



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



P.T.F.A Newsletter February 2019

Chair: Zeta Sear Vice Chair: Mona Kvanka and Peter Thompson Secretary: Lyndsay Parfitt

What is the PTFA?

The PTFA is often best known for **fundraising** but we also have a valuable social function by encouraging **closer links between home and school**. Fundraising events provide an opportunity for **parents, staff and pupils** to get together. All parents with children at Great Whelnetham School are automatically members of the **Parents Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)**. We are grateful to our enthusiastic committee of parents who meet regularly throughout the school year to share ideas and organise events to raise valued funds for our children.

A huge vote of thanks from Zeta Sear

One of my favourite events of the year is the parents stall. It is a pleasure to help your children pick and wrap presents for you and your family. I hope you enjoyed receiving them. I'm grateful to everyone who gave up their time to shop, wrap and help on the stall. Whilst this is designed as a service for the children rather than a fundraiser we actually made a profit of £191. so thanks again for your support and generosity.

Then we had the lovely Christmas Fayre again lots of work from so many people both behind the scenes; shopping, new ideas, transporting, building grottos and designing posters and tickets. I'm very grateful to you all. Then to the people who stepped up to be front of house and manned stalls, set up and tidied away. Thank you so much you made it a great success for all our children and I'm very aware that for some of you this meant you couldn't enjoy it with your own children. Huge appreciation to Mrs Gould and the school choir for the beautiful Christmas music they provided. The should feel very proud of themselves. Finally, special thanks to everyone who helped me panic when a certain person was taken ill at the last minute and we had to find a replacement with only an hour to go.

Final profit was just shy of £500 so well done to everyone involved and to everyone who came to support this seasonal event.

Your feedback matters: our fundraising targets

We will always listen to ideas and recommendations from pupils, parents and staff at the school and Cygnets when making decisions about how to spend PTFA funds. Our preferred emphasis this year is to focus on the outdoor play equipment but please come along to the next meeting to help us discuss this.

Next Committee Meeting

Will take place on **Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm at the Rushbrooke Arms**. We are trying this as a different time to make it more accessible to parents. Please let us know what you think of this time or what would work better. There is a poll running on our Facebook page to capture this feedback. Please register your preference
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/639822459454326/>

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Don't forget help raise funds whenever you shop online!

Use easyfundraising to shop with over 3,500 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, and Booking.com – and when you shop, you'll raise a free donation for us every time. It's that easy!

We've now raised our first £10 just for shopping.

Help support us:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fogreatwheInethamps/>

200 Club - What is it?

A 200 Club is a form of lottery. Anybody over 18 can purchase a number (or more) for the year at £1 per number per month. Each numbered ticket is entered into a monthly draw and prizes are awarded. 50% of the funds will be allocated as prize money and the other 50% goes directly to the PTFA! You've got to be in it to win it!!

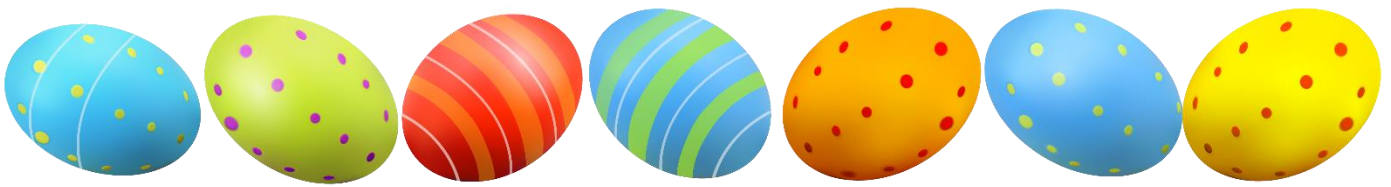
Forms are available from the school if you haven't renewed for this year yet.

Forthcoming Events:

Thurs 7th March – PTFA Meeting 7.30 the Rushbrooke Arms

Fri 29th March – Easter Bingo details over leaf

Thurs 23rd May – School disco details to follow



Easter Bingo
Friday 29th March
from 6pm
at Great Whelnetham Community Centre

Our next fundraising event is **Easter Bingo on Friday 29th March from 6pm at Great Whelnetham Community Centre**. This family friendly evening is lots of fun.

As prizes for this event, we ask for donations a chocolate Easter eggs or Easter style sweeties for those of us that can't have chocolate 😞

These wonderful donations will be grouped into prizes that will be won on the night.

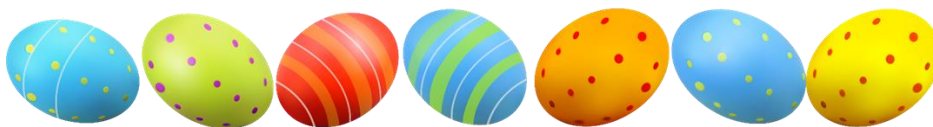
This fun evening is only 50p each for entry and Bingo books are £2.50 per book

We will be asking for donations of Easter Eggs/Sweets between the 1st and the 15th of March. There will be a basket available near the school entrance to place your wonderful donations in. The more eggs you donate, the more prizes we'll have so please don't forget to add them to your shopping list!

To enable us to plan and prepare, to make the evening successful, please could you take a moment to fill in the details below.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Eyes down!



Easter Bingo on Friday 29th March from 6pm at Great Whelnetham Community Centre

Family name:

Class:

We will be attending the Easter bingo require _____ entry tickets at 50p each

We will require _____ bingo books at £2.50 per book

Please return to school by Friday 15th March