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Newsletter

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This Week at Wheatfield

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'learning events' this week – I hope you enjoyed sharing your child's work and took some time to leave a comment. We will hold be holding further events in the spring and summer terms. I hope you all enjoy the slightly longer weekend.

Phil Winterburn - Headteacher

Aviva Bid News!

I am really pleased to announce that we have made it through to the finals of the Aviva Community Fund. It has been a busy month of voting and we are extremely grateful to everyone who has supported us – it's a great example of what our collective efforts can achieve!

As you will be aware, it is The Friends who have submitted this bid which their status as a registered charity allows them to do. A huge thank you to them for the effort they have put into this project so far.



As finalists, we have to submit some additional information in writing by 7th December to demonstrate the full impact this funding would have for children and the wider community. A final decision will be communicated to us on Thursday 24th January. Fingers crossed!

Book Fair – next week

Book Fair will be in school next week and books will be on sale after school from Monday to Thursday. We receive a percentage of the taking in books for the school – last year your purchases generated £700 of books for our two libraries (and class shelves). We hope you are able to support this event and look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Bees' Needs Award

Last year, some of our current Year 4 children took part in a community project to create a wildlife haven on Patchway common. In recent years, the common had become overgrown with brambles and scrub, so a project was devised to bring it back into active management whilst enhancing the community space for pollinating insects.

The project recently picked up a prestigious Bees' Needs Award in recognition of the work done to transform the site into a wildflower meadow to encourage pollinators and make it a pollinator-friendly habitat.



Last week, some representatives from Year 4 were invited to receive the award alongside Hayley Herridge from Buglife and Cllr Paul Hughes, the Council's Cabinet member for Communities. A big thank you to Joseph, Oliver, Daisy, Isla and Miss Daley for representing the school so well.

Cashless School

It is our aim to become a cashless school in 2019. This will mean that, apart from small collections and one-off sales of specialist items, we will no longer accept cash or cheque payments in school. We plan to introduce this in phases which would mean that we would not accept cash and cheque payments as of 7th January 2019.

There are many benefits to using a cashless system in order to settle payments for school meal, school visit accounts etc. These include: the reduction of administrative burden, no duplicate entries, fully auditable payments, a reduction in the costs of security associated with handling cash and cheques on school premises and an improved banking process. Cashless systems are also great for parents who are able to see their payments immediately, balances on accounts and be reminded of any forthcoming payments to be made.

For a long time now we have informed parents that our preferred payment method is an epayment using our SchoolComms Gateway. We have seen a huge increase in parents using this system for which we are encouraged and grateful. As a result, the number of cash and cheque payments received in school is now very small which means that the impact on parents is also small. Therefore, the time would seem right to make the full transition to become a cashless school. The school's local branch of our bank has also now closed and so staff are having to travel further in order to undertake our banking which is problematic.

If you have not signed up to our SchoolComms gateway, please see the Parents section of our website for guidance and further information.

Mrs Hickson (School Business Manager)

Christmas Fayre – next Friday from 3.45pm

A final reminder that our Christmas Fayre is taking place next Friday. As this event is starting at 3.45pm, we are inviting the children to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper (or winter jumper) and non-uniform. In return, we would like each child to donate something which can support the fayre. We are asking for sweets or chocolate (which could be used as a prize) or alternately £1 donation. Many thanks for your support. 😊



Congratulations to Robyn (1B) whose design was selected as the winning cover for this year's programme! A big thank you to everyone who submitted entries – choosing one winner is never easy with so much talent around!

Ukulele Concert for Year 2 Families

Year 2 have been learning to play the ukulele this term and their families are invited to a concert on Wednesday 12th December at 2.45pm. We hope you can come and hear what they've achieved.

Dates for Term 2 (new dates are highlighted)

Date	Event
Friday 7 th December	Non-uniform (Christmas / winter jumpers) – bring £1 or a sweet prize Christmas Fayre (3.45 – 6.00pm)
Monday 17 th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert for 3D, 4GM, 5M & 6B (9.15am start)
Tuesday 18 th December	Infant Nativity for RM, RC & 2M (9.15am start)
Wednesday 19 th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert for 3G, 4M, 5B & 6W (9.15am start)
Thursday 20 th December	Infant Nativity for 1B, 1E & 2CM (9.15am start)
Friday 21 st December	Last day of Term 2
Monday 7th January 2019	Term 3 begins

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