

## PARENT INFORMATION 3 – November 2022

### SCHOOL UPDATE

We are now settled back into school after the Half Term break and children are beginning preparations for Christmas. We are delighted to be able to welcome parents and guardians back into school this year for our Christmas events and the dates for these are included in this newsletter. I also want to send everyone's good wishes to our P7 pupils who are taking the AQE tests this month.

Please read through the following updates for the month of November.

### NEW WEBSITE

Our new website continues to be extremely successful. In October, we had over 1,000 views to our site. The website is now being regularly updated with class events and calendar information. Thank you for supporting us in this. We will be continuing to utilise the website in the coming months.

Find us at [www.wheatfieldps.com](http://www.wheatfieldps.com).

### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

All our pupils will be taking part in our Christmas events this year.

- Nursery to Primary 4 will be taking part in a Christmas Show being held in school on **Wednesday 14 December at 10.30am**. Tickets will be available for this event in due course and capacity is limited (*Tickets priced at £2 to cover costs of the shows*).
- Key Stage 2 will be taking part in a Carol Service, being held in Ballysillan Presbyterian Church on **Friday 16 December at 11.00am**. Tickets are not required for this event.
- A letter will be sent home in relation to tickets for Nursery to P4.

### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please could all absences from school be reported to the school office or class teacher as it is vital that these are coded correctly on our system. When attendance falls below 85% within a term a letter will automatically be sent from school. It is vital that all absences have an explanation recorded.

Thank you for the punctuality of pupils during Term 1A. It is extremely beneficial for pupils to be in class, ready to begin learning each morning.

### OPEN DAY

This year we will be holding an open day for prospective Nursery and Primary 1 pupils. It will be held on Wednesday 30 November from 2.00-4.00pm. On this date the following arrangements will apply:

- Nursery & Primary 1 pupils will finish school at 1.15pm
- P2-P7 pupils will finish school at 1.55pm
- There will be **no Superstars afterschool provision** on Wednesday 30 November due to Open Day (morning provision will run as normal).

We would ask that you support us helping to advertise our open day and all the fantastic work that happens at school.



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### PARENT-CHILD ACTIVITY MORNINGS

We will be continuing with our remaining parent-child activity mornings this term as follows:

Class	Date	Time
P2	Thursday 1 December	9.30am
P5	Tuesday 29 November	9.30am

I want to send my sincere thanks to all the parents and children for attending and taking part so enthusiastically in the sessions to date and to the school staff for planning and facilitating the events in classrooms.

### SUPERSTARS UPDATE

We want to thank you for your continued support of our Superstars Wrap-Around Care pilot in school. We have strived to keep the cost of sessions to a minimum. Unfortunately, due to the rising costs of supplies and to maintain safe levels of staffing of our Wrap-Around Care services, it has become necessary for us to increase prices for our provision. We are currently running at a deficit. I want to assure you that we are keeping these to an absolute minimum.

New pricing will be as follows:

- Morning Provision (all pupils) will be **£1 per session** from 8.00-8.45am (daily)
- Afternoon Session (Nursery pupils) will be **£1 per session** from 1.15-2.00pm (Mon-Thu)
- Afternoon Session (FS/KS1) will be **£1 per session** from 2.00-2.45pm (Mon-Thu)
- Afternoon Session (All pupils) will be **£1 per session** from 2.45-3.30pm (Mon-Thu)

More information on booking procedure updates will follow in the next newsletter.

- Afternoon Supervision this term will run until **Tuesday 13 December**
- Morning Supervision will run until **Friday 16 December**
- **All sessions will recommence on Monday 9 January**

### KEY DATES

Wednesday 30 November	-	Open Day (early closure) 2.00-4.00pm
Wednesday 14 December	-	Christmas Show for Nursery, Foundation and Key Stage 1
Friday 16 December	-	Carol Service for KS2
Monday 19 December	-	Christmas Event for pupils
Wednesday 21 December	-	Last Day of Term – 12noon closure
Thursday 5 January	-	Term 2 begins

### AND FINALLY...

As we make our way rapidly towards Christmas, in what is always an extremely busy term, I wanted to thank you for your continued support.