

Number 1 - Autumn 2009

Welcome Back!

On behalf of all the staff I would like to welcome you, and your children, to Wheatfields for the academic year 2009-10. This is a very busy and exciting time of the school year and we really look forward to working with you on your child's behalf and making this a happy and successful term. With best wishes to you and your family,

Chris Marshall
Headteacher

Health & Safety in the Playground

The layout of the Key Stage 1 playground, and the fact that we have so many different groups of people who need to walk across it between 8.40am and 9.00am, makes it important for everyone to keep to the following basic rules. In order to make sure that the start of the school day is happy, safe and secure. I do hope that you will work with us on the following points during this **8.40-9.00am period**:

1. **If you are intending to cross the playground, please follow the footprints round the back of the playground, rather than walking between the children and the school building.** This will prevent children from being knocked as they walk into school.
2. **If you are standing with your child near the edge of playground (where Classes 4 and 6 line up), please leave the space marked by the yellow line clear so that people can walk down it.**
3. **Please do not allow young children to ride scooters, bikes etc on the playground.**
4. **When the whistle blows please walk behind the yellow line which is painted towards the back of the playground.** The class teacher will come to the back of the line so if you need to speak to her you can do so.
5. **Please stay behind the line as the children walk into school.** This is the point when we take responsibility for your child. We take this responsibility very seriously!

Thank you for your support.

Emergency Contact Details

Please could we remind you that we must be kept up-to-date with home, mobile and work telephone numbers. It can be really distressing for a child when they are unwell and we are unable to contact mum or dad to come and collect them. Please help us – and your child – by giving us details of changes, new numbers etc as soon as possible.

School Meals

A reminder that the price of a school meal is now £2.00 per day, £10.00 per week. Please could we ask that payments for school meals are sent to school on Monday mornings? Your child may be entitled to free school meals. If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits please call in or telephone the office for an application form.

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance (this benefit will be introduced from 27 October 2008)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but not entitled to working tax credit & annual income is below £15,575 (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs)
- Guarantee element of state pension credit

Reception

As the area outside the Reception classrooms becomes busier in the mornings, please can we ask that the children do not play with the equipment before school. We apologise that the outside area is unfinished, and hope that we can complete the area in the not too distant future.

Year 3

The new Year 3 children have settled in well and are enjoying learning the new routines in KS2. They have survived their first few days without an afternoon break, which came as a bit of a surprise! We are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible on Monday afternoon, but can we remind you that Games will be on Monday and P.E. is on Friday. Today the children will have their first set of homework. If you are unsure with any of this, please don't hesitate to come in and see your class teacher.

Please do pop in if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Burnett, Mrs Tudor, Mrs Merson, Mrs Gow, Mrs Wright, Mrs Tucker.

Music at Wheatfields

We are looking forward to starting our musical activities again. New for this term are Mrs Tucker's ukelele group and the Performing Arts after school club. A set of keyboards arrived at the end of last term, thanks to the proceeds of the Spring Concert, and Mrs Manson is planning to start teaching Y4 keyboard skills soon. In KS2 singing assembly we will be singing traditional songs from the British Isles such as Skye Boat Song, Scarborough Fair, Cockles and Mussels. See what you can find out about these songs! They can all be found on the SINGUP website at www.singup.org.uk BIG SING for grown ups! (11 and over) You may have seen the Community Choir with Gareth Malone on BBC1 recently. Well, look no further! St Ives has its own community choir which meets 3 - 4 times a year for an informal sing. Anyone is welcome and no previous experience is necessary. The next meeting is Saturday 26th September, Free Church St Ives, 10.30 - 12.30 cost: £1 If you are interested, email agi.gilly@yahoo.co.uk or see Mrs Merson.

School Dates for Autumn Term 2009

As ever, we have a really busy Autumn Term ahead of us. We've put together an events calendar in order to give Parents and Carers some advance warning! At the time of writing, there are still more events being planned. As usual, we will send letters home giving full details of each event so please keep checking your child's book bag!

September	
Year 3 Parents Meeting Year 4 Parents Meeting	Monday 14 September 2.30pm
Year 1 Parents Meeting Year 2 Parents Meeting	Tuesday 15 September 2.15pm
Year 5 Parents Meeting Year 6 Parents Meeting	Tuesday 15 September 7.00pm
Foundation Curriculum meeting PAWS Meeting	Monday 21 September 2009
Year 6 - St. Ivo School Parents Meeting	Tuesday 22 September 7.00pm
Y3 Trip to The Manor, Hemingford	Wednesday 23 September
Year 4 Library Trip	Thursday 24 September
Year 5 Grafham Water Meeting and Year 6 Ironbridge Meeting	Thursday 24 September 7.00pm
School Photographs	30 September & 1 October
October	
Walk to School Week	Monday 5 to Friday 9 October
Year 6 Trip to Ironbridge	Monday 5 to Friday 9 October
Year 5 Trip to Grafham Water	Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 October
Year 1 Free Church visit	Thursday 8 October
Year 6 Victorian Day	Wednesday 14 October
Parent Consultation Appointments	Wednesday 21 October (3 – 7pm) Thursday 22 October (3 – 5pm)
Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic	Friday 23 October
Year 2 visiting place of worship	To be advised
Half Term	
November	
Year 5 visit to Duxford	Wednesday 11 November
Year 5 WW2 Day	Tuesday 17 November
BBC Children in Need	Friday 20 November
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 16 – Friday 20 November
PAWS Xmas Fayre	Friday 27 November
December	
Key Stage 1 production(s)	To be advised
Children's Xmas dinner	Tuesday 15 December
Burgess Hall Production (Years 3-6)	Thursday 17 December
Christmas Parties / Disco	Friday 18 December
Autumn Term closes	Friday 18 December
Professional Days	Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 January
Spring Term opens	Wednesday 6 January