



## Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents

This half term continues to be a busy one for both staff and children. Thank you to those parents who were able to make our Informal Teacher Chat Evening on Wednesday.

### School Nurse Drop In Session

The School Nurse will be in school from 1.30pm on Tuesday 27th September, when she will be available to chat regarding any concerns you may have regarding your child— growing up, keeping healthy, toileting etc. Please try to take advantage of this service.

### School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on the morning of the 29th September, taking individual and family groups of children within the school. If you have a younger child at home or at Cygnets, who you would like to be photographed with their older sibling, please let us know by completing and returning the slip below.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

This will take place on Friday 30th September, straight after drop off and will be held in the hall or children's kitchen depending on the weather. Please do come along and have a cuppa, a cake and a chat and raise funds for this very worthwhile charity. There will be a raffle, so donations of prizes would be much appreciated, especially if you are unable to attend and these can be left at the office at any time. We are very grateful to the PTFA for running this event for us. If you would like to pop along and help we always welcome an extra pair of hands!

### French Song this half-term

This half-term as a whole school we are learning the song 'Tourne, tourne petit moulin'. We are looking forward to singing this as a whole school at the Harvest Festival. If you want to practise this at home with your child this is the internet link to the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0INguuO9WM>

### Harvest Festival

You are all most welcome to join us to celebrate the harvest on Thursday 6th October at 9.30am in the hall. We would be grateful for donations of non-perishable foods, which the children could bring in with them that morning. We will then take your kind donations to the Gatehouse Foodbank in Bury St Edmunds. Gatehouse is working in partnership with other organisations, churches and individuals throughout Bury, supported by local County and Borough Councillors providing three days of emergency food to local people in crisis. Those in need are identified by local care professionals and they also signpost people to organisations able to help solve the longer term problem.

### Special Lunch Day (including menu change)—Thursday 6th October

Every child who has a school dinner on our Special Lunch Day will receive a raffle ticket to go in to a draw to win one of three prizes—more details to follow but please do encourage your child to have a hot dinner/jacket potato that day. Please note that the menu that day will still be a roast but with sausages/vege sausages instead.

### Father David

I am pleased to announce that the Venerable Dr David Jenkins will shortly become Assistant Curate to the Parish of Great Whelnetham at St Thomas's Church and therefore will be working with us from time to time in school.

## Bury School Partnership

As you are aware our school is part of the Bury School Partnership and we work closely with all schools within this group. You are able to find out more details of the partnership from its website: <http://www.buryschoolpartnership.org.uk/> or Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Bury-Schools-Partnership-1769979623260>

## Transition Meetings

It was lovely to see our Year 6 parents at the Information Evening last night led by Andy Prestoe, the Principal of the Sybil Andrews Academy. His presentation was very interesting and informative.

Please don't forget that David Gower, Director of Transition at King Edward School will be running a similar event next Wednesday 28th September at 6.00pm and once again I would urge our Year 6 parents to attend.

## PTFA Adult Quiz Night

Please note in your diaries that this Quiz will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 11th November. At the very reasonable cost of £2 per person, maximum 6 people per team it has all the elements of a fun evening out. More details to follow shortly.

## Attendance Matters

Just a reminder that children need to be in school ready for the business of learning at 9.05am each day. This means that coats, lunches PE kits etc all need to have been sorted by this time. Classroom doors are all open from 8.50am to enable this to happen. Thank you for your support with this.

*Kath Parkin*

Headteacher

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To Great Whelnetham School—INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 9.15AM

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I will be bringing my younger child/dren to have a joint photograph with my school-aged child named above.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Dates for your diary**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2016**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Individual Photos **with siblings**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - MacMillan Coffee Morning 9.15 **all invited**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival **all invited**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – BREAK UP**

#### **Half term holiday**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – RETURN

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Book Fair in hall 3.00-4.00 **all invited**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Book Fair in hall 3.00-4.00 **all invited**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Non Uniform day

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Whole school Enrichment Day (Dick Whittington)

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

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christingle Service 2.30 **school only**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Fair 3.30 **all invited**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Performance **Nativity** 2.00/6.00

**(Ticketed event more details to follow)**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Wear a Christmas Jumper to school day

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service 9.30

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – BREAK UP**

**End of term holiday**

*Please note that these dates are correct at the time of publishing but may be subject to change*