



## Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents

We are very pleased that the bike shelter now rests in its new location, just inside the pedestrian entrance to the school, complete with a lovely bright sign, highlighting safe cycling. We do hope that this, along with the bikability training received by some of our older pupils, will encourage more of you to cycle to school now that the weather is getting better.

We are indebted to Councillor Terry Clements, who is also a governor at our school for his very generous donation of £500 towards this project from his locality grant as well as the PTFA who also contributed to this project.

We hope to have a piece in the press with Councillor Clements so watch this space!

Physics Challenge—a report from Mrs Claire Masson Science Co-Ordinator

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March Mr Sharpe took a team of 4 super scientists from Woodpeckers to King Edward Upper School to take part in a Physics Challenge. The investigations included building a cage in order to catapult an egg across the field without it breaking and making electricity from wind. The team of Hollie Frankland, Bryn Medcalf, Yelena Dale and Alex Vidzis performed brilliantly and have qualified to go through to the final challenge to be held at the Suffolk Show; their challenge will be to build the highest jelly tower! Well done to the team and good luck with the final challenge!



New Lunch Menus

New menus for the period April to October 2017 will be sent home today.

Piano and Violin Informal Concert Thursday 23rd March

Twenty pupils from Reception to Year 6 participated in a Piano/Violin Informal Concert, performing to their peers, parents and carers. This was a magical moment witnessing how much progress they have all made. Some children started to learn to play only at the start of the term. Well done everyone! We were all so proud of you. Keep up the good work!

### Free School Meals

We like to remind you from time to time about the importance of applying for free school meals if you think you might be entitled to them. Not only could this save you £437 per child, but it will also qualify your child to a complimentary club each half term and a sweatshirt or cardigan each year. From the school's perspective, we receive additional funding into our budget dependent on how many children we have on our books who qualify now or in the past. School budgets are currently under a lot of pressure and this source of funding is therefore invaluable to us if we are to get the very best outcomes for your children.

The easiest way to apply is on line: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/> but more information and help is always available from the office and please be assured we will be discreet. If in doubt, put in an application—what have you got to lose?

### Holiday Camp

Please could we remind you that A & M Multisports are holding a Holiday Camp at the school during the Easter holidays on Thursday 6th April from 9.00am to 3.30pm. This may be especially helpful to parents who need to work during school holidays. Please contact the office if you have not already booked a place and still want to do so.

*Kath Parkin*

Headteacher