/washing hands etc. please can you also remind them at home? If your child is unwell, please help us to limit the spread of the infection by keeping them at home for at least 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

## **FOWI NEWS**

Friends of Wheatfields Infants' and Nursery School Presents: **COMEDY NIGHT** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018



Doors and bar open at 7:30pm (Acts start at 8:00pm)

£12.50 per person

Come and join us for FOWI's first comedy night. The evening will consist of three fantastic, professional comedians. You can pre-order wine or Prosecco and it will be waiting for you when you arrive. The licensed bar will also be open before and between the acts for more drinks, including beer, and snacks.

The Acts:

### **Josh Howie**

"An intelligent comedian who knows how to shock, amuse and move an audience in equal measures." Time Out

### **Pauline Eyre**

"Fabulous, funny and brilliant!" Fitzroy club

### **Tony Cowards**

"A beaut of a one-liner merchant." [www.londonisfunny.com](http://www.londonisfunny.com)

Compered by **Matthew Baylis**, a highly experienced comedian and compere in comedy clubs and for charity.

Acts subject to change.

The booking form is attached; further copies are available in the office. Please submit your form and payment by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**.

**FOWI DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Coffee, Cake and Uniform Sale
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee, Cake and Uniform Sale
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Royal Wedding Jamboree
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Wheatfest

**We hope you have an enjoyable and safe half term, enjoy your pancakes!  
Miss Cockburn and the Staff Team.**

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