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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached the latest news, recent updates, and important dates for the remainder of this term. We have also included a few dates for the diary for next term.

### **Welcome**

We are delighted to welcome Erin to Robins class. Erin has joined the children in Year 2 and she has settled into life at Great Whelnetham so positively. Well done Erin! A big thank you to all the children and staff in Robins class for making Erin's first few weeks so enjoyable. It is great to have you join the GW family.

We also welcomed two new additions to our Local Governing Body. Reverend Sharon Potter and Sam Keast have joined our governors and we are very much looking forward to working with them both in the future. We are very grateful to them both for volunteering their time and their skills to support the school in its continuous progress.

### **Swans Climbing Challenge**

Congratulations to Jackson, Abigail, Harvey, Freya, Taylor and Sophia for taking part in the speed climbing challenge at King Edward's Secondary School. The children were timed as they climbed four different walls. The aim was to reach the top and hit the buzzer in the fastest time possible. Mr. Sharp and Mrs. Masson were absolutely delighted with the determination, enthusiasm and dedication shown by all the children. They were so proud of themselves for achieving this challenge. Well done to all who took part and for the support that they received.

### **Jubilee Day**

All classes created spectacular art work to celebrate Jubilee Day on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 which was displayed in the hall for all their families to see. A big thank you to Mrs Jackson who then took all the work to the Community Centre so that it could be appreciated by a wider local audience. Also to the PFTA who set up a range of stalls and activities for the children to take part in and to continue raising money for the school. The children enjoyed the inflatable, organized by Mrs Masson and watching the staff being beaten by Year 6 at rounders ! The 'High Tea' event at the end of the day gave the children the opportunity to wear their splendid crowns and the rock stars amongst us to display their talents with Rocksteady – a performance to rival Queen outside Buckingham Palace. All in all we did her Majesty proud here at Great Whelnetham. God Save the Queen!

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### **Boat Exhibition**

Congratulations to all of the children in Larks and Robins for their recent boat exhibition. The children had a fantastic day preparing decorations, setting out their creations and becoming amazing exhibitors.

All the other classes and staff came to visit and the children gave clear and detailed explanations about their boats. Our visitors were astounded by the quality of each piece of work made by the children and their families. Thank you parents for all your support and hard work in helping the children. Thank you also to Mrs. Masson and Miss Tyler for creating such a wonderful event. Well done children. We are all incredibly proud of your creations.

### **Karen Soons**

I am pleased to tell you that Karen Soons, Local Councillor has awarded the school £1500 as part of her Locality Budget. This is a large sum of money and the school is incredibly grateful for her continuous support. We will be using this money to help purchase nonfiction books for our school library which we are planning to open to the whole school community in the Autumn term. More information to follow.

### **Dates for rest of summer term:**

21/6 - Multisports Festival for 8 x yr 5/6 pupils - KEGS

22/6 - Year 6 Watersports trip to Alton Water

29/6 Sports Day (with a reserve date planned for Friday 1st July should the weather not be kind to us! ) Larks and Robins will have their sports events in the morning – Start time 9.30 Finish 11.30. Owls and Swans will hold theirs in the afternoon – Start time 1.15 Finish 3.15)

28/6 Quad Kids activity at KEGS afterschool for 8 x yrs. 4-6

30/6 - Whole school and class photos

30/6 -6.00pm Swans play

4-6 July - Yr 4/5 residential to Horstead Activity Centre

8/7 - Rocksteady Performance to families

11/7 -Larks/Robins trip to Hunstanton Sea Life Centre

12/7 - Girls Sports Festival at Ipswich Town FC for 10 x yr 1-6

19/7 -Yr6 Leavers Service – 2pm

20/7 -Move up Morning

21/7 -Last day of term

21/7 -PTFA Schools Out Disco

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### **Hot Weather Alert**

You will have seen from the forecast that we are due to have a spell of very hot weather. We wanted to remind you how important it is for children to have sufficient protection against the sun. Please ensure that your child has a sun hat and water bottle in school as well as sun protection. The once-a-day sun cream that can be applied before your child comes to school would be preferable.

### **Dates for autumn term 2022:**

2/9 -Children return to school

19/9 - Individual and family group photos

19/10 -Flu vaccination of whole school - subject to consent

7/12 -Whole school trip to the panto at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds (The Legend of Robin Hood)

Yours sincerely,

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