



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

For the last two weeks Robins class have been incredibly lucky to experience watching live hatching of some chicks. They have closely observed the changes and have written diaries to record these changes. The children have learnt how to care for the chicks and have some cuddles too!

This whole learning experience has been so worthwhile and I would like to extend my thanks again to the

PTFA who funded the project for me. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to the chicks on Friday, but I would like to extend my thanks to Grace H's family and Samson's family who have both kindly taken two chicks home! I took the remaining six chicks to 'Field of Dreams' in Thurston who have kindly offered to adopt them! Field of Dreams is a Farm and community project that aims to help disadvantaged young people who are struggling from mental health issues to learning difficulties and family problems. I hope to organise a trip to the farm before the end of the summer term so the children can be reunited with our chicks!



Girls Science Olympiad

On Monday 6th November a team of 5 Woodpeckers from Year 5 took part in a Girls' Science Olympiad held at Old Buckenham Hall School. The day involved a series of challenges to do with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The girls worked out which type of fruit juice contains the most vitamin C to help sailors stay healthy on long voyages. They also did a workshop on the Scratch coding program to make a figure dance across the screen. In the Engineering task they had to make a car which would travel the

furthest when blown by a hair dryer. Thanks to great team work and ideas their car won the competition and they were awarded one of the 4 prizes in a ceremony at the end of the day. The event was lots of fun and the girls were a credit to our school. Well done!

Open Morning

Yesterday was our Open Morning, 9.30-11.30am. It was well attended thank you! Some of you came to see us in action and got a flavour of what goes on once the doors are closed! We were also pleased to have the opportunity to show round some prospective parents as well. Thanks to all the staff.



Children in Need

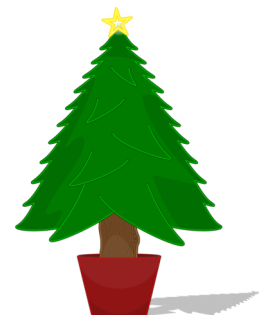
Today has been a non-uniform day for Children in Need. So far donations from children and staff amounted to £146.60. Thank you all for your generosity in supporting this well-deserved charity.

Christmas Cards

Just to clarify that this year we will not be sending home artwork to be made into packs of Christmas cards this year. Children will be making cards for their parents in class and these will be sent home just before we break up.

Christmas Fair Reminder

The PTFA met this week to finalise arrangements for our fair this year. Please make sure the date is in your diaries:



CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 3.30-5.00PM

GREAT WHELNETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

There will be lots of stalls, games and fun—more details from the PTFA to follow!

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Headteacher



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