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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARVEST GIFTS

Many thanks to all who brought in items from our Harvest Shopping list. The staff at North Bristol Foodbank were delighted to receive 2 carloads of items including, tins, jars, cartons, biscuits, pasta and nappies amongst other things!

A huge thank you to Mr Marsh and Mrs Boyes who delivered our contributions.

YEAR 5 CAMP

In Week 4 of Term 1 Year 5 went to camp. We had a great time and enjoyed it from the moment we arrived. The instructors guided us through several activities, one of our favourites was bush craft because we learned how to survive in the wild. We even got to cook food on a camp fire that we made. Another activity was low-ropes, which taught us how to work as a team. We had to complete some challenges, including rescuing Winnie the Pooh. In crate stack we had to try to stack crates as high as we could whilst standing on top of them. When we got as high as ten rows up, the instructors started taking crates from the bottom and it became like a huge game of Jenga with us still balancing on top. Eventually the stack toppled, we were left hanging by our harnesses. It felt like we were flying! It was our favourite activity and we're all looking forward to doing it again when we return to the Beacon Centre next year.

Alex and Amber 5M





The Life Education Bus will be making its annual visit to Wheatfield from 9th November until 12th November. Each class will have a lesson in the bus delivered by specialist staff, with follow up activities carried out by their own teachers. During the week there will be opportunities for parents/ carers to drop in to the Life Education Bus and speak to staff about the learning programme they deliver. These sessions will take place on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November from 3.00pm to 3.30pm. Please

make every effort to attend this session to find out at 'first hand' what your children will be learning about this very important aspect of their wellbeing.

In order to have the Life Education Bus visit us each year we rely on a voluntary contribution of £1.00 per pupil to offset the costs. Please send your contribution into school by Monday 9th November. Thank you.



In Year 3 we have been on the lookout for right-angles and it turns out they're everywhere! We each made an angle eating fish to help us. Can you spot any at home?



Our school football teams took part in their first competitive action towards the end of last term. The boys played their first league game against Crossways Junior School. Having been 1-0 up then 3-1 down, the boys demonstrated excellent spirit and skill to get back to 3-2 but unfortunately, Crossways scored a crucial breakaway goal in the last minute to seal their 4-2 victory. Our goals were both scored by Reece Silvers. The newly formed girl's football squad played their first ever games in the South Gloucestershire Girls' football tournament at Abbeywood Community School. They were unlucky to lose three of their four games 1-0 but were victorious against Filton Hill, winning 3-0 with goals from Katie, Catarina and Sophia. All of our children represented our school with a fantastic sporting attitude and team spirit. Well done!

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 Wheat-field 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 by telephoning the local PCSO. 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.

THE FRIENDS OF WHEATFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

After six years as the Chair of the Friends, Naomi Snedker has made the decision to hand over the 'baton,' of responsibility, so that she can contribute her many skills and insight into the school, as a member of the Governing Body.

During her time as chair, Naomi has worked tirelessly to organise with the support of the Friends Committee, a variety of both fund raising and social events, which have benefited the whole school community and ensured we have been able to fund additional resources and enrichment activities for the children.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Naomi, for the time, energy, enthusiasm and commitment she has given over her time as chair of FOWPS.

REMINDER FOWPS AGM is on Wednesday 11th November. Come along to find out how you can be involved and enjoy a glass of wine and some cheese and biscuits as we elect the new committee and begin to plan events for the next 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 8.40am 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.

Our new Code Club launched last week, giving pupils in Years 5 and 6 the opportunity to learn all about computer programming. The children will be learning a new skill each week, then having time to experiment with it, seeing what interesting programs and animations they can create. So far the children have been having fun learning how to make the program respond to commands, such as moving around and changing colour. If you want to have a go at home, create a free Scratch account at scratch.mit.edu and try some of the tutorials. Don't forget to show Mr Finlay what you've created!

SUPER SCIENCE OK GIVEAWAY

Dear Parents and Carers, we are taking part in a competition that could win us £10k to spend on the teaching of Science at Wheatfield. How can you help? Please collect tokens from the Bristol Post and send them in to school. If we win the money could be used to secure visits, trips and resources. Many thanks—Mr Bye.

Key Dates

- Tokens printed: Wednesday November 4th to Tuesday December 8th
- Prize draw closing date: Wednesday December 9th



OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE FUTURE MODEL OF CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

The future model for Children's Community Health services is being developed for a new contract starting April 2017.

Services include school nursing, health visitors, CAMHS, Therapies (speech and language, occupational therapy and physiotherapy), school nurses, substance misuse support for young people, positive behaviour support service, psychiatry, community nursing, community paediatrics, continence services, deliberate self-harm service, troubled families MH worker, looked after children's nurse, primary MH workers, immunisations and vaccinations.

For further information please visit www.yourhealthyfuture.org to give your views. The website has been designed with young people for young people and includes an animation with caricatures and real voices of some of the young people involved. **The consultation runs until 25**th **November**.



To compliment the Be Bright Be Seen Assembly on 6th November when the children will be reminded about how to keep safe as the days get shorter having, South Gloucestershire Council have joined up with Red Zulu to offer Be Bright Be Seen Items to schools. Please see the attached Flyer and order sheet for the range on offer.

Children in Need

This year's Children in Need day is on Friday 13th November. To raise money for the work of this amazing charity we are asking the children to come to school dressed as Superheroes or in a onesie and to make a donation to Children in Need.

Ciaran, Lewis, Lucy & Lauren from 6G have also organised a fund raising event for Children in Need and will be selling loom band products, Cookies and cup cakes in the small hall at 3.30pm next Friday.



POPPY CAKE SALE

We are thrilled to let you know that a grand total of £102.50 was raised at the Poppy Cake Sale and Tea @ 3 sessions held at the end of last term. Thank you to all those who attended.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

We are seeking interested parents to join our new 'Parents in Partnership' group. It is envisaged that the purpose of the group will be to provide an informal opportunity for parents to engage with, and discuss, aspects of the school's development plan so that we can work together towards 'outstanding'! Meetings would be half-termly for three quarters of an hour or so, and take place on Tuesdays from 2:30pm. Ideally, we would like a parent per class to enable us to have a full representation across the school. If you would be interested in knowing a little more, then do please chat to Mr Woodworth who would be happy to give you further information or leave a message / email with the office and he will get back to you. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 17th November at 2:30pm.

RECEPTION AND KS1 CHRISTMAS PRESENTATIONS-will take place on Thursday 3rd December at 9.30am for both Reception classes. KS1 performances are on Wednesday 9th December at 9.30am and also on Thursday 10th December at 9.30am. Year One parents are invited to attend on Wednesday 9th December and Year Two parents on Thursday 10th 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 14th December and Wednesday 16th December. 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 4th December 5.00PM –7.30PM— The Friends' Committee need help to run the stalls during our annual Christmas Fair - just 30 minutes of your a 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 4th 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.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH—Tuesday 8th December. To order this special lunch for your KS2 child £2.00 **must** be sent into school by **Monday 7th 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 18TH DECEMBER will be provided by the school kitchen at a cost of £2.00 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 14th December in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. Thank you.

STAFF NEWS

Welcome back to Tracy Matthews who is about to begin a phased return to her duties in the school office, following her operation and treatment for cancer. I'd like to say a huge thank you to Jo Bowden, who agreed to increase her hours, ensuring that the office continued to run smoothly, whilst Tracy was not able to be with us.

Celia Bayliss, our kitchen manager, has also been very unwell and spent some time in hospital last term. I am please to report however, that from the beginning of this week, she also began a phased return to work. We wish them both a speedy return to full health!

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 2nd November—Start of Term 2
- Monday 9th November to Thursday 12th November Life Education Bus Visit
- Thursday 19th November—Road Safety Presentation to Year 3
- Thursday 19th November—School Photographer in School
- Monday 23rd November—Reception 2016 Open Afternoon 2pm—3pm
- Thursday 26th November—Road Safety Presentation to Year 6
- Thursday 3rd December—Reception Christmas Performance 9.30am
- Thursday 3rd December—Year 3 & 4 Celebrate Our Learning Event
- Friday 4th December—South Gloucestershire Carol Service
- Friday 4th December—Christmas Fair @ 5pm
- Tuesday 8th December—Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday 9th December—KS1 Christmas Presentation for Year 1 Parents
- Thursday 10th December—KS1 Christmas Presentation for Year 2 Parents
- Monday 14th December—KS2 Christmas Celebrations for Year 3 & 4 Parents
- Wednesday 16th December—KS2 Celebrations for Year 5 & 6 Parents
- Friday 18th December—Christmas Party Lunch
- Friday 18th December—End of Term 2
- Monday 4th January—Start of Term 3
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WHEATFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – Thursday 19^{TH} NOVEMBER

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 19th November. If your child has a pre-school sibling you are welcome to bring them come along and have their photo taken together. Please could you complete and return the reply slip below if you will be bringing a pre-school sibling into school.

Due to popular demand please can you stick to the allocated times that are listed below:

Children with surnames beginning with:

A - B to be collected from class 2.30 - 2.45pm.

C - K to be collected from class 2.45 - 3.00pm

L - P to be collected from class 3.00 - 3.15pm

Q - Z to be collected from class 3.15 - 3.30pm

FAMILY PHOTO DAY - THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

My child Class

Has a pre-school sibling that I will be bringing into school on Thursday 19th November for a family photograph at the allocated time of pm.

Signed Parent/Carer



NEW MEMBERS AUDITIONS

ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 10 & 18? **DO YOU LOVE SINGING, DANCING & ACTING?** DO YOU WANT TO PERFORM ON STAGE?

BAOS Youth are holding new members auditions on FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2015, 8.00pm at Horfield Primary School, Bristol.

BAOS Youth have exciting shows already planned, bringing 'FAME' to the Redgrave Theatre, Clifton in June 2016 and 'SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL' in 2017.

With lots of social events & at least one show a year BAOS Youth is a brilliant hobby for all those who love theatre.

For more information, please contact Frankie Duddridge, BAOS Youth Coordinator at youth@baosbristol.co.uk

Be Safe Be Seen Parents Order Form

Please complete the form below and return with full payment to the school office by

All orders will be delivered to the school

11th November

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| Telephone (in case of query | /) | | | | |
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| Rucksack | | | | £15.60 | |
| Midi Lights 2 pack | | | | £6.60 | |
| Drawstring Kit Bag | | | | £2.64 | |
| Hi-Vis Waistcoat (Child) Yellow | Yellow | 3-4 yrs | | £2.20 | |
| | | 5-6 yrs | | £2.20 | |
| | | 7-8 yrs | | £2.20 | |
| | | 9-10 yrs | | £2.20 | |
| | | 11+ yrs | | £2.20 | |
| Hi-Vis Waistcoat (Child) Orange | | 3-4 yrs | | £2.20 | |
| | | 5-6 yrs | | £2.20 | |
| | Orange | 7-8 yrs | | £2.20 | |
| | | 9-10 yrs | | £2.20 | |
| | | 11+ yrs | | £2.20 | |
| Hi-Vis Waistcoat (Adult) Yellow | | S | | £2.64 | |
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| Hi-Vis Waistcoat (Adult) Orange | Orange | S | | £2.64 | |
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| | | XL | | £2.64 | |
| | | XXL | | £2.64 | |
| Junior Beanie Hat (Blue) | | | | £2.50 | |
| Junior Beanie Hat (Black) | | | | £2.50 | |
| Flashing Reflector | | | | £2.16 | |
| Hanging Reflector | | Bear | | £1.20 | |
| | | Owl | | £1.20 | |
| | | Dinosaur | | £1.20 | |
| Reflective Sticker | | Bear | | £0.60 | |
| | | Dog | | £0.60 | |
| | | Dinosaur | | £0.60 | |
| Reflective Armband | | | | £1.02 | |
| | | | Total I | nc. VAT. | |

Prices shown include VAT. Children's Waistcoats and Junior Beanies are zero rated for VAT

Your order will only be placed once full payment has been received. Please pay by CASH or CHEQUE. If paying by cash please ensure correct money is provided, change can not be given. Please make cheques payable to Wheatfield Primary School

Please return to the School Office by 11th November



2015/16 Inset Days

| Tuesday | 1 September 2015 |
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| Wednesday | 21 October 2015 |
| Monday | 15 February 2016 |
| Thursday | 29 April 2016 |
| Friday | 17 June 2016 |

Academic Year 2015/16

| Term 1: Tuesday 1 September 2015 – | Term 4: Monday 15 February 2016 – |
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| Wednesday 21 October 2015 (37 | Thursday 24 March 2016 (29 |
| teaching days) | teaching days) |
| Term 2: Monday 2 November 2015 – | Term 5: Monday 11 April 2016 – |
| Friday 18 December 2015 (35 teaching | Friday 27 May 2016 (34 teaching |
| days) | days) |
| Term 3: Monday 4 January 2016 – | Term 6: Monday 6 June 2016 – |
| Friday 5 February 2016 (25 teaching | Friday 22 July 2016 (35 teaching |
| days) | days) |

Academic Year 2016/17

Term 1: Thursday 1 September 2016 – Friday 21 October 2016 (37 teaching days)

Term 2: Monday 31 October 2016 – Friday 16 December 2016 (35 teaching days)

Term 3: Tuesday, 3 January 2017 – Friday 10 February 2017 (29 teaching days) Term 4: Monday 20 February 2017 – Friday 07 April 2017 (35 teaching days)

Term 5: Monday 24 April 2017 – Friday 26 May 2017 (24 teaching days)

Term 6: Monday 5 June 2017 – Friday 21 July 2017 (35 teaching days)