



Wheatfields Infants' and Nursery School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. What a wind we had yesterday, we have lost a few pieces of wood, a fascia, a few chalk boards and felt roofing off the sheds! The wind even managed to move the blue wooden seating shed in the Early Years Play Area. I hope all commuters made it safely home last night.

I have seen lots of reading response books this week so well done to all the children who fulfilled my challenge to read over the half term break.

I am looking forward to my curry later at the Quiz and Disco tonight. It looks set to be a good evening, even if I will be hobbling around rather than dancing. I won't be able to resist a glass of Prosecco mind you!

OFSTED PARENT VIEW



Another request from our Chair of Governors (Roger Thomas), Parent feedback is extremely important to us and we are always keen to find out what parents think about school life. We do this in a variety of ways including Parent Forum, the school parent survey and of course via class emails.

Ofsted Parent View is a survey that gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about us, 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 the school is being inspected. You can also see what other parents think about Wheatfields. It is vital for us that as many parents as possible complete the survey because Ofsted continually review parental engagement with school. Taking part is easy, you just register via the link below to receive a login and access the survey.

Please can parents complete the Ofsted Parentview questionnaire, This is an **annual task** that is required by Ofsted and is relatively simple to complete (both parents). At the moment this year, only 11 parents have completed it out of a possible 540 and we need at least 50 to ensure the survey has any significant meaning. The link is <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views> We would be very grateful if parents are able to help us and take part.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2nd MARCH 2017

World Book Day Menu

Charlie Buckets Popping Bangers Beans and Tomato Casserole with Creamy Mash & Grandpa Joes Cabbage

TV Mikes Melted Cheese and Tomato Wrap with Rice and Sweet corn

Willy Wonka's Whizz Bang Pop Chocolate Mousse and Shortbread Finger (popping candy)

On World Book Day we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The children are invited to bring in a copy of the book that their character comes from.

We will also be having a special Willy Wonka Lunch taken from the famous Roald Dahl story "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"

ALLERGENS

A form will soon be sent home for all children who have food allergies in school. Please can you complete it and return as soon as possible to ensure that we have the most up to date information about your child's dietary needs as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

RUGBY CLUB

A reminder that all children who do Rugby need trainers and should bring an extra set of sports clothes that they can change into independently. These clothes may get very muddy!

Diary Dates



FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY

FOWI 80s/90s Quiz & Disco

TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY

9.30am

Prospective Nursery Parent Visit

THURSDAY 2nd MARCH

World Book Day

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9.00am

Class Assembly: Ash

FRIDAY 3rd MARCH

Great British Spring Clean

Monday 6th MARCH

9.30am

Prospective Nursery Parent Visit

Monday 6th MARCH- Friday

10th March

Waste Week

Wednesday 8th MARCH

9.30am

Prospective Nursery Parent Visit

FRIDAY 17th MARCH

Closing Date for Nursery Applications

WEEK COMMENCING 27th

FEBRUARY 2017

SCHOOL MENU: Week 2

PARENT FORUM

Thank you to everybody who attended this weeks Parent Forum, we hope you found it useful. Minutes from the meeting will soon be available on the school website. Two of the items discussed were about **reading response books** and **safety outside of school**.

READING RESPONSE BOOKS: It became apparent that some parents are not aware of the learning resources available on the school website. All of the information about the book band levels is available under the learning tab on the school website at <http://www.wheatfieldsinfants.herts.sch.uk/english>. There are also lots of other literacy and maths resources that you can use to support learning the children do in school.

SAFETY OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL: Parents remarked that cars are parked on both sides of Downes Road at lunchtimes during Nursery pick up and drop off. They are concerned that this would prevent an ambulance or fire engine reaching the school quickly in the event of an emergency. Their concern is shared by the school and we would like to ask Nursery parents to park in The Ridgeway to prevent this risk.

WASTE WEEK: 6th—10th MARCH

This year the focus of Waste Week is upcycling and our Sustainable Ambassadors will be looking at ways we can re-use things. The week coincides with the Great British Spring Clean and the ambassadors will be organising a special clean up in school. All the children in school will be taking part to ensure we are litter free!

SCHOOL HEALTH

In 2018, Hertfordshire County Council will be re-commissioning the services currently delivered by school nursing, health visiting and children's centres. A new survey has been launched to gain feedback on the services delivered by school nursing, which will be used to inform future commissioning decisions. Parents and carers can have their say by completing the survey at <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/HVCCSNsurvey/>.

SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

Thank you for all of the Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers that have been brought in, please continue to collect them.

HAND NEWS

HAND News is an online newsletter for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities. The February edition has now been published. It contains information and news about activities, support groups, courses and much more. The link to the Newsletter is www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews

BOOKS

We are sometimes asked by parents, if there is anything they can donate to school. In response to this we have set up a "wish list" of books on Amazon that parents can purchase via their own Amazon account. Any books purchased this way can be brought into school where they will have a book plate inserted into them showing the name of the pupil who made the donation to school. The wish list can be accessed at <http://www.amazon.co.uk/registry/wishlist/2YS4HW7WB8GIH>

FOWI TREASURER REQUIRED

The FOWI Treasurer has stood down after 2 years and we need someone to take over this key role and join our fun team. **Main duties:** banking and recording monies received, paying expenses and invoices, and advising the team on funds raised by each event. Although having some financial experience would be preferable for this role it's not essential as the accounts are straightforward and the current Treasurer will provide a handover. Excel knowledge is a definite bonus. Being Treasurer is also good experience for your CV and a rewarding role helping to directly benefit the school. If interested please contact the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Oaklands College Lambing Weekend: 18th—19th March 2017 10.00am—3.00pm Flyer attached, entry by ticket only. Book you free ticket at www.oaklands.ac.uk/lambing

Have a safe, happy and enjoyable weekend.

Keep Smiling, Miss Cockburn and the Staff Team.