



# Wheatfields Infants' and Nursery School

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## Governors' Newsletter : April 2015

### WELCOME

Welcome to our Spring Term Governor Newsletter to parents. As usual there has been a great deal going on this term and we would like to update you properly before the holidays.

### PARENT SURVEY

We have recently sent out a survey for parents and guardians to complete. We are continually striving to improve, and it really does assist us when you give us constructive feedback. It highlights what we are doing well, and areas where we may need to improve. The survey is very quick to complete, so please help us by filling in your return. Thank you.

### Social Media

The Governors would just like to remind everyone to be mindful of posting anything on Social Media that might cause offence or interfere with people's privacy. We do obviously encourage responsible use of Social Media. We have been using Facebook to remind parents about events in school. This means group information can be shared with the whole Wheatfields community. No pictures of any of the children will be posted. Please be aware that the site is used for information sharing only. Any concerns that you have relating to anything in school should be addressed in the normal way, by speaking to your child's teacher.

### 50th Anniversary Update

We would like to thank all those who came to Race Night earlier this month. It was a really great event enjoyed by over 100 people. We're delighted to have made a profit of £2440, which is superb! It is a welcome boost to our fundraising target for the year, which will go towards the development of the Early Years Outdoor learning area. The Governors would like to especially thank Chris Kelly for organising the event and running proceedings on the night.

There is now a fundraising thermometer in the school entrance, which is tracking our progress towards our target of £50,000. We do realise this is a very ambitious target and can make considerable demands on parents, so the Governing Body recently decided to raise this money over 2 years.

Please don't forget to support upcoming events in the Summer term, such as the School Party on 6th June, Camping weekend on the 26th of June and the Dinner Dance at the Ardmore House Hotel on Friday 10th July. More information will be sent out by the school in due course.

Lastly we would also like to praise Mr. Evans and the children for the daffodils that they planted as part of our Anniversary Celebrations. They look fantastic!

## **HEALTHY ACTIVITY WEEK**

On Friday the 8th of May for a week, all the children, staff and Governors will attempt to cover 2015 metres in an athletic and healthy manner. i.e. running, scooting, hopping, skipping, swimming etc. All competitors will carry sponsors forms to gather their own funds. However, this is also a class event so we are looking for companies to sponsor each class/group . If you can help by sponsoring a class please contact the school office.

## **GREEN FLAG AWARD**

The school has been rightly very proud to achieve the prestigious Green Flag award given out by Eco Schools earlier this year. A flag pole will be erected to display this achievement shortly.

The Sustainable Ambassadors have continued to raise awareness of environmental issues. During Waste Awareness Week they held a special assembly to talk to the children about different types of waste and how to ensure that as little material as possible ends up in landfill sites.

## **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

The new, more user-friendly school website has now been operating for several weeks. The feedback so far has been very positive and there is a wealth of information on there from items about the curriculum to pen profiles of the individual Governors.

## **BUILDINGS UPDATE**

Once again a number of projects are planned to improve the school . As part of our longer term plans the playground is to be redeveloped and a new boiler is due to be installed imminently. The boiler installation could cause some upheaval for the children in the new term. The school will of course keep you updated about ongoing works to minimise any disruption caused.

## **PARKING**

Please be aware that parking wardens do patrol outside school regularly and a number of people have been issued with parking tickets. Information about the restrictions in place can be found on the school website. Also please can we remind everyone not to park in the school car park at anytime.

**Have a great Easter Holiday and we will see you in the Summer term.**