



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

'By growing together, we become the best we can be'

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

There are a great many people less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you all for acknowledging this in the kind donations you made last week. Firstly for the produce you so generously donated at our Harvest Festival—the Bury St Edmunds Foodbank were delighted with your response and as were we for participating in our harvest celebration.

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning was also very well attended. Thank you so much for the cake and your donations, which combined with the proceeds from the Non-Uniform Day later in the week raised an impressive £183.32. A cheque for this amount has been sent to the charity to support the essential work that they do.

Special Lunch Day

We were very pleased to see so many children ordering a hot school dinner last Thursday for our Special Lunch Day. The lucky prize winners were Izabell in Woodpeckers and Charlie in Robins.

Cleaning Vacancy

Vertas are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join our team at the school to support us with cleaning:

Monday-Friday, 4pm-6pm, 44 weeks per year

Competitive Salary. Training will be given and a uniform provided

DBS check to be completed by the Company

(All appointments are subject to DBS / Safeguarding checks)

For more information about the role, please contact:

Susan Black, Area Cleaning Manager, on 07736 132846

Please feel free to share this with friends and family

Coat Reminder

With the onset of colder weather, please can we remind you that our children will need to have a warm, waterproof coat at school, as children go out at break and lunchtimes and some learning may take place outside. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Flu Immunisation—Catch-up Session

If your child missed the flu immunisation session at school last week, there will be a further opportunity to get your child (years reception to 5) immunised next month. The session will take place at the Hardwick Children's Centre, Steward Road, IP33 2PW on Wednesday 7th November after school—this is *by appointment only*.

Details of how to book an appointment will be provided shortly but we thought you would like to note the date in your diaries.

A great end to the weekend!

Last Sunday at 5.30pm Mrs Gould and myself met up a group of our children with their families at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral for a special service 'The Gate'. Many other children and their families were there from other CEVCP school, the cathedral was packed and very busy. William and Laila represented our school and were in the procession of school banners, they did a grand job, but had very tired arms at the end of the evening. All our children looked smart in their choir sweatshirts and predominantly were the choir performing the Lord's Prayer with a few other children. Mrs Gould, myself and the parents there were all very proud of the choir who sang lovely despite the nerves, performing in front of such a large audience. A huge well done to you all and a big thank you for the families who supported their child in this event and of course to Mrs Gould for leading us so well.

Important Dates

A little reminder to parents of Yr 6 pupils that the deadline for secondary school applications is Wednesday after half term, 31st Oct 2018. Remember you need to submit three schools to complete your application.

Wednesday 15th January 2019 is the application deadline for Primary /Middle schools. If you have decided to apply for a place at a Middle school for your child, can you please inform us of this decision as soon as possible.

Updated Dates for your Diaries 2018-2019—AUTUMN TERM 2018

Monday 24th September—Book Fair 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 25th September – Individual/Family Group Photos am and Book Fair 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 25th September—Book Fair 8.00-9.00am

Tuesday 2nd October—5.30pm David Gower of King Edward School to meet prospective year 6 parents

Wednesday 3rd October - 9.15am Harvest Festival in school. Parents, friends, family invited

10.00am PTFA AGM followed by a short general meeting—all welcome

Sunday 7th October—5.30pm a celebration 'I am the gate' at BSE Cathedral Friday 19th October – BREAK UP

Thursday 18th October pm—Team Treat Activity. Winning team to be confirmed

Half term holiday

Monday 29th October – RETURN TO SCHOOL

Crimson Glory Project rehearsal day 1—invitees only

FRIDAY 2nd November—Crimson Glory Project rehearsal day 2—invitees only

Sunday 4th November -Crimson Glory Project 6.00pm at the Cathedral—ticketed event see newsletter for details

Monday 5th November—Year 5 Girls Science Competition—invitees only

Tuesday 6th November—4.30pm PTFA Meeting

Thursday 8th November—11.00am Remembrance

Sat 10th/Sunday 11th November—Community Remembrance Weekend remembering those who lost their lives in the 1st World War. Cinema showing of War Horse, fireworks, music, lighting of a beacon.

Week beginning 12th November—Bags2school clothing bags sent home

Wednesday 14th November—4.00-6.00pm Parents' Evening

Thursday 15th November—4.00-6.00pm Parents' Evening

Thursday 15th November—Whole School Open Morning 9.30-11.30am —see us in action!

Friday 16th November – Children in Need Non Uniform Day

Friday 30th November—Bags2school clothing bags collected first thing today

Tuesday 4th December—Christingle Service at Church (school event only)

Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th December—Parent Stall Event

Friday 7th December—Year 3/4 Christmas Choir to Pinford End Nursing Home

Friday 14th December – Wear a Christmas Jumper to school day

Rock Steady Music Concert pm

3.30pm Christmas Fayre School at Community Centre

Wednesday 19th December –2.00pm & 6.00pm KS1 Nativity (ticketed event)

Friday 21st December – Carol Service in school parents friends and family invited

Friday 21st December – Christmas Parties

Friday 21st December – BREAK UP

End of term holiday

SPRING TERM 2019

Monday 7th January—children return to school

Wednesday 15th January—Application deadline for primary/middle schools

Friday 15th February—Break up

Monday 25th February—children return to school

Wednesday 27th February—Friday 1st March—Year 6 residential trip—more details to follow

Week beginning Monday 4th March—Reports sent home for pupils in Years 1-6 (Reception children reports will follow in July)

Wednesday 13th March—4.00-7.00pm Parents' Evening (post reports)

Friday 5th April—Break up

SUMMER TERM 2019

Tuesday 23rd April PD Day—staff in school

Wednesday 24th April—children return to school

Monday 13th May—Key Stage 2 SATs

Friday 7th—30th June—Art Exhibition

Wednesday 3rd July—EYFS Reports

July—Key Stage 2 production—to be confirmed

Wednesday 10th—Friday 12th July—End of year reports

Friday 19th July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly & BBQ

Monday 22nd July—Move up Monday and Year 6 Transition Day 1

Tuesday 23rd July—Year 6 Transition Day 2

Wednesday 24th July—Year 6 Transition Day 3

Break up

Some dates are still outstanding and these will be confirmed as soon as possible.

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Headteacher



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