

Great Whelnetham
Church of England Primary School
By growing together, we become the best we can be'



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Dear Parent / Carer,

News from Your Governing Body.

I can't believe that we have reached half-term already - once again a very busy half term for everyone within the school. A "very well done" to all the staff, children and their families who were involved in the SAT tests, most of which were completed this half term. Mr. Kirkwood and I visited the school to ensure that the correct process for the administration of the key stage two tests was followed and we are delighted to confirm that the test process was exemplary in every respect. The staff had prepared the children well and, certainly when we visited, the children conducted themselves superbly throughout the whole test and were an absolute credit to themselves, the school and their families.

On a completely different note, we are delighted to welcome Mr. Steven Pitt and Ms. Imogen Wallis to the Governing Body as co-opted governors. Ms. Wallis will be part of most of the governance committees as is appropriate to her role as Deputy Headteacher within the school, and Mr. Pitt has joined the Learning and Achievement Committee and Head Teacher Performance Management Committee. Although Ms. Wallis and Mr. Pitt have only been part of the school for a short time they have both already made a significant contribution to the school.

As you already know the school will become an academy and join with the All Saints Schools Trust, and I want to reassure you that we are working very closely with the team from All Saints to ensure that the transition into the MAT is as smooth as possible for everyone within our school community. I appreciate that everyone is busy and therefore may not have been able to attend the face to face meetings with the All Saints team but I would encourage you to look at their website (www.asst.org.uk) and take advantage of the link under "engagement" to either view the FAQ's or, if your query isn't answered there, to ask them directly via the weblink.

All the committees have been working hard this half term and please find below a few words from Mr. Aeron Lloyd, Chair of Health and Safety Committee:

'Last term the school premises received a thorough annual inspection from Suffolk County Council. This involved a detailed survey, highlighting the condition and longevity of each individual aspect of the school grounds and buildings. I'm pleased to report that apart from some routine gutter clearance and redecorating, the main school building is in good shape.'

Mr. Kirkwood, Chair of Learning and Achievement Committee also wanted to make you aware of the very pleasing progress that children are making, which is down to the support they receive both at home and from the school staff, but also to their own very positive attitude to learning. Well done one and all.

On that very positive note I would like to wish everybody a very happy half term holiday,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Kim Palmer, MSc, Chair of Governors.

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