



# Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

*'By growing together, we become the best we can be'*

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents

I am sorry to report that Mrs Parkin is currently unwell and will not be in school for the next week or so. I have been appointed Interim Headteacher until her return. My role is to ensure there is successful day to day running of the school. I am the Deputy Headteacher at Exning Primary School and very much look forward to meeting and working with you and your children during this time.

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I can't quite believe we are already two weeks into the summer term and after a rather surprising, chilly spell earlier in the week, it is pleasing to see the return of warmer weather. On this note, please can we remind you to ensure that all children come to school with a water bottle, a named sun hat but also a waterproof coat. We would recommend that once a day sun cream be applied prior to coming to school or alternatively that you supply your child with their own named sun cream which they will need to be able to apply themselves.

### Whole School and Class Photos

The photographer will be in school on the morning of 8th May and proofs sent home in the usual way shortly afterwards. We recommend that you take advantage of the online payment method but payment by cheque is also acceptable.

### Online Payments

Please can we remind you that our preferred method of receiving funds into school is via the online payment system. It is possible to pay for lunches, uniform and school trips this way and in doing so you help keep the administration costs down. Here is a link to Suffolk County Council's website to enable you to do this <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/>

### School Website

We would like to draw your attention to the photos on the Learning Gallery of the website—this is a super way to see some of the work that your children have been doing at school and the fun they have had with their learning!

### Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Residential Trip

We were pleased to welcome our Year 4 and 5 pupils back to school after their 3-day residential trip. I understand they had a fabulous time and it was very pleasing to learn that their behaviour was a credit to the school. A huge thank you to the staff involved in organising and running the trip!

### Maths Roadshow

Year 4 will be visited by the King Edward School Maths Roadshow on Thursday 10th May.

### Cycling Safely—Lorries

Further to our work with Suffolk Highways regarding safe cycling, Year 5 will receive tuition in sharing the road with large vehicles, also on Thursday 10th May. A lorry will be brought onto the school playground and children will learn about blind spots that drivers of large vehicles may have and what more they can do to stay safe on our roads.

## Robotics Club

This exciting club commences initially for a 4-week period on Tuesday 8th May.

## East Anglian Daily Times—Sports for Schools vouchers

A reminder that we are still collecting these vouchers and there is a box in the main entrance to post these.

## Menu Change

The menu for Monday 7th May (Bank Holiday Monday) will now be served in its entirety on Tuesday 8th May—please note this change in your diaries.

## Keeping Safe Online

We are aware more and more children are using mobile phones, iPads and other electronic devices and accessing apps in order to communicate as individuals and groups. Please be aware of the age limits to these apps and ensure you are confident that your child is safe and you are aware which apps they have access too. Recently some issues have come to light in school which we have addressed. In school we are always reminding our children of the dangers on line and how to keep safe.

We have arranged for Gripping Yarns to come and perform their project on 'Internet Safety' for KS2 children on Tuesday 8th May.

Additionally we have invited the NSPCC in to school to hold parent a workshop on 'online safety' on 9th May 2018 from 2.00-3.00pm. We would like to invite **all** parents and carers to join. The hour-long workshop will help parents and carers understand their child's online world and build confidence to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online.

Until then, if you need any support or guidance, check out their website:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> and online guides: <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc> or call the **O2 and NSPCC Online Safety Helpline on 0808 800 5002**,

Please indicate if you are able to attend on the slip below. Help us to keep your children safe.

*Jane Segust*

Interim Headteacher

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To Great Whelnetham School

### **Online Safety Workshop**

I/We would like to attend the parent workshops on 9th May 2018 from 2.00-3.00pm.

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