

PARENT INFORMATION 2 – October 2022

SCHOOL UPDATE

I want to thank all parents and careers for their support throughout the first month at school. The children are extremely well settled in class and really enjoying being back at school. Attendance and punctuality have also been fantastic. September saw us welcome Mr McManus as the Engage Teacher in school. As part of this project Mr McManus has been taking all children for weekly dance sessions. These have been extremely enjoyable for the children. We will also be exploring gymnastics in line with the NI Curriculum this term.

NEW WEBSITE

I am delighted to announce that our brand new school website will launch on Monday 10 October. We are striving to get as much information as possible on the site and you will hopefully see many updates during its first few months of operation. All notes will be uploaded to the website along with regular class updates, calendar events and so much more. The new website will also include a parent app which will be launched soon.

Have a look from Monday! Find us at www.wheatfieldps.com.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Our parent-teacher meetings will run for P1-P7 on the week beginning Monday 24 October. To facilitate these interviews, children will finish school each day at 1.15pm. An additional session of superstars will be added during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for children to book into if required.

For the first time, parents/carers will be able to book their appointment time via the new school website (www.wheatfieldps.com).

- On the home page you will see a yellow booking link, click this link.
- Enter the password **Wheatfield22**
- Select the class you would like to book for
- Select the appointment you would like to book
- Enter the required details.

We hope this service will allow parents more flexibility and enable appointments for multiple siblings to be booked together.

Nursery interviews will take place in November.

SUPERSTARS WRAP-AROUND CARE

Thank you for the support we have received as we launched our Superstars service in school. We are striving to keep this service at £0.50 per session for as long as possible. To assist us to continue, could I please ask that children are collected promptly at the end of each Superstar's session.

Superstars will continue this term until **Wednesday 26 October**. Only morning sessions will run on Thursday 27 October and Friday 28 October.

HALF-TERM ARRANGEMENTS

School will close for Half-Term on Friday 28 October at **12noon**. We will reopen on Monday 7 November at 8.45am. School will be closed from Monday 31 October – Friday 4 November (inclusive).

We will have a Superhero dress-up day and disco on **Thursday 27 October** and would ask for **£1 per pupil** towards school fund.

Friday 28 October will be a non-uniform day.



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PARENT-CHILD ACTIVITY MORNINGS

We are delighted to be able to welcome parents and carers back to school to engage with pupil learning. Each class has organised an activity morning this term as follows:

Class	Date	Time
Nursery	Tuesday 25 October	9.30am
P1	Friday 28 October	11.00am
P2	Thursday 1 December	9.30am
P3	Wednesday 19 October	9.30am
P4	Wednesday 26 October	9.30am
P5	Tuesday 29 November	9.30am
P6	Thursday 20 October	9.30am
P7	Friday 21 October	9.30am

We hope these will prove to be enjoyable mornings.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROCESS

The school is working with the Education Authority to design and develop a new school development plan. We value the role that parents, and carers will play in this and will be inviting parents to take part in several activities related to this during the coming months.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will be taken throughout the day on **Thursday 13 October**. All pupils will get an individual photograph taken within their class. There will be a limited number of appointments available for family photographs between 2.30pm and 3.15pm on Thursday 13 October. These will be available on a first-come-first-served basis and will be bookable via the school website using the link on the homepage. The password for this page will be **Photo**.

AND FINALLY...

I believe that school is a partnership, a team effort. We aim to all work together to create a positive learning environment for all those who attend Wheatfield. I really value your continued support and encouragement.

Many Thanks