



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to school to what is traditionally a very busy term for us all. As the weather turns colder, please can we remind you to ensure that children arrive at school in clothes suitable for the temperatures i.e. warm coats, sturdy shoes, hats and wellies.

Something 'Eggstra' Special is going on in Robins Class

Mrs Masson has asked us to include a special thank you from Robins Class.

The 'Living Eggs' company supplied 12 eggs which are due to hatch this week. The children will be able to look after the chicks until Friday 10th November. This experience has without doubt enhanced the children's learning on life cycles so I would like to thank the PTFA for their generosity in funding this project.



PTFA Meeting

The next meeting of the PTFA takes places in the school hall on Tuesday 7th November at 2.30pm. Please be sure to come along and support them as they will be organising the Christmas Fair, Parents Stall and Disco as many hands make light work.

Enrichment Contributions

A huge thank you to those of you who have already been kind enough to send in their £10 per child contribution. This money makes a great deal of difference to what we are able to provide for the children over the course of a year. We would be so grateful if you could send in your contribution to us if you haven't already done so. There is a reply slip at below to make this easier. Thank you from us all.

Book Fair

Thank you to those parents who supported the school buy buying books from the Fair. Your generosity has meant that we have been able to purchase additional books with the commission raised. We are also very grateful to the parents who kindly ran the fairs for us.

To Great Whelnetham School

ENRICHMENT CONTRIBUTION

Child/ren's Name _____ Class _____

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

Signed _____ Date _____

Christmas Lunch

Although Christmas still seems a long way off, our preparations need to start early, beginning with Christmas Lunch. A traditional Christmas Dinner will be served on Thursday 7th December (instead of our published menu) and we would ask that you complete and **return the appropriate slip by Monday 13th November** indicating if your child will have Christmas dinner or be bringing a packed lunch that day.

For children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 it will be necessary for payment to be enclosed with their order. This year the cost is £2.30 and this cost is non-refundable (even in the event of sickness).

For children in years R-2 – please simply return the slip indicating their choice.

Please note that if we have not received the slip (and payment where appropriate) by the closing date your child will need to bring a packed lunch that day.

Please also indicate any dietary requirements your child has as appropriate.

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit but not the Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week
- Universal Credit

To check if your child is eligible call: **01284 758883**. If your application is successful it will also qualify your child for a **complimentary club each half term and an item of uniform once a year** so please enquire as soon as possible.

Attendance Reports

By now you should all have received a half –termly attendance update for your child and 2 further reports will be sent to keep you informed throughout the academic year. We hope that you will continue to work with us to aim for full attendance wherever possible. We always ask for proof of hospital/medical appointments and letters to confirm absence in the event of illness, so that we are able to evidence when an absence is unavoidable and thus authorised. We would ask however that if you have any concerns or questions regarding these reports that you speak with our Attendance Officer, Mrs Kimber.

Kath Parkin

Headteacher



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My child/children Class(es).....will bring a packed lunch to school that day.

My child is in year 3, 4 ,5 or 6. I enclose £2.30 per child. Amount enclosed £ _____

My child is in years R-2 – no payment is required

Dietary requirements_____

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