



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Our week of World Book Day celebrations starts on Monday 26th February—separate letter to follow.

Parents' Evening—Wednesday 28th February 3.30-7.00pm

We hope to see as many of you as possible next Wednesday at our Parents' Evening. Just a reminder that upon your arrival please come into the hall and wait for your allotted time slot when your class teacher will come and collect you. Before and after your appointment we do hope that you will take the opportunity to look at the work on display, have a cuppa, chat to members of staff, governors and the PTFA and browse and spend generously at our **Book Fair**.

There will be an extensive range of books to choose from at the fair and payment methods include cash, cheque and card. In addition and one which I feel will be very popular is to pay by **Book Fair Gift Vouchers**. This is a simple, secure way to ensure your child gets the books they want when the Book Fair arrives and is perfect if you can't make it to the Book Fair. **Even better, parents will save 20% when they buy online meaning a £12 voucher costs only £10, a £6 voucher costs only £5 and so on.** This makes Gift Vouchers the most cost-effective way to enjoy our Book Fair. All you need to do is go to our [Scholastic Shop](https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/search/search?log=t&search%5Bquery%5D=gift+voucher) or to put the following address in your browser -<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/search/search?log=t&search%5Bquery%5D=gift+voucher>. Easy! Once a purchase has been made, you will receive the voucher in an email which can be printed and brought with you to the fair – much safer to carry than cash as well!

Please remember that the school receives commission by way of extra books so the more you spend the more books we receive for the benefit of our pupils! We look forward to welcoming you all to celebrate the achievements of our children and to support us at the same time. **The Book Fair will also be open from 8.30-9.00am from the 1st—6th March and 3.15-4.00pm from the 1st-2nd March.**

World Book Day—Thursday 1st March

We have decided to give out World Book Day Vouchers on Monday 26th February so that they can be used at our Book Fair

A reminder that children are invited to come to school this day **dressed as a book character of their choice** with the proviso that their outfit is suitable to undertake their usual activities. This is usually such a fun day of literacy-based learning and we do hope that all children will be able to participate.

We will be having a special World Book Day Lunch which comprises:

Harry Potters Chicken & Tomato Pasta with Gryffindor Garlic Toast

or Winnie Witch's Swirly Whirly Tomato Pizza

with Jolly Roger Jacket Wedges & Daisy Butters Peas and Carrots

Willy Wonka's Scrumdiddlyumptious Chocolate Cake or Fresh Fruit Salad

Please note this menu change and also that for Wednesday 28th February, the main choice will now be Roast Pork.

East Anglian Daily Times Competition

The school has entered a competition with the East Anglian Daily Times. **There is a chance of winning sports equipment for the school, the top prize being £5,000!**

In every East Anglian Daily Times until April there will be special tokens printed, the more we collect the better chance of winning we have.

There will be a collection box outside of the office. The more people collecting the better, so please ask family and friends to support us too!

Changes to Collection Arrangements

Aside from emergencies, please could we remind you to advise us of any changes either on or before the morning of the change or by midday at the latest so that messages can be efficiently passed on. This reduces disruptions for our office staff and more importantly interruptions in learning. Thank you.

Future Events

Bikeability—Cycling proficiency for our Year 5's takes place during the week commencing Monday 5th March. Please could you ensure that all permission forms have been completed and returned to school by the start of next week.

Gymnastics Competition—We wish our young gymnasts well as they prepare for their competitions at Bury Spectrum Gym Club on the 5th and 12th March for their respective Key Stage 1 and 2 events.

Science Enrichment Day—Mrs Masson, our Science Co-ordinator has been busy organising this Enrichment Day which takes place on Tuesday 13th March. This event is complimented by a Science trip to King Edward School for our Year 4 and 5's the following day. A reminder that this day will be part funded by your generous £10 annual contributions which we ask for each autumn term.

Violin and Piano Performances—Parents of pupils in receipt of weekly tuition are invited to watch them play at 9.15am on Thursday 15th March.

Sport Relief—Pupils are invited to 'Wear Something Red' on Friday 16th March and in return to bring in an Easter Egg in aid of our forthcoming PTFA run Easter Bingo.

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