


# Wheatfield Primary School

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## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

### LEGO CITY!

Year 1 children had a fabulous time building a city in the school hall. They spent a whole morning working with the 'Lego Man' who brought 1000s of Lego bricks and other pieces to build houses, gardens, trains, boats, windmills, hotels, parks and anything else the children could imagine. As well as finding out what people need in a city, the children learnt how to overlap bricks to make their buildings strong and to make pitched roofs on their houses. The resulting model was fantastic and the 'Lego Man' was impressed with our children's creative ability and their tidying up when the sad time came to break up our city. Truly a memorable day!



### WHEATFIELD'S ONLINE SAFETY WEEK—

kicked off with exciting productions for KS1 and KS2 all about how to stay safe online. Throughout the week children also spent time learning about online safety in their classrooms, with activities including learning online safety songs in Reception, rapping in Year 3 and thought-provoking discussions in Year 6 regarding sharing online. If you would like to see more of what each class learnt during our online safety focus, then check out our Twitter account where you can see some terrific posters from Year 2! You can also look back at our tweets aimed at parents, which give lots of useful advice about how to keep your children safe on the computer, and on tablets, including a handy guide on apps and the age-restrictions on these!

**MANAGING MEDICAL NEEDS** - Recently, tighter regulations have been introduced regarding the control and issuing of medication in schools. As a result we have had to review our policy and update it to take into consideration these changes and the impact this has on the processes in school. The main changes in the procedures are listed below for your guidance and information:

- As of Term 4 we will unfortunately not be unable to administer non-prescribed medicines in school, except for those children diagnosed with a long term medical condition that take non-prescribed medication (as long as this medication is labelled by the pharmacy to include the child's name, DOB and dosage).
- All medicines will need to be signed in and out of school each day.
- All medicines need to have a detailed label stating the name and DOB of the child, as well as clear instructions on the dosage to be administered.
- A Request to Administer Medication form **MUST** be completed and signed before any medication can be administered.
- Children who have inhalers or Epipen's in school will need to have a separate Request to Administer Medication form in their classroom.
- We will not be able to offer medication unless the appropriate forms have been completed.
- A new Request to Administer Medication form will need to be completed if there are any changes in the dosage or type of medication your child receives.
- All medication must be signed out at the end of each academic year.
- Only trained members of staff will be able to administer medication, although staff can observe an older child taking medication as long as all the correct forms and procedures are followed.

Under the advice of the school nurse, the school requests that children who suffer from hay fever take a long acting preventative medication in the morning, rather than bring reactive medication into school to take once symptoms have developed.

Wherever possible prescribed medicines should be taken outside school hours.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about this information.

**Emailing School** — If you are contacting the school by email, please could we request that you label the subject heading "Pupil Query"; followed by the subject matter.

As you can appreciate, the school receives hundreds of emails throughout the week and the local authority therefore has a "clutter" system which filters out emails on receipt. There have recently been a couple of instances where important emails relating to parent queries have been filtered in error. In order to stop this happening again, we have set up a rule which will ensure that any emails whose subject heading begins with "Pupil Query" will automatically be located in our inbox so that we can reduce the risk of this happening again.

**Road Safety Incident** — A resident living in Dewfalls Drive visited the school as he was nearly knocked off his bicycle on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 5pm by a car leaving the car park with a child in the back seat. He was visibly shaken and indicated that this is not the first time this has happened. Can we please stress the importance of driving slowing and considerately in the vicinity of the school. We would ask that you STOP at the car park entrance, checking the way ahead is clear before moving forward. Just before the exit there is a small ramp. It is vital that you take this into consideration so that your car does not "roll onto the path and into the road".

## Solar Panels

You may have noticed that over the Christmas holiday period, the school has had quite a lot of solar panels installed on the roof.

Solar panels have decreased in cost over the last four years and have become more and more efficient. There is also lots of evidence that they are now just as reliable as electricity. After much research and discussion, the governors therefore considered this an ideal time to invest in solar energy panels and thus set a good example to the children in our responsibility to become more self-sustainable and help prevent global warming.

The main benefits to the school of installing our solar panels are to:

- **Cutting our electricity bills:** Our sunlight is free so our electricity costs will be greatly reduced.
- **Generating income by selling electricity back to the grid:** Our system will produce more electricity than we need, allowing us to sell our surplus electricity back to the grid through the Feed-in Tariff scheme. By having the solar panels installed before the end of 2015 we have been able to benefit from the higher 11.30p/kWh Feed-in Tariff scheme.
- **We will be able cut reduce our carbon footprint:** As solar electricity is a green renewable energy, it doesn't release any harmful carbon dioxide or other pollutants. It is expected that our solar PV system could save well over a tonne and a half of carbon dioxide per year – that's more than 30 tonnes over its lifetime!
- **Education:** We will be able to educate our children on the matter of clean energy. Our Eco Warriors will be monitoring and evaluating the energy we are creating and sharing this knowledge in school.



### CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECIAL MENU

On Tuesday 16th February we will be celebrating the Chinese New Year with a special menu available at lunchtime. Please see the flyer attached to the end of this newsletter.



## @WHEATFIELDPRI TWITTER ACCOUNT

If you'd like to find out more about what your child does at school, then follow our school twitter account, @wheatfieldpri. Please remember to fill out the short online form at the bottom of our homepage, [www.wheatfieldprimary.com](http://www.wheatfieldprimary.com) as well, so that we know who you are! If you have requested to follow us, but it was declined, then please fill out the form on our homepage, and then request to follow us again on the Twitter website.

Happy Tweeting!



## **HOLIDAY CLUB**

Future Stars Coaching will be running a fun, safe and exciting holiday club at Wheatfield Primary School this February half term. You can drop your children off at the main entrance each day, with a packed lunch and sports kit. Then pick them back up at the end of the day - safe in the knowledge that your children are with DBS checked, professional and qualified coaches that are first aid trained and fully insured.

Your children will enjoy a wide range of sports and activities including: football, netball, basketball, rounders, cricket, hockey, tag rugby and confidence building. All the while making brand new friends!

Location: Wheatfield Primary School, Bradley Stoke

Date: 8th,9th,10th,11th,12th February (Monday - Friday)

Time: 9am until 3pm

Cost: £15 per day, or £10 per day if 4 or more days are booked

**RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY!** Please reserve your place with our Holiday Club Co-ordinator.

For further information contact Harry Knowles:  
01275 390902 or email [info@futurestarscoaching.net](mailto:info@futurestarscoaching.net)

**A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL CLOSURES ON FRIDAY 5TH  
FEBRUARY FOR THE TERM 3 HOLIDAY  
AND REOPENS ON TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY.  
MONDAY 15TH IS AN INSET DAY.  
WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY HOLIDAY.**

### **Dates for the Diary**

- Friday 5th February—End of Term 3
- Monday 15th February—INSET Day
- Monday 15th February—Parents' Evening 3.00pm-6.00pm
- Tuesday 16th February—Start of Term 4
- Wednesday 17th February—Parents' Evening 3.40pm-6.20pm
- Friday 19th February –Year 6 Level 2 Cycle Training Starts
- Monday 22nd February—World Thinking Day—children who belong to a uniformed organisation, such as Brownies and Cubs, may wear their uniform to school.
- Monday 29th February—Year 4 Level 1 Cycle Training
- Friday 4th March—Maths Stars Workshop
- Monday 21st March—Year 4 Trip to @ Bristol
- Wednesday 23rd March—Year 2 Trip to @ Bristol
- Thursday 24th March—Term 4 ends





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## **Adult Computer Courses**

**In a relaxed and friendly environment and with approachable and patient tutors, you will be able to learn the following skills:**

- Use the internet to search for information, shop safely online, book holidays, flights, hotels and other activities.
- Use email to send and read messages and add attachments.
- Create documents such as letters and posters.
- Learn about ICT safety and security when working online.

**18 week courses (term time) – next start week commencing 1st February 2016, but we will accept late starters if there is space.**

**9:30-12:30 at any of the following venues:**

Monday - Emersons Green Library

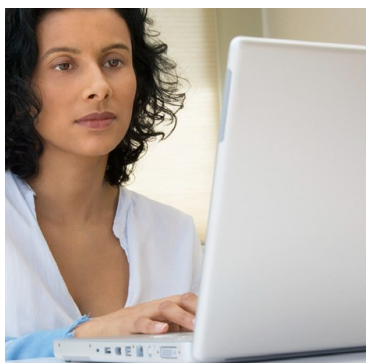
Tuesday - Downend Library

Wednesday - Bradley Stoke Library

Thursday - Winterbourne Library

If you are interested or have any questions please speak to a librarian in your preferred venue or

***Tel: 01454 868006***



You will also have the chance to gain an up to date qualification in ICT and maths, if you wish.



# Bikeability

## Cycling Training for the 21st Century

**FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY LEARN TO RIDE – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at:**

**Chipping Sodbury School Sports Centre, Bowling Road, Chipping Sodbury, BS37 6EW**

**9.30 am – 11.00 am**

**This is an outdoor session**

Bikeability Learn to Ride is designed for children or family members who are unable to cycle who are **8 years** and above, including those children who are ready to make the move to riding with pedals, older children who are struggling to master the skill, or adults who have never learnt to cycle.

Bikeability Learn to Ride helps children make the transition from cycling with stabilisers to cycling without.

### ***Learn at your own pace***

Bikeability Learn to Ride is delivered by qualified cycling instructors in a constructive, low pressure environment ideal for beginners. It is a learner-focused training session with an emphasis on working with trainees at their own pace to learn how to ride.

Bikeability Learn to Ride runs with smaller group sizes ratio of 1 instructor to 3 participants who must provide their own bike and helmet, offering more individual training time. Parents and children can take part in the training together. Sessions are 1 ½ hours.

Spaces are limited. In order to secure a place please complete and return the attached consent form and return it via email to: [cycle\\_training@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:cycle_training@southglos.gov.uk)

**Trainees must have their own bike and a properly fitted cycle helmet.**

All Instructors are DBS checked and work for the Council's Road Safety Team. Bikeability certificates are awarded to all trainees who successfully complete the course.

Please call **Martina Byrne-Obee** on **01454 868449** or email [cycle\\_training@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:cycle_training@southglos.gov.uk) for further details. *Please note courses are subject to a minimum number of children attending on the date.*

**CHINESE NEW YEAR** Tuesday 16 February 2016



**Chicken Chow Mein**

**Hong Kong Style Sweet & Sour Pork Balls**

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**Sticky Szechuan Vegetable noodles**

**Quorn in Black Bean Sauce**



**Boiled Rice**

**Egg Fried Rice**

**Vegetable Spring Rolls**

**Prawn Crackers**

**Stir Fried Vegetables**

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**Chinese Custard Tarts**

**Fortune Cookies**

