



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to school! We would like to wish a happy New Year and health and happiness to you all. We expect this to be a very busy term—please see provisional dates for your diaries attached.

Keeping in touch

Please could you let us know if any of your contact details, particularly mobile phone numbers have changed. Also a reminder that all school and class newsletters can be found on our website along with term dates and much much more.

Closing date for applications for a 2018/2019 reception place

The deadline is fast approaching— midnight on Monday 15th January 2018. Please ensure that you do not miss out and also if you are aware of any families new to the area to whom this may apply, we would be grateful if you would mention this to them. It is still possible to arrange a visit to view the school before the closing date.

Christmas Leftovers

The PTFA did a sterling job organising and running the fair—we do have 3 unclaimed raffle prizes left and if you purchased tickets but left before the end, please do fish them out and present them at the office to see if you were lucky. Lucky tickets are blue 189, 285 and 341.

PTFA 200 Club

A huge thank you to Mrs Jenkins for running the club these last few years. Mrs Jenkins is willing to continue doing this, but would like some help with the admin of it. Over the year it raised £168. Please think about joining this—it only costs £1 per month for a number. Letters about the club will follow.

Enrichment Activities for Year 6 pupils at King Edward VI School

King Edward School will be running 6 free activity sessions after school this term for pupils currently in Year 6. The sessions are as follows:

15th January - Performing Arts/Computer Science

22nd January—Maths/Visual Arts

29th January—Science/French

There is no need to book—your child can just turn up after school and get involved.

Thank you from West Suffolk Vineyard Church

We have received a letter of thanks for the food kindly donated and collected at our Harvest Festival back in October. The letter is available for your perusal in the entrance hall. All donations do make a big difference.

Swimming Reminder

Just a reminder that swimming lessons commence Wednesday 10th January for pupils in Year 3 and invited pupils from Years 5 and 6. Please ensure that you have completed and returned the permission form and have ready all necessary costumes and bags for the first lesson.

Clubs

Details of all the clubs on offer this half term can be found on our website. Afterschool clubs are currently limited due to the lack of light but please be assured that that once we return from the February half term many more will be available. As always, children who are in receipt of income-based free school meals are entitled to one complimentary club each half term—are you taking advantage of this? Is your child entitled to free meals by virtue of income into the family home but have not yet applied? Please speak in confidence to Mrs Kimber if you have any queries whatsoever regarding on this matter.

Special Lunch—Thursday 18th January

There are proven educational benefits from having a hot school dinner as opposed to a packed lunch and we would like to work with you to encourage an increase in uptake. With this in mind, we will be having another special lunch day later this month, when all children who have a school dinner will be entered into a draw to win one of 2 prizes. The menu for the day is:

Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding

Quorn Sausage 'Under Wraps'

Roast Potatoes & Gravy with Seasonal Vegetables

Oaty Fruit Crunch & Custard or Fresh fruit salad

Jacket potatoes will also still be available

You've got to be in it to win it, as the saying goes, so please ensure this date is recorded in your diaries.

A message from Charlie Coe

'I would like to say a huge thank you for the farewell I received last term. I was overwhelmed with all the gifts, cards and well wishes. I have started university and have settled in well. I hope to pop in and see everyone later in the year. Many thanks and a happy new year to everyone at Great Whelnetham'.

Kath Parkin

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