



## Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the spring term. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Donna Medcalf will be working in several classes as a Teaching Assistant. Mrs Medcalf has a son in Year 4 and is already known to many of our children through her work in the Early Birds Club. From the 1st March Mrs Medcalf will take over the running of the club to allow Mrs Large more time in the office. We are also fortunate to have Mrs Emily Buckingham, one of our Relief Midday Supervisors undertaking her Teaching Assistant training with our school over the next 12-18 months.

### World Book Day

This takes place on Thursday 2nd March. Pupils and staff are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character for the day! To take part, please bring some chocolate which will be donated to the family Easter Bingo event on Friday 24th March. Tickets will be going on sale soon so please keep this date in your diary for a fun, family night out.

### Tag Rugby

On a wet miserable Wednesday morning, 10 pupils represented Great Whelnetham School at a Bury Schools Partnership Tag Rugby Event. Our school came 6th overall but in the competition for the number of passes, we came 2nd. Well done to all who took part—a fun morning was had by all! Congratulations to you all!

### Red Nose Day

This year will take place on Friday 24th March. Children can wear red clothing in return for a donation of around £1 for this good cause.

### Sainsbury's Active School Vouchers

Vouchers are now being issued. Please can we ask that you send them in to us. We have benefited greatly from this scheme in the past and are already looking at the catalogue to see how we might spend those collected this year.



### Tesco

If you shop at a local Tesco store, please support 'Let's Get Outdoors!' by putting your shopping token in the relevant box. If funding is successful for this scheme, a programme of development activities to support Year 6 pupils with transition in schools around Bury St Edmunds will be delivered.

### Attendance Matters

This time of year many of us succumb to colds, bugs etc. If your child is too unwell to attend school please inform us by 9.00am (we have an answer phone for very early calls) stating your child's name, class and the nature of their illness and then call each morning of their absence with an update. Upon their return we also require a letter or email confirming the absence which then goes in your child's file. We are happy to help and administer medicine or pain relief subject to the completion of the appropriate form (available from the office) for when your child is not 100% but more than able to come to school.

Just to keep you informed, after 1/2 term we will be sending home another Attendance Summary for each child.

## Menu Changes

Monday 20th February—Main choice is now Cheese & Tomato Pizza (no other changes).

Wednesday 22nd January—Main choice is now Chicken topped with Cheese & Bacon (no other changes).

**Dates for your diary** - these dates may be subject to change so please check the latest newsletter/website or contact the school if you are ever unsure.

## **Friday 10th February—BREAK UP**

### **Half term holiday**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – RETURN

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Tractor day pm / LKS2

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day (Dress Up day – Chocolate penance!)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March **Yr 5 Bikeability** details to follow.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Yr5/6 Art Project day at KEGS

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Yr 5 Swimming gala

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Piano/ Violin Music Event – Penny Snelling

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – PTFA Event- Easter Bingo

**Wednesday 29th March – Parents Evening 3.30-5.30 pm** - consequently no sports club after school

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 9.30 am Easter Worship / Concert—all welcome

**Thursday 30th March – Parents Evening 5.30-7.30 pm**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - BREAK UP for Easter Holidays**

### **TERM DATES 2017-2018**

#### Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**HALF TERM: 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

#### Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

**HALF TERM: 12<sup>th</sup> February – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

#### Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

**HALF TERM: 28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017**

#### P D Days

**2017**

**2018**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

*Kath Parkin*

Headteacher



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