

# WHEATFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL—DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

**WOW!!!!!!** The biggest thank you ever to the Friends of Wheatfield who broke all records by raising £1705.00 at this year's Christmas Fayre. It was one of the busiest fayres we can remember. Thank you to the Friends Committee whose enthusiasm, planning and hard work, ensured this important event in the Wheatfield Calendar was so successful and to everyone who came along to support the event.

On a beautiful Saturday morning at the start of National Tree Week a group of volunteers gathered to help plant native hedgerow plants in our Wild Wood area. We are very grateful to Jason Leck of TCV (The Conservation Volunteers) who brought along 250 locally sourced and grown hedging plants which had been funded by Weston Power Distribution. He provided expert planting tips to the 15 volunteers. Additional support was provided by the Bradley Stoke in Bloom team who are responsible for the beautiful planters around Bradley Stoke and the Rose Garden at the Doctors surgery. With the help of staff, parents, children and friends we successfully planted along the new fence line. We were all very pleased to stop for some delicious bacon rolls provided by Mrs Snedker before bringing in logs to make a seating area. Many thanks to all those who helped and supported us on the day.



Well done to Paige Weeks. She has now completed her training with her Russian coach which has proved very successful. In November she competed in the Pat Wade Classic competition, competing in the 11-16 women's group category, which comprised of 26 trios. Despite competing in a higher age range, Paige and her team finished in 6th position which is a huge achievement!



**FAREWELL AND THANK YOU—**We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Sheila Porter at the end of this term. Mrs Porter has decided that it is time to retire from her role in our busy school office and spend more time at home pursuing some of her hobbies and interests. Thank you Mrs Porter and our very best wishes for your future health and happiness.



At a swimming competition Over the weekend Rhys won 2 gold medals/trophies, 3 silvers and a bronze as well as getting a speeding ticket for his 200 metres breaststroke. He swam 7 of his 8 races in personal best times, and has gained some qualification times for the County Championships in February/March 2015. Well done Rhys, a great achievement!



Thank you to Maddi Wilde and all of Wheatfield Primary school staff, children and parents for their generous contributions and support this year for the Poppy Appeal. This year the school collected in excess of £800. A fantastic achievement! Very well done Maddi and those who helped you to raise such an incredible amount of money for this year's Poppy Appeal!

**REMINDER** - Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 10th December and Party Lunch is on Friday 19th December. To order a lunch for your KS2 child on one or both of these special occasions, please send £1.85 into school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, in a clearly labelled envelope, unless your child is entitled to Free School Meals. Thank you.



**Free  
School  
Meals**

Are you entitled?

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money and you could receive financial support for educational visits, contributions to school uniform and attendance at clubs after school and Wheatfield Plus.

**Further information and an application form are available on the website.**

**Thank You.** A big thank you to the Lloyd family for providing us with our Christmas Tree again this year, as well as the small trees at the Christmas Fayre.

**REQUEST FROM OUR RECEPTION CLASSES**—If you have any old hats, plastic bottles, bottle tops, old cd's, cereal boxes or plastic milk cartons please could you bring them into school before the Christmas holiday.



Friday 5th December—The children will be watching a production of the Christmas Story by Bristol Old Vic Theatre Company. A big thank you to the Friends of the School who have paid for this treat for the children.



**CAROLS - CLIFTON CATHEDRAL,** Would Y6 parents please ensure that they have signed and returned permission slips to the school office? Thank you. The children will return from the Cathedral around 4pm and we will text when we have a more accurate time.



The Reception Presentation of the Christmas Story will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am for both Reception classes. 2 Adults per family. **No younger siblings please.**

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THEIR CHILDREN DURING SCHOOL PERFORMANCES. The Information Commissioners Office say 'This guidance has been issued to reassure friends and family members that they can take photographs of their children and friends, taking part in school activities for the family album without contravening the Data Protection Act.'

KS1 CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION - 'A King is Born' will take place on WEDNESDAY 10th December for Y1 parents and on Thursday 11th December for Y2 parents. It will be possible to accommodate 2 adults (**no younger siblings please**) at the performances, which will take place at 9.30am on each of these days. Thank you. Please note if you have children in both year groups you should only attend on one of the days.



**CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS WITH KS2**—The KS2 children will be singing a variety of seasonal songs on the afternoons of Monday 15th December for Year 3 and 4 parents and Wednesday 17th December for Year 5 and 6 parents. The performances will begin at 2.15pm. It will be possible to accommodate 2 adults (**no younger siblings please**) at the performances. If you have children in both lower and upper KS2 please attend on one afternoon only.

**PARKING** - It will not be possible to accommodate any parking so if at all possible please walk to school.

Don't forget to check the school website regularly. Recent additions include 'What's On at Bradley Stoke Library' and details of an exciting musical opportunity in Thornbury. The site is updated nearly everyday so mark it as one of your 'Favourites' to keep up to date.



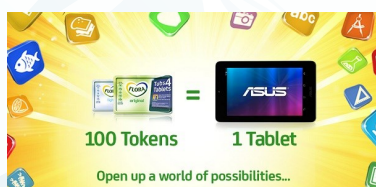


To mark the centenary of World War 1, all the children in KS2 joined together in a collaborative topic for 8 weeks ,leading up to the week of Remembrance. During this time the children learnt all about World War 1, including life in the trenches, the Christmas truce and significant people from the period. They also discovered the relevance of the poppy and each child made their own individual clay poppy that was hand painted and displayed in the entrance to the school, to replicate the Poppy memorial at the Tower of London.

The learning was ‘rounded off ‘ with our participation in a live ‘streamed’ assembly broadcast from the Tower of London on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November, followed by a ‘dress up day ’ on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> to mark Remembrance Day itself. The children also had the opportunity to look at and handle artefacts from a collection brought in school by Ian, a local World War 1 enthusiast from the MOD.

On the mornings of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, the children in Y3.Y4 and Y5 went to The Old Vic Theatre to watch a performance of War Game – a children’s novella by Michael Foreman.

Finally, parents were invited in to school on the Friday afternoon for a Celebration Assembly and were able to see the children’s work from this memorable piece of learning. During the Celebration event, the children sang songs from this period in history, including ‘It’s a long way to Tipperary’, read letters they had written through the eyes of the soldiers, performed a dance to illustrate the sending off of the soldiers, played ‘The Last Post’ on recorder and drummed along to some of the marches. Parents were then able to walk around to look at their children’s work, photographs and displays.



Don't forget we are still collecting tokens from Flora and Stork tubs. Please send any tokens into the office. Thank you.



## Dates for the Diary

- Friday 5th December—Bristol Old Vic Nativity Production in school
- Friday 5th December—Y6 to Clifton Cathedral for Carol Concert
- Tuesday 9th December AM—Reception Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 10th December AM—KS1 Production
- Wednesday 10th December—Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 11th December AM —KS1 Production AM (more details to follow)
- Monday 15th December PM—KS2 Christmas Celebrations
- Wednesday 17th December PM —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

**TINSEL FOR TOTS**—The children are **welcome to wear non-uniform**, along with some tinsel, on the last day of term. Donations are welcome and will be forwarded to the 'Tinsel for Tots' campaign, which is part of the Grand Appeal which support Bristol Children's Hospital and Neo-Natal unit.

**FUN**

### The Christmas Tree of Hope

This special annual event invites the community to come together to remember loved ones this Christmas.

Mon 8th Dec 2014 6.30pm

St. John the Baptist Church  
Frenchay Common

Guests will be treated to beautiful harmonies from Bristol Voices Community Choir, followed by the tree illumination.

Call Suzanne : 07766 374171



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (211015), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (314). Also operating in Northern Ireland.



AND FINALLY—A very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to all Wheatfield families. Enjoy the Holiday.