



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Coffee Morning last week and to those who could not attend but who donated either raffle prizes or money. Thanks to your support and to the efforts of our hardworking PTFA, £159.95 has been sent to this very deserving charity.

Linguamarque Success

We are delighted to announce that last week we were awarded the Bronze Linguamarque award. As of September 2014 Primary Languages have become a statutory requirement in all primary schools. The Suffolk Linguamarque is an initiative which enables schools to audit how languages are embedded into their curriculum.

To achieve the award we were required to show how languages are integrated into the school life, the clear progression between year groups, as well as encouraging pupils to adopt an open approach to other cultures. We aim to soon be working towards the silver award.

Harvest Celebration

We were thrilled that so many of you could join us for this event last week. The children do enjoy having an audience to perform to and to show you how hard they have been working to prepare. This was also the first time that the newly licenced Father David was able to lead the service for which we are most grateful. We were also very pleased to receive your generous contributions of produce, which we will be delivered to the Gatehouse Charity very shortly.

Key Stage 2 Cross Country

Last Thursday, some of our Key Stage 2 children participated in a cross country run against over 250 other children at King Edward School.

Children in Years 3 and 4 ran a 1 mile course and Years 5 and 6 ran 2 miles.

There were some excellent results in both races and the children all showed a great deal of determination to finish the race.

Miss Kiddy, our PE Co-ordinator is delighted to report that Great Whelnetham came 5th out of the 11 schools that took part in the Year 3 and 4 events and 7th overall in the Years' 5 and 6 races.

Well done to everyone who took part!

Special Lunch Day

We had an impressive number of children enjoying a school lunch last Thursday and we intend to repeat the exercise in January 2017, so look out for details nearer the time. There are proven educational benefits from having a hot and healthy school dinner and we are keen to encourage children in any way we can. The lucky draw winners were Harry B and Isabel in Key Stage 2 and Samson and Austin S in Key Stage 1. Congratulations to you all!

Year 5 Bikeability

We wanted to give our Year 5 parents early notification that the Bikeability Team will be returning to work with children in Woodpeckers during the week commencing 6th March 2016. Children will be asked to bring their bikes to school, receive tuition in bike care and road safety and then be taken out for supervised rides. More details will of course follow nearer the time. If any family would like to receive bespoke tuition, advice or support from the Bikeability Team, please let us know and we will arrange for the team to contact you.

Quiz Night—Adults only

The PTFA would like to invite you to the Quiz Night they will be running on Friday 11th November at 7.30pm—so please get your babysitters booked for a fun night out at school! Tickets cost just £2 per head and there are to be a maximum of 6 people in a team. Tickets can be purchased from both the school office and Cygnets and via the order form below if you would like to do this through your child. Please do support this event and raise funds for the PTFA at the same time.

Return of Forms

We have recently sent out:

- Emergency Contact Forms.
- Home School Agreements.
- Photographic Consent.
- Country of Birth & Nationality Request.

Please could we ask that these be completed and returned as soon as possible. Extra copies can be obtained from the office if you have mislaid yours.

Warm Weather Clothing

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm waterproof coat each day and that they have a pair of wellies at school.

Kath Parkin

Headteacher

To Great Whelnetham School

PTFA ADULT QUIZ NIGHT

Please could I order _____ tickets at £2 each. Total enclosed £_____

Name _____ Signed _____

Child's Name & Class _____