



# Wheatfield Primary School Newsletter

*Inspired to Achieve*

Choose Respect • Take Responsibility • Show Resilience • Be Kind

**Term 1**

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## This Week at Wheatfield

It has been wonderful to see how well settled the children are in their new classes. Walking around school there is a buzz of discussion and learning which is fantastic to see.

A reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday to mark The Queen's state funeral – school will be open again on Tuesday.

**Phil Winterburn - Headteacher**

## Welcome to Reception

Reception have made a cracking start to their school journey at Wheatfield! They have loved exploring all of our learning areas, especially the brand new digging pit. The children have started to create wonderful friendships, and are beginning to embody our Wheatfield values. We are so proud of their fantastic start to school.



**Is your child starting Reception in September 2023? Book on to one of our open sessions for families by calling the office – the first is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October @ 11.00am and 6.00pm.**

## Queen's Memory Book



As I mentioned in the letter sent out last Friday, we have started a memory book for Queen Elizabeth which classes and individual children are contributing to.

With The Queen's passing coming so close to the

Jubilee, many of the children are showing how much of this learning they retained. They are keen to talk about The Queen and what her passing means to them. You may recall that each year group studied a different decade of The Queen's reign and teachers are re-visiting this period with children as a basis for discussions.

If your child has written something at home (or maybe done a small illustration of The Queen or her corgis) and you would like this included in the book then please pass this on to class teachers. The book will be on display shortly.



## The Power of Reading Together

Here at Wheatfield we love reading and strongly encourage families to read with their child at least 5 times a week. Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 have reading books matched to their phonic knowledge - we ask for children to re-read these books multiple times so that they become fluent readers from the earliest point possible (rather than read the book once and change it).

As children's reading progresses, they will have access to a wider range of books from our two libraries (which have recently been re-stocked with over £5k worth of new books). For several years now we have run a very successful reading incentive: Inspired to Read. Teachers keep track of how often children read at home and, for every 50 reads, children are awarded a free book which is theirs to keep. They come and collect this from Mr Winterburn and have their name written inside. This has proved very popular – we have given away thousands of books during this period and created a strong reading culture in the school.



### Start of the Day

Thank you to everyone who has made a great start to the new year with attendance and punctuality.

A reminder that we encourage all children to be on site by **8.45am**

when our doors open. This gives every child sufficient time to hang up their things and get to their classroom in a calm and orderly manner.

☺ Thank you for your support.

### Unofficial One Way System

If you are new to Wheatfield then you will already have seen how busy the roads get at drop off and collection time. One thing you can all do to ease this (aside from walking to school) is try to observe the unofficial 'one way system' – this means entering via Wheatfield Drive and exiting via Dewfalls Drive. This will stop the roads log-jamming especially around the traffic calming areas. A reminder that (unless you hold a blue badge) you should not be driving your car onto the school site.

### Class Parent Reps

Thank you to this year's group of Class Parent Reps. I am hoping that you all know who your Parent Rep is – if you do not then please talk to your child's class teacher who will be able to point them out to you.

A quick reminder that the primary role of the Reps is to keep families up to date with helpful reminders *e.g. it's PE day tomorrow or remember it's Red Nose Day on Friday*. Reps may also be able to seek clarification from class teacher about simple questions relating to the class *e.g. are children allowed to bring in their own pens?*

Official communications will always come from school via School Gateway *e.g. about a class visit or a payment*.

If families have any concerns about something that has happened in class or school, please do not raise these with the Reps as it is not their role to unpick them. Instead, talk with class teachers or senior staff who will be happy to help.

It's important that the Rep groups remain upbeat, positive and free from rumour – thank you.

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

This term's value is '**respect**'. This week's theme is '**respect yourself**'.

This week's challenge is to: **try turning 'I can't' into 'I can't ... yet!'**

	Our award goes to ...	
<b>1H</b>	Scarlett	Ibsaan
<b>2B</b>	Gaia	Ethan
<b>3BD</b>	Einar	Ayesha
<b>4R</b>	Zhuxi	Jacob
<b>5M</b>	Will	Hadassah
<b>6E</b>	Summer	Louis

	Our award goes to ...	
<b>1M</b>	Riley	Ellis
<b>2J</b>	Bandile	Nyla
<b>3M</b>	Lyla-Blue	Tanay
<b>4S</b>	Layton	Felicity
<b>5R</b>	Harshiv	Maya
<b>6W</b>	Jaiden	Evan

### Dates for Term 1 (new dates highlighted)

Date	Event
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September @ 9.15am	Year 5 Camp Assembly – Year 5 families welcome to join us
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October (10 – 1)	Grounds Day – join us to help tend to the school grounds
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October @ 11am / 6pm</b>	Open sessions for Reception 2023 families – call the office to sign up
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Fun Run Day – more information to follow
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October @ 9.15am</b>	Year 3 lead Harvest Assembly – Year 3 families welcome to join us
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October @ 2.30pm	Friends Annual General Meeting (at school)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October (until 7pm)	Parents' evening – more information to follow
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October (until 6pm)	

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