

## **Great Whelnetham CE Primary School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are draw closer to the end the school term, we have been reflecting on what has been another incredible yet challenging year for our whole school community. Home schooling and self-isolating have not made things easy for us but we should be proud of how our school community has rallied, taken up the challenge and worked incredibly hard to lessen the impact on our children. Our children at Great Whelnetham Primary never cease to amaze us, particularly this year with their continued resilience to change and the way they have adapted to new ways of teaching and learning. We are extremely proud of each one of them. Their school reports reflected this and I would like to thank them all for their continued hard work, enthusiasm and effort this year.

The staff of Great Whelnetham C of E Primary school have been incredible this year. All of them have had to adapt and deal with teaching and supporting our children in new ways. They have had to learn new skills and new methods for engaging with parents and children and I think you will all agree that they have done this brilliantly. I am very fortunate to work with such a dedicated and resilient staff that care very much about all our children.

I would like to thank all of the parent community for their hard work and commitment to working positively with all staff to ensure that all of our children continued to develop and make progress. It has been a valiant effort and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

A special thank you to the Governors of our school. They have been a wonderful support to all of the staff and have remained focused and committed to ensuring that each child is receiving the best possible education and continues to flourish in these unprecedented times. They really have been a tremendous support and I thank them for all their efforts.

We say goodbye to our Year 6 children tomorrow. Mr Sharp has provided a variety of different activities for this group to enjoy so that we celebrate all of their achievements and their time with us at Great Whelnetham. They have been an exceptional group of children to work with. Their hard work, sense of fun and enjoyment of school has always made them a pleasure to work with and teach. We wish Coby, Roan, Zara, Luke, Matilda, Kayleigh and Riley all the very best as they prepare to move on to their secondary schools. They will be very lucky to have them all.



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Mrs Ansell has decided that it is now time for her to retire and spend more time with her family. She has been at our school for over 9 years during which time she has spear headed the Forest School Initiative and made such a positive impact on many children's lives. We send her off with our thanks and very best wishes for this new phase in her life.

A special thank you also to our PTFA for all their support this year. Their break the rules day, ice pop Friday and water-play afternoon have been a huge success. The children have thoroughly enjoyed each individual activity and it was a wonderful way to help support the school. Tickets are still currently on sale for the coloured hamper draw which will take place on Tuesday. Thank you to all of you who have brought in items for each hamper and for buying the tickets for the draw. We are very grateful.

On behalf of the Governors, staff and of course the children, I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable summer, staff safe and we look forward to seeing you all again on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

Mrs C Flatman

**Executive Headteacher**