

Wheatfield Primary School—November Newsletter

WEAR RED FOR REMEMBRANCE

During the week of **Monday 10th November**, KS2 children will be involved in various activities to commemorate the centenary of World War 1 and Remembrance Day.

On the afternoon of Monday 10th, the children in KS2 will participate in a National Children's Remembrance Assembly streamed live from the Tower of London.

On Tuesday 11th November, the children are invited to come to school 'dressed up' in a typical WW1 costume that they have designed/prepared as part of their homework. If your child is finding this difficult they may like to dress in red to reflect Remembrance. We will mark the 2 minutes silence for Remembrance Day at 11am.

On Thursday 13th and Friday 14th November Year 3-5 will participate in a trip to The Old Vic Theatre to watch War Game. Year 6 will watch the stage production of War Horse at the Bristol Hippodrome later in the academic year. (More information nearer the time)

On Friday 14th November, the children of KS2 are invited to bring a red T shirt for Remembrance to wear during the afternoon when we would like to invite Parents/Carers to join us to **'Celebrate our Learning'** about WW 1.

Year 3 and 4 parents are invited to the school hall at 2pm to join the children as they sing some WW1 songs. Following this, you are welcome into the classrooms to share your children's learning.

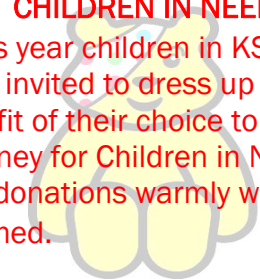
Year 5 and 6 parents are invited into classrooms from 2pm to find out what the children have been learning about WW1, followed by a closing performance by the children in the hall at 3pm.

Thank you to Maddi Wilde and her family for selling poppies in school and also donating a wreath for placing on the Almondsbury War Memorial on Remembrance Day. As we go to press the amount collected at Wheatfield is £659.68, which is fantastic. Maddi will be on Bradley Stoke Radio on Sunday between 11am and Midday to recount her experiences collecting money for this worthy cause.



CHILDREN IN NEED

This year children in KS1 are invited to dress up in an outfit of their choice to raise money for Children in Need. All donations warmly welcomed.



CONGRATULATIONS to Tina McIvor for being shortlisted for School Sports Volunteer of the Year in the Active South Gloucestershire Awards.

The winner will be announced on 4th December. Good luck Tina!



Wild Wood

On the afternoon and evening of Friday 17th October a group of Year 6 children, parents, relatives, governors and staff all ventured to Wheatfield's newly discovered Wild Wood, for the first time. Our aim was to clear the ground, of debris and cut back brambles and ivy, to open up the space as a new teaching resource.

Armed with wheelbarrows, rakes, an industrial strimmer and a pickaxe the skip was quickly filled!

The way into the woods is now cleared and the ground prepared for the next event; the planting of a hedgerow to border the small area of woodland and native bulbs amongst the trees. This will take place on Saturday 29th November between 10.30-3.30pm.



Life Education Classroom



The Life Education Classroom will be making its annual visit to Wheatfield from 17th November until 21st November. Each class will have a lesson in the Classroom, delivered by specialist staff, with follow up carried out by their own teachers. During the week there will be opportunities for parents/ carers to visit the Life Education Classroom and speak to staff about the learning programme they deliver. These will take place on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th November from 3.00pm to 3.30pm. Please make every effort to attend this session to find out 'first hand' what your children will be learning about this very important aspect of their well being.

In order to have the Life Education Classroom visit us each year we rely on a voluntary contribution of £2.00 per pupil to offset the costs. Please send your contribution into school by Friday 14th November. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARVEST GIFTS

On Friday 24th OCTOBER Mrs Mc Donald and Mrs Powell transported 2 carloads of produce donated by Wheatfield families for our annual Harvest celebrations, to the North Bristol Foodbank in Filton. As a result of your generous donations we received the following message and a Certificate from the Centre Manager:

'We just wanted to say thank you to everyone at your school for the very kind donation of food to the North Bristol Foodbank. 86.1kg of non-perishable food was collected. We are grateful for the support of individuals, schools, churches and organisations like yourselves who support the Foodbank.'

Thank You!'

The staff at the Foodbank mentioned to Mrs Mc Donald and Mrs Powell, that they had little or no supplies of **everyday Toiletries** to hand out to families in need. If you have any unwanted Christmas or Birthday gifts or indeed are able to purchase an extra bottle of shampoo or shower gel when you do your next shop, please drop these into the office before the 20th November and we will make sure these gifts are delivered to the Foodbank. **THANK YOU!!**



Well Done to Benjamin Courtier who was selected to play football for the Bristol and South Glos County team against Plymouth Schools last weekend. Bristol won the match 4 goals to 1, with Benjamin scoring with a header from outside the box. He has also been chosen as Captain for this season. What an achievement!



PARKING AND TRAFFIC

REMINDER – To ease traffic congestion in the area around the school and to safeguard the children we operate an **‘unofficial’ one way system** and ask you to enter via Wheatfield Drive and exit via Dewfalls Drive and of course not to park on the loop at the beginning or end of the school day, unless you are a blue badge holder or have requested special permission through the school office!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE THE PEDESTRIAN GATES, WHEN ENTERING OR LEAVING THE SCHOOL. THANK YOU!

We are now operating our 3 Strikes Policy. If you feel that parents/ carers or visitors to the school have parked in an inconsiderate manner please inform the local police. This can be done via an email to the school or filling in a form which is available from the office. Strike 1 will incur a letter from the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Strike 2 will incur a home visit from the team and Strike 3 can result in a fine of either £30 or £60 and 3 points on a licence. This initiative can be used both on the school site and on the public roads around the school. Further information is on the website.

Norovirus—Please check the website for important information on preventing the spread of Norovirus now the winter months are here.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF THIS TERM'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS.
THANK YOU.

AUTUMN FESTIVAL DAY

THURSDAY 23RD October saw Y1 to Y5 dressing up to celebrate Autumn festivals. In the afternoon the children spent time at the MS Centre to measure and name the pumpkins we grew with them, and to judge our outfits.

The prizes of 2 marvellous apple trees (as well as the pumpkin seeds) were donated by GENEKO. Sainsbury's also donated the prizes for the costumes.

Biggest pumpkin winners were 3FW and 5B

Best names were 'Plumpkin—5M' and 'Juicy Puffball—2J'

Best costumes were Aimee Coles (1M), Harry March (3FW), Adrian Arrivabene (4G) and Keira Collins (5M).



PARENT WORKSHOPS

Thank you to those of you who signed up at Parents Evenings indicating what kind of workshop you would like to have organised.

As a result of this we will be running Maths workshops for KS1 parents and Reading and Writing workshops for Y3 parents.

More information to follow on dates for these.

Please let us know if you would like us to organise any other information session for parents, by completing the pro-forma at the end of this newsletter.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL 2014

Y6 are organising this years Shoe Box Appeal. Eleanor Children's Charitable Trust is a local charity that runs a Christmas Present Appeal each year, with supporters asked to fill an empty shoe box with gifts, and to donate £2.50 to cover the transportation costs to Romania.

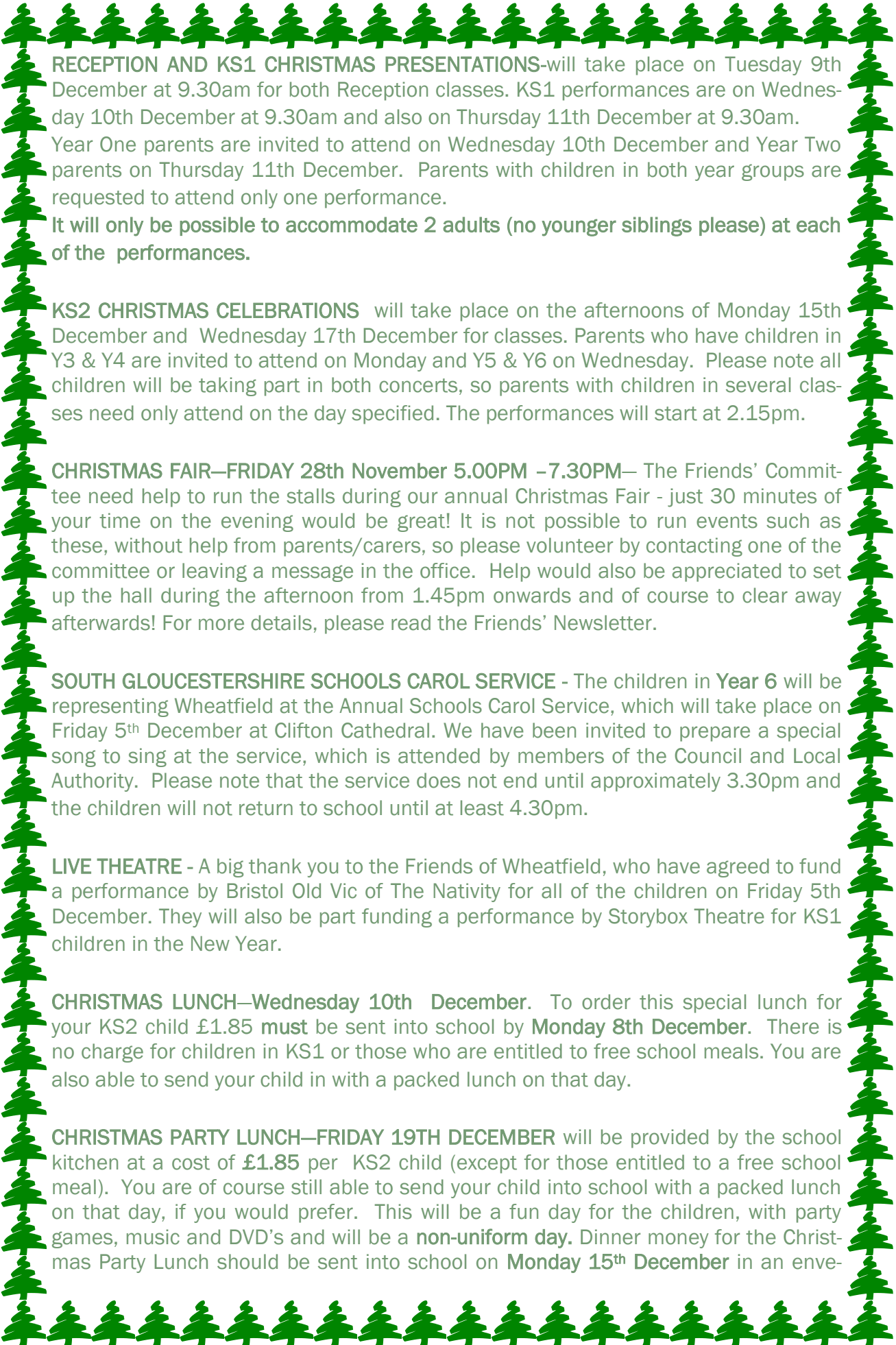
If you and your child would like to donate a Christmas box, please collect a form from Mr Marsh in class 6M

The final day to bring your Christmas Box into school is 21st November. After this the Charity will collect them ready for checking and sending to Romania in time for Christmas and the New Year.



A FEW REMINDERS

- * Please can you make sure your child has an outdoor coat in school now that the weather has changed
- * Earrings **must be removed** for days when your child has PE. If this is not possible please can you supply tape for the earrings to be covered.
- * The school day starts at 8.55 am. Please can you make sure your child is not on site on their own before 8.40 as there is no supervision available.
- * The school day finishes at 3.30 pm and from this time children are the responsibility of the parents/ carers. Please can you ensure they are supervised.
- * No dogs are allowed on site
- * Please send dinner money into school on a Monday.
- * **FREE SCHOOL MEALS** – Are you in receipt of Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based), Child Tax Credit, Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit or Asylum Seeker Status? If so, even if you do not want your child to have a cooked lunch, please register your eligibility, as this has a significant impact on the amount of funding we receive in school. The more Free School Meals, the more money we receive into our budget! Please do not hesitate to come into the office if you require further information or an application form.
- * Please ensure that you inform us if someone else is picking up your child.



RECEPTION AND KS1 CHRISTMAS PRESENTATIONS—will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am for both Reception classes. KS1 performances are on Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am and also on Thursday 11th December at 9.30am.

Year One parents are invited to attend on Wednesday 10th December and Year Two parents on Thursday 11th December. Parents with children in both year groups are requested to attend only one performance.

It will only be possible to accommodate 2 adults (no younger siblings please) at each of the performances.

KS2 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS will take place on the afternoons of Monday 15th December and Wednesday 17th December for classes. Parents who have children in Y3 & Y4 are invited to attend on Monday and Y5 & Y6 on Wednesday. Please note all children will be taking part in both concerts, so parents with children in several classes need only attend on the day specified. The performances will start at 2.15pm.

CHRISTMAS FAIR—FRIDAY 28th November 5.00PM –7.30PM— The Friends' Committee need help to run the stalls during our annual Christmas Fair - just 30 minutes of your time on the evening would be great! It is not possible to run events such as these, without help from parents/carers, so please volunteer by contacting one of the committee or leaving a message in the office. Help would also be appreciated to set up the hall during the afternoon from 1.45pm onwards and of course to clear away afterwards! For more details, please read the Friends' Newsletter.

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS CAROL SERVICE - The children in **Year 6** will be representing Wheatfield at the Annual Schools Carol Service, which will take place on Friday 5th December at Clifton Cathedral. We have been invited to prepare a special song to sing at the service, which is attended by members of the Council and Local Authority. Please note that the service does not end until approximately 3.30pm and the children will not return to school until at least 4.30pm.

LIVE THEATRE - A big thank you to the Friends of Wheatfield, who have agreed to fund a performance by Bristol Old Vic of The Nativity for all of the children on Friday 5th December. They will also be part funding a performance by Storybox Theatre for KS1 children in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH—Wednesday 10th December. To order this special lunch for your KS2 child **£1.85 must** be sent into school by **Monday 8th December**. There is no charge for children in KS1 or those who are entitled to free school meals. You are also able to send your child in with a packed lunch on that day.

CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH—FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER will be provided by the school kitchen at a cost of **£1.85** per KS2 child (except for those entitled to a free school meal). You are of course still able to send your child into school with a packed lunch on that day, if you would prefer. This will be a fun day for the children, with party games, music and DVD's and will be a **non-uniform day**. Dinner money for the Christmas Party Lunch should be sent into school on **Monday 15th December** in an enve-

'INVENTION PROJECT'

"Calling all young inventors... you are invited to enter a competition in conjunction with Rapid Young Inventors to find the UK's next great young inventor. Winners will receive a Lego prize for their classroom! Entry forms can be found in Mr Bye's room. When entries are complete please return them to Mr Bye who will send them off to the competition. For more information visit www.rapidonline.com"



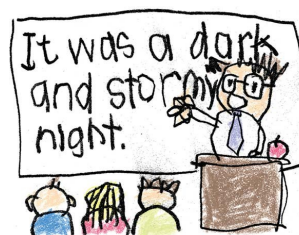
WILLOW BROOK CENTRE—CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL WRITING COMPETITION

As part of the Festival, the Willow Brook Centre are inviting children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 to take part in a writing competition.

The task is to 'Write a Story about Children at Christmas'

There is no restriction on length or style of writing, the judges are looking for variety and originality. There will be 5 winners in each year group, whose stories will then be published in a book and who will each receive a £25 Argos Voucher.

Entries should be returned to your child's class teacher by 12th December, with the winners being announced by the end of January.



Wingfield Musical Theatre Classes!

Learning to sing and act in a fun filled class for boys and girls!

Thursday's 5:00-6:00pm 5-8years

6:00-7:00pm 9-12 years

£5.00 per class held at Little Stoke Community Hall.

Contact Emily Norman for more details, 07850983821, ejnormanbhr@hotmail.com

Bradley Stoke Library - What's on in November

Baby Rhyme Time

Monday 3rd 10.30 – 11.00am
Monday 10th 10.30 – 11.00am
Monday 17th 10.30 – 11.00am
Monday 24th 10.30 – 11.00am

Pre School Storytime

Thursday 6th 11.00 – 11.30am
Thursday 13th 11.00 – 11.30am
Thursday 20th 11.00 – 11.30am
Thursday 27th 11.00 – 11.30am

Chatterbooks

Saturday 15th 2.30 – 3.30pm

Spanish

A Spanish conversational course is taking place at Bradley Stoke library every Monday afternoon in November 3.30-5.30pm.

Reading Passport: Your passport to a new world of reading.

Get lost in a book this autumn with the library Reading Passport. There are four reading worlds to discover – World of Darkness, World of Passion, Lyrical Worlds and Future Worlds. Pick up a Reading Passport and review sheets from your local library before 30 December.

Review your reads and library members aged 16 and over can enter Prize Draws. There will be a regional prize of a £150 book gift card plus a South Gloucestershire Libraries draw for a £50 book gift card.

Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 13th November—3CR, 4G, 5M to Bristol Old Vic to see War Game
- Thursday 13th November—School Photographer in school
- Friday 14th November—3FW, 4H, 5B to Bristol Old Vic to see War Game
- Friday 14th November—6M Assembly
- Friday 14th November— KS2 Celebration Afternoon
- Monday 17th November—Friday 21st November—Life Education Bus in school
- Friday 21st November—5M Assembly
- Tuesday 25th—Thursday 27th November—Celebrating our Learning REC, Y1,Y2
- Friday 5th December—Bristol Old Vic Nativity Production in school
- Friday 5th December—Y6 to Clifton Cathedral for Carol Concert
- Tuesday 9th December—Reception Christmas Performance (more details to follow)
- Wednesday 10th December—KS1 Production AM (more details to follow)
- Wednesday 10th December—Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 11th December—KS1 Production AM (more details to follow)
- Monday 15th December—KS2 Christmas Celebrations
- Wednesday 17th December—KS2 Christmas Celebrations
- Friday 19th December—Grand Appeal Tinsel Day
- Friday 19th December—Party Lunch
- Friday 19th December—Last Day of Term 2
- Monday 5th January—Start of Term 3
- Friday 1st May—Inset Day
- Friday 19th June—Inset Day
- Monday 20th July—Inset Day

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS SUGGESTIONS

Name _____

Year Group of Child_____

Type of activity—Maths, Reading Writing Etc _____

Preferred time

Morning or afternoon (delete as appropriate)