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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all Wheatfield families and a huge thank you from all staff for your cards, good wishes and presents received at the end of Term 2.



Congratulations to our Year 1's & Year 2's who took part in the Multiskills Festival at BSCS in December. The children competed against five other local primary schools, and thanks to their amazing teamwork, enthusiasm and determination, Wheatfield came 1st again for the second year running!

I was very proud of all the children, they were, as always, excellent ambassadors for the school!

Tina McIvor

A FEW REMINDERS

- * Please can you make sure your child has a warm outdoor coat to wear at break times
- * 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 if paying by cash or cheque.
- * Please ensure that you inform us if someone else is picking up your child.
- * Make sure you keep your contact details up to date. It is especially important to let us know if you change your mobile number



TEXT SANTA: A huge thank you for the donations received on the last day of Term 2 for Christmas Jumper Day. We collected a grand total of £178.42!

ANTI-BULLYING & E-SAFETY PRODUCTION. On Monday 25th January we will be welcoming One Day Productions into school for a performance of 'Ugly'. This lively performance has a focus on physical & verbal bullying in school as well as dealing with issues of cyber-bullying and how to keep safe on-line and most importantly, who to talk to when you do not feel safe!



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.

**Free
School
Meals** 
Are you entitled?

On Monday morning, the Year 5 and 6 children entered school, some of them dreading the first day back! Little did they know that four exciting 'Ancient Greek' activities awaited them. The day began with research on the great Greek gods. The children were loaded with information about Zeus, Hera, Poseidon and others.

After enjoying that, the children moved to Mr Finlay's class. Before they knew it, they were acting in a Greek play! The children laughed and acted in the sad story of Sisyphus. So watch out Arnold Schwarzenegger, there are some new kids awaiting Hollywood fame! When it seemed like it couldn't get any better, the children were whisked off into the world of ancient Greek pottery. The designs were extremely elaborate.

Finally, the children turned into Michelangelos and began constructing the Parthenon. Little did they know, they were actually doing maths!

It was a wonderful day that all of the children enjoyed.

Courtesy of Zaid Magdub, 6G

If you have a pre-school child who is due to start school in September 2016, please do not forget that the deadline for applications to be received by South Gloucestershire Council is **15th January, 2016**.

WEAR IT. BEAT IT. FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

This year we will be supporting the British Heart Foundation's Wear it, Beat it, campaign once again, by encouraging all children and staff to wear red to school on Friday 5th February, to raise awareness of heart disease. If you would like to make a donation to the British Heart Foundation to support their work this would be much appreciated and should be brought into school on Friday 5th February.



'PHIL THE BAG' CLOTHES RECYCLING

Don't forget, if you've cleared out all those wardrobes ready for the New Year the Friends of Wheatfield Primary School have organised a clothes and shoes recycling collection to raise funds for the school.

If you have anything to donate please bring it into school on the morning of **Tuesday 19th January**, packed in a plastic bag, sack or bin liner.

Thank you.

EVERY LESSON COUNTS! Each year the Governors have to agree attendance targets with the Local Authority. This year our target has been set at 96.5%. At the end of Term 2 our overall attendance was 96.2%, just below the target set by Governors.

We are concerned about those children who have a large number of broken weeks and whose attendance is below 95%, as irregular and below average attendance has a significant impact upon the progress children make in school. If your child's attendance is below satisfactory, you will be invited to an attendance meeting with the Education Welfare Officer and Mrs Watkins, where targets for improved attendance will be set.

CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING WEEK

Parents/ Carers are invited into school on Tuesday 2nd Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th February so that the children can share some of their learning from the year so far with you. You are welcome to come into the classrooms between 8.45 and 9.15am. Please leave the building at 9.15 am via the front entrance on the morning you decide to visit your child's classroom.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 4th January—Start of Term 3
- Monday 11th January—Reception walk to Savages Wood
- Monday 18th January - Swimming Week for selected Y6, 4M & 4H
- Monday 25th January—Swimming Week for 3B
- Monday 1st February—Swimming Week for 3M
- Tuesday 2nd February—Year 1 Lego Workshop
- Friday 5th February—End of Term 3
- Monday 15th February—INSET Day
- Monday 15th February—Parents' Evening 3.00pm-6.00pm *
- Wednesday 17th February—Parents' Evening 3.40pm-6.20pm *
- Tuesday 16th February—Start of Term 4

* Please note that Parent Consultation Evenings will be Monday 15th February (**INSET DAY**) 3.00pm—6.00pm and Wednesday 17th February 3.40pm—6.20pm. More information to follow.
There will be no after school activity clubs running on Wednesday 17th February.



Wheatfield Drive, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32

Would YOU like to become a school governor!

Do you, a grandparent or friend have an interest in education?

Can you spare about 4 hours per month during term time?

Then why not become a school governor at our friendly community school?

It's an exciting opportunity for you to:

- ♦ *use your skills* to support the staff and children
- ♦ *play an active part in our* team of governors
- ♦ *contribute* to your local community
- ♦ *make a difference* to children's lives
- ♦ *No prior knowledge is required*
- ♦ *Training and support is provided*



WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE?

Please come along and meet some of the governors at one of our short information sessions.

- ♦ **Monday 18th January 6.30pm**
- ♦ **Friday 22nd January 3.00pm (Tea at 3)**
- ♦ **Tuesday 26th January 9.00am**

If you are interested but unable to attend one of these sessions please contact the school office.