



# WHEATCROFT COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carers,

We are delighted with the fantastic start our children have made to the new term. Classrooms are full of purposeful learning and it has been wonderful to see pupils so engaged, enthusiastic and ready for the challenges of the year ahead. Staff have been impressed with how quickly routines have been established and how well pupils are living out our school values both in lessons and around the school.

## *School Community Values*

This half term, we are focusing on the values of **Respect** and **Courage**. At Wheatcroft, we talk about courage not just as bravery in big moments, but also as the everyday choices pupils make – trying something new, putting their hand up in class, tackling a tricky piece of work, or standing up for what is right. Already we have seen many examples of children showing courage, whether through their learning, their friendships, or the way they approach challenges. We will continue to celebrate these moments in Achievement Assembly across the term.

## *Attendance Stars!*

Attendance has been excellent so far, with our whole school figure standing at **95.5%** – a brilliant achievement at this early stage and with all the bugs and viruses that are common at this time of year. A special mention goes to Year 5 and Year 6, who are both above 96% attendance. Thank you to all families for your support in ensuring children are in school every day and on time. Every day really does count: missing just one day every fortnight can add up to nearly two weeks of lost learning across the year. Together, let's keep this strong start going and aim even higher as the term progresses.

## *Parents Evenings*

Our first Parents' Evenings of the year will take place on Wednesday 1st October and Thursday 2nd October. Appointment bookings are live and available slots can be booked using the 'My Child at School' app. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class, to celebrate early successes, and to agree the next steps for learning. Teachers will also share ideas for how you can support your child at home with reading, routines and homework. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible.

## *Year 4 Art Focus*

Year 4 have been busy exploring sketching techniques in their art lessons. Using both pencil and pen, pupils have been carefully drawing and comparing the shapes, textures and patterns of sea shells. This work has encouraged children to look closely at detail, experiment with shading and line, and reflect on how different tools create contrasting effects. I was lucky to be invited to see their work. The results are impressive – thoughtful, creative pieces of work that show real focus and imagination.



## *School Trips and Events*

This term, a number of exciting school trips are planned to bring learning to life and create memorable experiences for our pupils. Please ensure that permission slips are returned to the school office by the deadlines set for each class. Without a signed slip, children will not be able to take part. If you have misplaced a letter or need further information, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

## *House Captains*

We have been impressed with the high standard of Year 6 House Captain applications this year. Pupils showed real commitment to Wheatcroft through their thoughtful written applications and confident presentations. Many shared inspiring ideas for strengthening our school community and showed pride in representing their houses and the school. The maturity and responsibility on display was excellent, and has made the voting very difficult! We have announced the successful candidates in assembly today and awarded them with their badges.

## *KS1 Reading Team*

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful parent volunteer reading team, who are already making such a difference by listening to children read in KS1. Developing a love of reading is one of the most powerful gifts we can give our pupils, and this is only possible with the support of our school community. Please continue to enjoy reading with your child at home too – a few minutes each day makes a lasting difference.

## *PTA AGM*

Our PTA AGM will be held on Thursday 25th September. We are aiming for at least 10 members to help strengthen our PTA this year. The PTA is an important part of school life – raising funds, organising events, and creating opportunities for families to come together. If you are able to offer your time, skills or ideas, we would love you to get involved. Every bit of help, however small, makes a real difference to our children.

## *Harvest Festival*

This half term we will be again celebrating with our Harvest Festival café, with two performances for families, at 9.30am and 2pm. As part of this celebration, we will be collecting donations for local foodbanks to support those in need in our community. Before the children's performance there will be an opportunity to enjoy refreshments and catch up with friends. More information will follow soon. We are so grateful for your continued generosity in supporting both our school and the wider community.

## *Thank You!*

As we complete our third week back, we would like to thank all families for their ongoing support. From ensuring children arrive on time and ready to learn, to encouraging pride in uniform and reading at home, your partnership makes a real difference. We are proud of how the term has begun and look forward to working together for another exciting and successful year at Wheatcroft.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher

