



Wheatfield Primary School

Inspired to Achieve

Respect • Responsibility • Resilience

Newsletter

Term 3 Issue 4

Friday 1st February 2019

This Week at Wheatfield

I hope you all enjoyed the snow day on Friday. I hope you all received the message about the closure in good time to make arrangements – if you didn't hear from us then it might be worth dropping into the office to check we have up-to-date contact details for you.

Phil Winterburn - Headteacher

Safety and Wellbeing Week

Next week, all classes will be exploring a number of sessions relating to keeping safe and well. This coincides with two national events: Safer Internet Day (on Tuesday) and Children's Mental Health Week.

Encouraging safe and appropriate online activity and promoting positive mental health are areas which it is important to work on at both school and home. We have attached two guides to this newsletter to support families in these areas. We hope you find them useful.



You may also wish to explore the following websites:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

School Council Competition

At the end of this term the School Council will be holding a competition to design a poster based around our school values. We are encouraging every child to:

- **Choose respect**
- **Take responsibility**
- **Be resilient**

All members of the School Council will be responsible for leading the competition within their class. Each class will be given an afternoon to create their posters with the help of their School Council representative. The School Council will then decide on the winners and the posters will be displayed around the school.

Virtual Technology

In September we started work with a new IT provider. As well as looking after our network and IT systems, they are also keen to help us develop our IT curriculum.

Over the last week the Apollo staff have been working with children from Key Stage 2 with some new 'virtual reality' hardware. The children have put on headsets to explore 'virtual worlds' linked to their topics. One child was heard to comment, 'Wow! It feels like you're actually there!'



Big Bird watch



We have been taking part in the RSPB's Big Bird Watch. Reception and Y1 have had fun this week exploring bird callers and binoculars to identify bird species on our school grounds. We also had a go at threading our own birds in class.

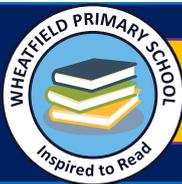
You can take part in the RSPB Bird Watch at home too by signing up on their website.

World Book Day



The whole school will be marking World Book Day on the above date. We thought we would give you some advance warning as this year we will be inviting every child to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. This year's theme is 'Share a Story' and we will be encouraging you to share lots of stories in the run up to this period. It is well known that 'sharing stories' and talking about books is one of the best ways to increase a child's vocabulary and general literacy levels – it's also loads of fun!

On the evening of World Book Day, we will be holding a Book at Bedtime event (5.15 – 6.00pm). Every child is invited back to school for a story and mug of hot chocolate – more details will follow nearer the time.



We came across this on Twitter and felt that it had to be shared ...

Year 1 Cake Sale



A reminder that Year 1 will be holding a cake sale on Thursday next week (after school in the small hall).

Any cake donations will be gratefully received. 😊

Movie Night (Years 4, 5 & 6)

MOVIE NIGHT

SMALLFOOT!

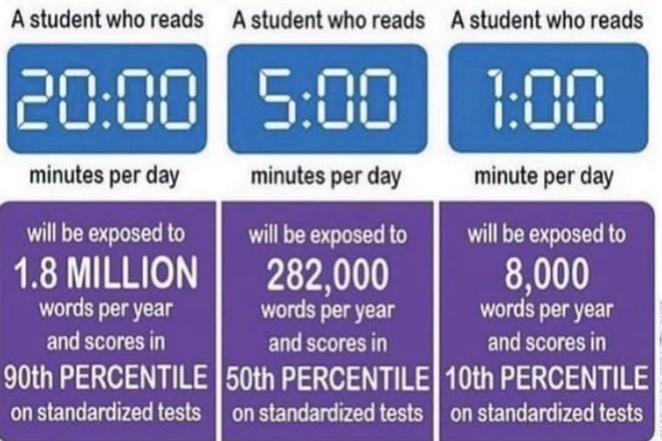
TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY
4:45 - 6:45PM
TICKETS £3.50

YEARS 4, 5+6 ONLY



Tickets available now via School Gateway.

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!



Dates for Term 3 (new dates are highlighted)

Date	Event
Tuesday 5 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tues 5 th / Wed 6 th February	Year 6 parents' evening – book opens Fri 25 th January @ 6pm
Thursday 7 th February @ 3.30pm	Year 1 cake sale (in the small hall)
Wednesday 13 th February (8.45 – 9.15am)	Maths learning event for families
Thursday 14 th February (8.45 – 9.15am)	
Friday 15 th February @ 9.15am	3D class assembly – 3D families welcome to attend
Friday 15 th February	Term 3 ends
Monday 25 th February	Term 4 begins

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