



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

This has been a very busy half term and both staff and children are ready for a well-deserved break. We do hope that you are able to spend some quality time with your children during the holiday. Please could we bring your attention to the Diary Dates at the end of this letter.

Book Fair Monday 31st October—Wednesday 2nd November 3.00-4.00pm

Please be sure to come along and pick up some early Christmas presents!

Christmas Card Project



This year we will be participating in the Christmas card project as in previous years. The children will work on their card designs after the half term holiday and will bring these home on Friday 11th November. You will receive a letter detailing ordering instructions when the cards come home.

Flu Immunisation

You may have seen on the National News that children in Years 1-3 are to be offered immunisation against flu. This will take place at our school on Tuesday 15th November and be administered in the form of a nasal spray. Please can we urge parents to read the literature carefully and to return the consent forms as soon as possible.

CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) Training

Suffolk schools also featured on the news this week regarding the offer of the provision of CPR training from the East Anglian Air Ambulance. A paramedic will visit the school in November to provide this training to children in Years 5 and 6.

School Dinners

Menus for lunches from October half term until Easter 2017 are being sent home this week. The menus are fully compliant with the new 2015 School Food Standards and we do hope that your child will try out some of the new choices this term.

Christmas Lunch

Although Christmas still seems a long way off, our preparations need to start early, beginning with Christmas Lunch. A traditional Christmas Dinner will be served on Thursday 8th December (instead of our published menu, and we would ask that you complete and **return the appropriate slip by Friday 11th November** indicating if your child will have Christmas dinner or be bringing a packed lunch that day.

For children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 it will be necessary for payment to be enclosed with their order. This year the cost is £2.30 and this cost is non-refundable (even in the event of sickness).

For children in years R-2 – please simply return the slip indicating their choice.

Please note that if we have not received the slip (and payment where appropriate) by the closing date your child will need to bring a packed lunch that day.

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance

- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit but not the Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week
- Universal Credit

To check if your child is eligible call: **01284 758883**. If your application is successful it will also qualify your child for **a complimentary club each half term and an item of uniform once a year** so please enquire as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

Monday 31st October – RETURN

Monday 31st October – Book Fair in hall 3.00-4.00 **all invited**

Tuesday 1st November - Book Fair in hall 3.00-4.00 **all invited**

Wednesday 2nd November - Book Fair in hall 3.00-4.00 **all invited**

Thursday 17th November – OPEN MORNING 9.00-11.30 – **new children and parents**

Friday 18th November – Children in Need Non Uniform day

Friday 25th November – Whole school Enrichment Day (Dick Whittington)

Saturday 26th November – Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fayre/ Music Event

Wednesday 30th November – Christingle making am in hall

Thursday 1st December – Christingle Service **school only** KS1 1.15 (30 mins) KS2 1.45 (30mins)

Friday 2nd December – Christmas Fair 3.30 **all invited**

Tuesday 6th December—Parents’ Stall during morning break

Wednesday 7th December Parents’ Evening 3.30-5.30

Thursday 8th December—Parents ‘Stall during morning break

Thursday 8th December—Christmas Lunch

Thursday 8th December Parents’ Evening 6.00-8.00

Wednesday 14th December – KS1 Christmas Performance **Nativity** 2.00/6.00 **(Ticketed event more details to follow)**

Friday 16th December – Wear a Christmas Jumper to school day

Monday 19th December – Christmas Party KS1

Tuesday 20th December – Carol Service 9.30 **all invited—details to follow**. Christmas Party KS2

Tuesday 20th December – BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Kath Parkin

Headteacher

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