



Wheatfields Infants' and Nursery School

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Dear Parents,

What a pleasure I had sharing our re accreditation for the Green Flag Eco Schools Award with our children in assembly. It is great that we are recognised for the care and pride we take in our school grounds and gardens.

All of the children have been fascinated by what was the frog spawn now tadpoles that we have in school. It is really exciting to see their faces whilst they are looking and learning about how a frog develops.

This week the children across the school have been put into one of our houses - The Wick (blue), Heartwood (green), Clarence Park (yellow) or Jersey Farm (red) for the first of our house challenges. The first challenge that we are taking part in in school is with representing a daffodil. The house winners will be announced next week.

MATHS WORKSHOP

Thank you to Mrs Bushi and Mrs Greening for organising the Maths Workshop on Tuesday evening. We have received some very positive feedback from those parents who were able to attend. Resources from the workshop including the booklet "How we Teach Multiplication, Division and Fractions" can be used by all parents to support their child's learning in school. Don't forget that you can check on the website to find other useful information at <http://www.wheatfieldsinfants.herts.sch.uk/maths>.

COMIC RELIEF DAY: FRIDAY 24th MARCH 2017

The School Council would like to thank you for all of the donations for Red Nose Day. A total of £275.00 was raised.

The Big Pedal 2017: 30th March 2017

This year we are again taking part in 'The Big Pedal 2017', the UK's inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. This year we have decided to invite all of the children to come to school on their scooters on 30th March. During the day all of the classes will have the opportunity to practise their scooting skills on the playground. Please can all scooters have name labels on them. If your child does not have a scooter you may wish to make arrangements with a friend for them to share on the day.

EASTER TRAIL

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who have accompanied us on our visits to the Baptist Church this week. Thank you also to Rev. Graham Clarke for organising the visits and making the Easter Story come to life.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Mrs Reardon would like to thank all parents who have been using envelopes to send in money to school this week! It has made the administration procedures associated with recording payments much more efficient. Our preferred method for parents to make payments to school is still via Schoolcomms at <https://login.schoolgateway.com/> but if you do have to send in any cash or cheques, please can you send them in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name and class and what the money is for.

DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Please can we remind everyone not to walk their dogs inside the school grounds please? It is fantastic if you walk to school and use the opportunity to exercise your dog, however please leave them safely secured outside of the school gates as not everybody is a dog lover! Very young puppies may be carried in school, but please make sure that you carry them for the whole time they are on school premises and don't put them down at all when you are on the school site. A message about dogs was recently included in the Junior School Newsletter which we have shared below.

Diary Dates



TUESDAY 28th MARCH

9.00am

Willow Production
'Save Our Planet'

WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH

9.00am

Oak Production
'Save Our Planet'

THURSDAY 30th MARCH

9.00am

Chestnut Production
'Save Our Planet'

THURSDAY 30th MARCH

Scooter Day

FRIDAY 31st MARCH

2.00pm

Last Day of Term
School Finishes at 2.00pm

TUESDAY 18th APRIL

INSET Day

WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL

School Starts For Children

WEEK COMMENCING 27th

MARCH 2017

SCHOOL MENU:

Week 3

DOGS AT THE SCHOOL GATES

Recently, at drop off and pick up times, parents and carers have reported concerns about the aggressive barking and behaviour of dogs who are regularly tied up outside the school gates. Please could all dog owners who walk their dogs to school carefully consider whether it is appropriate to tie their dogs up directly outside school gates, as their dogs' behaviour can make other visitors to school anxious.

PARENTVIEW

Many thanks to parents who have completed the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire. The school now has over 50 responses which was the target set by Governors. If any parent has not completed this important task **it is not too late!** The link to complete the survey is <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>. To see the results of what other parents think use the following link and click on **print results**.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/12731/6>

LOST PROPERTY

Once again we have accumulated a huge amount of Lost Property this term! We will be putting it on tables outside of the office next week. Please check it to see if any items can be reunited with their owner.

SCHOOL GROUNDS



Mr Evans and Ross were hard at work this week improving our school grounds. They braved the torrential rain on Wednesday to transform the redundant litter bin on the school path by planting a new azalea in it. They also carefully tended the daffodils planted to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

FOWI NEWS **SPRING** has finally arrived (officially) and we are getting ready for the Summer Jamboree (20th May)!! We are

working towards that incredible outdoor play equipment before this year is through. An area that would make our children smile day after day for many years ahead.

We have started asking the local businesses for incredible Raffle prizes. We have already received some fabulous items and will continue to search for even more.

This made us wonder.....

- Do you have your own business that you would like to promote?
- Do you work for an awesome company that would be willing to donate a great raffle prize?
- How about exhibiting on the day?

Lastly, perhaps the business would prefer to sponsor our flyers and be mentioned on every single flyer we send out?

Then we need you!

We are offering all Raffle prize sponsors and Exhibitors the opportunity to advertise their products / services across our school.

If this is something you would be interested in, please grab a member of FOWI / speak to the lovely ladies in the office / email FOWI@wheatfieldsinfants.herts.sch.uk for more details.

Once again, we wish to thank you for your continued support!

COMMUNITY NEWS

HORRID HENRY: Marshalswick Library, Tuesday 4th April 10.00am—11.30am

The event is for children aged 5-11 and their parents/carers to make a Horrid Henry Storybook together. It is intended to encourage shared learning, creativity and a love of books. Flyer attached.

PLAY IN THE PARKS is returning this Easter, in 15 parks throughout the St Albans District. The free project will run from **Monday 3rd April to Thursday 13th April** and is open to all children 3-12 years of age. Flyer attached.



We are happy to publish details of local events that parents may be interested in. Please note that the school does not endorse or promote any of these events.

Have a safe, happy and enjoyable weekend and keep smiling!
Miss Cockburn and the Staff Team.

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