



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Online Payments

Many of you are already taking advantage of the option to pay for school dinners online. This means that you don't have to rummage around for cash and it helps us to keep our administration costs down.

We are pleased to advise that it is now possible to pay for uniform and trips on line as well.

The process is simple and efficient and to see how it works please click on the link below

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/> or visit the schools page of the Suffolk County Council website where there is a scroll along option with meals and trips on the first page and then uniform on the second.

Please could we urge you to take advantage of this method of payment.

Attendance Matters

As we explained last term, there is an expectation that all routine dental, optical and doctors appointments take place either in the school holidays or after school at a time when it is not necessary to leave school early. However we do understand that for urgent matters or conditions of which we are already aware this may not be possible. Please note that with immediate effect we require evidence of appointments during the school day—a copy of a GP/hospital letter or appointment card will suffice.

Additionally we now need written confirmation of absence from school due to illness—an email or short note explaining the nature and duration of the absence will be sufficient. We will then be able to record the absence as authorised.

Violin Tuition

Mrs Snelling has spaces for violin tuition and if you are interested please enquire at the office for more details. We do have 3 school violins which you may be able to borrow if this would help.

Sports Jackets

We now stock sports jackets which may be worn by pupils in Years 5 and 6 during games lessons and sporting events. These are available from the office at a cost of £20 each, in sizes 32" and 34". A sample can be found along with all other items we stock on the board in the entrance hall.

Photo Competition for our School Calendar 2017

Mrs Ansell would like to have your entries as soon as possible but no later than the 30th September. A reminder that the theme is colour and the photos can be taken anywhere and of anything—but no people please. Entries can be 2 photos per colour (red, yellow, green, blue, white, pink, purple, silver, gold, orange and brown). If you have any questions please speak with Mrs Ansell directly.

Please ensure that your child's name and class are on the reverse of the photo. All non-winning entries will appear at the back of the calendar. We look forward to seeing all your photos!

PTFA AGM Reminder

Just to remind you that their AGM takes place on 20th September at 7.00pm. This will be followed by a short meeting to plan the forthcoming Quiz Night. We would like to extend a special welcome to the parents of Wrens Class and any parents who may be new to the school. Please do come along and support us.

Relief Midday Supervisor Vacancy

A further reminder that if you are interested in applying for the above position we will be accepting applications until Wednesday 14th September.

Meet the Teacher—Wednesday 21st September

Your child's teacher will be available from 3.30-5.30pm. This is a very informal meeting to enable you to meet your child's teacher and see how your child has settled into school and to confirm routines etc. If on the evening, you and the teacher find there is a need for a longer meeting, this can be arranged then for another time enabling all parents a few minutes with the teacher.

There is no need to book any appointment, just turn up and sign in to keep an order of arrival and therefore meeting.

Parking

We are continuing to offer our early morning drop off facility on Stanningfield Road each day from 8.45-9.05am and would urge as many of you as possible to take advantage of this to ease congestion.

At the end of the day, please could we remind parents of Reception/Key Stage 1 children to leave the site promptly to free up parking spaces for the parents of children in Key Stage 2.

A further reminder that parents and children should not be walking across the school car park to access or leave the school—the pedestrian entrance via Stanningfield Road is the designated route into school.

We look forward to working with you all to ensure the safety of all of our children.

Kath Parkin

Headteacher