6th October 2017

Dear Parents

Shanghai Leadership Exchange

Last Wednesday a group of 10 students and two adults from Shanghai visited our school. Ambassadors from our school showed the students and teachers around the school. Play time was enjoyed together, then the students joined our Owls, Woodpeckers, and Swans classes to observe a lesson. They then gave a short lesson themselves. Lots of Chinese phrases were repeated and practised, numbers chanted and singing of 'Head shoulders knees and toes' in Chinese could be heard around the school. This was all followed by a scrummy school lunch. Finally, they managed to participate in Collective Worship before they departed. It was a totally rewarding experience for our pupils as well as our visitors, everyone enjoyed the day. Thanks must go to staff at King Edward VI School, who organised the day for these young people to visit primary schools with in the Bury School Partnership.

Enrichment Contribution

Early in the new academic year we ask for a one-off £10 per child contribution towards various activities at school. These activities might include practitioner visits, cookery or special events or themed activity days e.g Dick Whittington and Kagera Days. We hope to have a themed day this term on healthy lifestyles and for children to gain a better understanding of life for those with disabilities. We would therefore be most grateful to receive your contribution, with cheques payable to Suffolk County Council. A reply slip at the end is attached for this purpose. Thank you so much for supporting us in this way!

Data Collection Forms

You should all have now received data collection forms specifying the information we hold on your child. It is essential that this information is correct and we would like to thank those parents who have returned their forms, detailing any amendments or confirming the information is up to date. If you have not already returned your form to us, please could you do so as soon as possible. If we do not hear back from you we will conclude that no amendments are required.

Open Morning

We will be having an Open Morning on Thursday 16th November from 9.30-11.30am. We would like to extend a warm welcome to you to join us that morning if you are able. We would particularly like to see parents of children who are due to start school in September 2018 and if you know someone that this applies to, please invite them along.

Celebrate reading at our Book Fair!

The Book Fair will be arriving in school soon, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy.

Come and join us!

WHEN: Monday 30th and Tuesday October 8.30-9.15am and 3.30-4.30pm

WHERE: In the main school hall (except for the afternoon session on the 30th which will be in Woodpeckers Classroom)

HOW CAN YOU HELP?: By putting your name down on the rota in the main entrance to help for 1/2 an hour at the Fair - this can be a lot of fun and a great way to see what books we have on offer—please help in any way you can.

There are **over 200 titles** for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from **only £2.99**, there's sure to be a book for everyone. The name of every child/parent who purchase a book will go into a draw to win a £5 voucher to spend at the Fair.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our school library!

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

ENRICHMENT CONTRIBUTION

Child/ren's Name _____

Class_____

I enclose a £10 contribution for each child—amount enclose £_____

Signed_____ Date_____

Website:www.greatwhelnetham.suffolk.sch.uk