



# Wheatfield Primary School

*Inspired to Achieve*

Respect • Responsibility • Resilience

## Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 7

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### This Week at Wheatfield

As you will have seen from the news, cases of Covid-19 are rising both nationally and locally. Whilst we are managing well at Wheatfield (with no confirmed cases in the school community) we have, this week, looked again at how to maximise safety on site. You should receive a letter along with today's newsletter detailing these updates. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

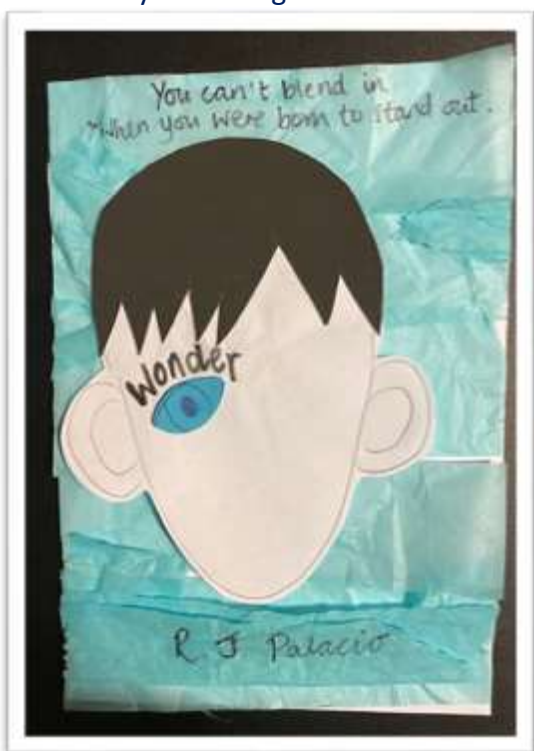
**Phil Winterburn - Headteacher**

### Half-Term Book Cover Challenge

We have been really happy to see so many children enjoying their reading this term. To celebrate some of the fantastic books that our children have been enjoying, we are launching a project for the half term break: a creative book cover challenge!

Your child is invited to recreate their favourite book cover through the medium of collage. They can use any materials that they have at home to bring their book cover to life (see example below for inspiration). We ask that any entries are brought into school by Wednesday 4th November. Some of the best examples will be displayed in the school library for all to see. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful, creative entries that come in after half term. Happy collaging!

Miss Garraway – Reading Leader



### Parents' Evenings

If you booked a parents' evening session then you should have received a link, this week, to take you to your online Microsoft Teams meeting. This is the first time we have held online meetings and we are really hoping that the technical side of things works well for everyone. To help us out, we request that you do the following:

#### **Before your appointment**

- ✓ Download the MS Teams app on your device
- ✓ Check the link we have sent by clicking on it – it should open MS Teams automatically even though the meeting isn't open yet
- ✓ If you have technical issues, try deleting then re-installing the app
- ✓ If you think you may not be able to attend or get the technology working then contact us

#### **On the evening of your appointment**

- ✓ Join the meeting 5 minutes before it is due to start (it should take you to the 'lobby' where the teacher can admit you once ready)
- ✓ Remember that appointments are set for 10 minutes and the next person will be waiting – please don't be offended if the teacher needs to draw the meeting to a close
- ✓ Be patient with us – there may be a few technical issues or delays – we'll do our best to keep to time and to resolve any issues on the night

☺ We look forward to talking with you about the start your child has made to this year and our aspirations for the remainder of the year.



### Big Handwriting Push

This week, we have started talking with children about our 'big handwriting push' – a collective effort to make sure that everyone's handwriting is the very best it can be across all subjects. The table below shows our aspirations for children's handwriting as they move through the school:

<b>By the <u>end</u> of Reception</b>	Children are forming all letters correctly using our cursive style
<b>By the <u>end</u> of Year 2</b>	Children are joining all letters correctly using our cursive style
<b>By the <u>beginning</u> of Year 4</b>	Children are writing in pen and maintaining a consistent, joined style
<b>Years 4 – 6</b>	Joined, cursive writing is maintained (always in pen)

We are hoping that families can support us with our 'handwriting push' by encouraging children to work neatly, in our cursive scripts when they are writing at home. There are a number of resources and examples of our cursive script on the school website: <https://www.wheatfieldprimary.com/our-learning/english/handwriting>

### Take Care on the Roads

If you're driving in the roads around school, please be extra-vigilant at the start and end of the day. There was an incident last week where a car was hit by someone reversing but this could easily have been a child. I would urge people to observe the unofficial 'one way system' (entering via Wheatfield Drive and exiting via Dewfalls) to minimise 'pinch points' and avoid the need to mount pavements to pass one another.  
☺ Let's keep the roads safe for everyone!

### BookTrust's Great Books Guide 2020

Alongside tonight's newsletter, we're sending out a copy of the Book Trust's Great Books Guide 2020 – a wonderful collection of 100 books aimed at children from 0 – 12 years! We hope that you are able to share this with your child and that it might inspire some new book choices in the months ahead. Reading is at the heart of our curriculum and we want every child to find books they love.

### School Values Award: **Choose Respect – Take Responsibility – Show Resilience – Be Kind**

	Our award goes to ...	
<b>RC</b>	Imogen	George
<b>1C</b>	Isabelle	Rayyan
<b>2B</b>	Evan	Felicity
<b>3D</b>	Hadassah	Manoj
<b>4L</b>	Bonnie	Alex
<b>5E</b>	Tilly	Harrison
<b>6G</b>	Archie	Lottie

	Our award goes to ...	
<b>RD</b>	Babygna	Charlie
<b>1E</b>	Alsa	Nathan
<b>2D</b>	Imogen	Isaac
<b>3G</b>	Pippa	Isla S
<b>4M</b>	Cara	Sienna
<b>5R</b>	Adheesh	Ella T
<b>6W</b>	Mohamed	Miya

### Dates for Term 1

Date	Event
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Term 1 ends – rainbow non-uniform day - £1 donation to The Friends via this link <a href="https://paypal.me/pools/c/8tfnbckPSg">https://paypal.me/pools/c/8tfnbckPSg</a>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Term 2 begins

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