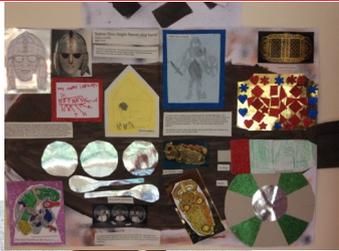




# Great Whelnetham Primary Newsletter



JUNE 2020



## FABULOUS HOME LEARNING PHOTOS!

Thank you to all our families who are sharing your learning at home. We are enjoying sharing your photos on the school website and seeing the children's creative ideas.

Well done everyone!



### Message from Mrs Barrow

As I write we have just completed our first week back after reopening to Year R, 1, 6 and Key Worker children. It has been a very smooth return and my thanks to our staff and pupils who have been amazing. **Can I please stress how much we are missing all the children.** It does not feel quite the same without every year group being here in school and in fact it is so quiet we even had a grass snake sunbathing in the pond this week! I am sure he will hide as soon as Swans class all return and have a proper game of football!

School routines are quite different at the moment. Pupils are sitting at tables spaced at least 2 metres apart and we have markings along corridors to help everyone keep to this distance. The pupils have been incredible at keeping to their "bubbles" and spacing when lining up. We do not have assemblies at the moment or eat in the hall. The routines and daily life in school feel very different as we observe social distancing.

We are very much looking forward to everyone being back together as a whole school again when it is safe to do so. In the meantime can I please remind you that decisions you are making for your families about schooling are respected at the present time— we understand that there are reasons why some parents have chosen not to return just yet.

We will continue to provide resources and support parents with home learning. Can we thank you for all the amazing work you are sharing from home. We are excited that Mrs Ansell is writing some special nature based projects for pupils— look out for these soon.

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Barrow and staff at Great Whelnetham Primary

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### Staffing News—SENCO

We are delighted to announce that following a successful recruitment process, Miss Tyler has been appointed as SENCO from September 2020. It was a strong field with external candidates and Miss Tyler was selected as the best person for the job.

Can we stress that there will be continuity for pupils with SEN— Mrs Barrow and Miss Tyler will be working closely together.

Mrs Barrow will continue to assist with matters relating to SEN but we wanted to strengthen the support that children and parents receive on a day to day basis by having a SENCO based full time in school. Miss Tyler has some fantastic ideas to strengthen support for parents including SEN Cafes for parents and further training for staff.

We feel that the SEN provision in school will go from strength to strength and this is a really positive development for Great Whelnetnam Primary.

### Safeguarding and Domestic Violence

Our key priority is always the care and safeguarding of children. We are in regular contact with many families and pupils but, if you have a non-urgent safeguarding issue you can contact MASH (multi-agency safeguarding hub) on 0808 800 400 or the police on 999.

The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline [0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247)

### Government documents Coronavirus (COVID-19):

[Guidance for schools and other educational settings](#)

[What parents and carers need to know about schools and other education settings during the coronavirus outbreak](#)

[Actions for educational and childcare settings to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020](#)

[Overview of scientific advice and information on coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)



### World Ocean Day Project Week beginning 8th June 2020

Last week's project for home learners and for children who returned to school was to create images and models of the birds which represent your class. We received lots of fantastic examples which can be seen on our website.

This week we are going from the air to the ocean. June 8th is World Ocean Day - Save Our Home. Look at this website to find out more and be inspired by the weird and wonderful creatures that live in our oceans around the world. Sadly there are many threats to the health of some of these species and the environment they live in.

<https://worldoceansday.org/resources/?topic=all&type=all&language=all>

This week I would like you to do one or all of these tasks.

1. Draw or paint a picture of a sea creature of your choice, or an ocean scene
2. Create a booklet or poster about a sea creature – full of facts and pictures.

Make sure you explain what the threats are to these sea creatures' lives and habitats and their needs for protection.

### Mental Health and wellbeing

The change of routine and staying at home may make this a difficult time for some children. Public Health England has published advice on how to [support your children's wellbeing](#) during the coronavirus outbreak:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

### Year 6 transition to High School

Transition is slightly different this year but we just wanted to assure parents that as well as an individual correspondence Year 6 pupils are receiving from their new High Schools, Mr Sharp has also been liaising with staff at each one.



### Diary Dates for Summer Term 2020

Please be aware that at the moment all dates and events are postponed pending further information about when schools will return. The Summer Term may through necessity be different this year and our usual events may have to be rearranged. We apologise for this and hope that things will return to normal as soon as possible.