



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to everyone, especially to our new families, who have just joined our school. I hope you have all enjoyed a great summer and the good weather - long may it last!

Welcome to our new staff members – Mr Sharp in Year 5 and Mrs Healy in year 2. We also have **17** new pupils in Wrens. We also welcome back Swans as our first Year 6 class!

Included in this letter are some key dates throughout the year so that you are able to arrange your diaries. Obviously there will be further dates and events added once these have been confirmed. As usual you will be informed of these as soon as possible.

In the mornings we will continue to offer our meet and greet service at the Stanningfield Road entrance of the school. This is for those children who are ready and wish to independently come into school by themselves in the morning, otherwise 'drop off' at the classroom door still operates. **However it is fine, if you would like to see your child into the classroom for the first two days to settle them in and then from Wednesday 7th September please encourage them to come in to school on their own. This will encourage their independence.**

The above **does not apply to Wrens**, whose parents may bring them in each morning. If **Year 1** parents wish to bring their children in until next Tuesday 13th September this is fine and will give them a little longer to get use to the changes.

Wrens, Larks and Robins may be collected from their classroom doors at **3.15pm each day**. KS2 classes Kingfishers, Owls, Woodpeckers and Swans may be collected from the playground at **3.25pm**. At the end of the day, **KS2 children** travelling from school via **taxi** must also wait **on the playground**. **KS1 children** must wait quietly at the **office**.

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you would like them to make their own way off the school site, to make their way home, we request that you complete the parental permission slip at the end of this letter and return it as soon as possible indicating if you are meeting your child or if they are walking home independently.

Currently we have a lot of parents and children who are able to walk to and from school and expect there will be more children walking to and from the school site independently. Therefore if we are going to keep our children safe it is essential that cars are parked legally and considerately.

This term:

Music tuition starts Wednesday 7th September

Dance Club starts Thursday 8th September

Chinese Club starts Monday 12th September (lunchtime)

Football Club starts Monday 12th September

Tag Games Club starts Wednesday 14th September

Choir starts Wednesday 14th September (please note that this will now take place after school)

We will let you have details of additional clubs shortly.

Staff Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a relief Midday Supervisor. Hours of work 11.55am to 1.05pm. If you think you might be interested please enquire at the school office.

Dates for your diary

AUTUMN TERM 2016

Thursday 29th September – Individual/Family Group Photos

Friday 30th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning 9.15am

Thursday 6th October – Harvest Festival

Friday 21st October – BREAK UP

Half term holiday

Monday 31st October – RETURN

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

Tuesday 1st November - Book Fair in hall 3.00-4.00pm

Friday 18th November – Children in Need Non Uniform day

Thursday 1st December – Christingle Service 2.30pm

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

Monday 19th December – Christmas Party

Tuesday 20th December – Carol Service 9.30am

Tuesday 20th December – BREAK UP

End of term holiday

SPRING TERM 2017

Thursday 5th January – RETURN

Friday 10th February – BREAK UP

Half term holiday

Monday 20th February – RETURN

To Great Whelnetnam School

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LEAVING THE SCHOOL SITE AT 3.25PM FOR YEAR 5 AND 6 PUPILS

At the end of the day my child _____ will

- Meet me on the playground
- Leave the school premises and walk home independently

Name _____ Date _____

(please clearly circle the permission you are giving and return to the office as soon as possible—please note that without this permission, children will not be permitted to leave the school)

Kath Parkin

Headteacher