



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

This time of year is filled with mixed emotions as we say goodbye initially to our very first Year 6 class last week and then today to other individuals and their families. We wish you all the best of luck for the future.

Last week we held a BBQ for our Year 6 and their families. We were blest with lovely weather and a lovely relaxed evening was enjoyed by all. Additionally Year 6 put on a delightful Leavers Assembly to which their families and governors were invited. It was a very emotional afternoon, but hugely gratifying to see just how these young people have blossomed and grown whilst in our care. A big thank you to Mrs Lockwood and Mrs Dunn for all their hard work.

Transition Morning

All pupils had the opportunity to spend a morning in their new classroom with the staff who will be working with them in September. This included our new reception class as they transfer from Cygnets Childcare. The children had a lovely time familiarising themselves in their new environment and are excited as to the new challenges and opportunities that September will bring.

Fiver Challenge

Woodpeckers' Fiver Challenge reached a successful conclusion last Tuesday with their Trade Sale in the Hall. The children held stalls to sell their products, which included Perfect Pancakes, Bookworms, Arty Crafty, Crazy Cress Crew and Popkinz. Every group sold out completely, meaning that they met or exceeded their profit forecasts and the total amount of profit reached a hugely impressive £240! The event had a great atmosphere and was enjoyed by the whole school, governors and some parents. Thanks to everyone for their support and enthusiasm which made the sale go with a swing. Watch this space for news of what we decide to spend the profits on for our school.



Key Stage 1 Trip to Banham Zoo



On Thursday 13th July Mrs Masson & Mrs Gould took Year 1 and Year 2 to Banham Zoo to enrich their learning on habitats. An extra 'animal encounter' had been organised which the children very much enjoyed, getting up close to some of the animals!! The children were all exceptionally well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the day. A huge thank you to the staff that accompanied our trip and the parent helpers.

Crucial Crew Visit for Year 6

Year 6 had a lovely morning on Friday 7th July, at West Suffolk College as they took part in the Crucial Crew scheme. They learnt about how to keep themselves safe in different situations including online safety, food hygiene, electrical safety and steps to prevent and how to react in a building fire. They were lucky enough to be accompanied by Mayor Clements and Mrs Clements as they went around all the different activities.



Year 6 Trip to Walberswick

As a Leaver's Treat, Year 6 spent their final Wednesday visiting the delights of Walberswick. Lots of fun was had meeting the local crabs and saying goodbye to them as they were released back to the sea. The afternoon was filled with icecream, paddling and burying a chosen few in the sand! A great way to celebrate a fantastic year together.



Music Exam Success

I am very pleased to tell you that the three pupils who took associated board exams this term who have lessons in school all did amazingly well. Shannon received a distinction for her Grade 1 violin exam as did Alex V for his Grade 1 piano and Grace M also got a distinction in her Grade 2 piano. Mrs Snelling is delighted and asked me to remind you that there are still spaces for piano and violin music tuition from September—please contact the office for more details.

On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to extend our good wishes for a lovely summer and look forward to working with you and your children again in September. Children return to school on Wednesday 6th September.

Best wishes

Kath Parkin

Headteacher



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