

Great Whelnetham
Church of England Primary School
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Dear Parents / Carers,

News from your School's Governing Body.

Well, we have certainly had an eventful half term which finished with an excellent Celebration of Music held in school yesterday. This was my first opportunity to attend such an event at the School and I have to say that it was very impressive. We were treated to amazing group singing as well as solo performances of singing, as well as soloists on piano and violin. The children had clearly worked very hard; they performed beautifully and should be very proud of themselves. I would also like to mention Mrs. Gould and the other staff members for their hard work and support of this event.

We are all very aware of the drive for test results and the importance that are attached to these, but I think it is very important to remember that education is also about providing a wide range of activities and curriculum for each child so they can learn new skills and be given the opportunity to excel in areas that perhaps the formal testing does not measure. The Celebration of Music event allowed for exactly this and the children certainly made the very best of this opportunity.

As regards the work of the Governing Body this half term, as you can imagine much has been focused around the recent Ofsted Inspection however most of the committees have also met during this half term. One aspect of the work of the Learning and Achievement Committee is to review the school data, both from external national tests and the information collected by the teaching staff in school to review the progress that children are making. Another aspect is to look at the behaviour for learning shown by the children and this was reviewed by a governor visit earlier this term and found to be very good. The finance committee has also met to review the current school budget, to ensure that the school spending meets the needs of the children and to start preparatory work for next year's budget.

I am very aware that we are still awaiting the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection but please be assured that we will share this information with you as soon as we are able.

On behalf of all the governors I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable half term break.

Yours faithfully,

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