



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking for additional Midday Supervisors to work during the lunch hour to provide support and guidance for our young people at lunch times. We already have a lovely, friendly team of midday staff and if you think you might be interested in joining them, please speak with Mrs Kimber for more information. We would also be interested in hearing from you if you could only work a couple of days each week, so please do get in touch.

Online Payments

Many of you are already taking advantage of the option to pay for school dinners online. This means that you don't have to rummage around for cash and it helps us to keep our administration costs down. Uniform and trips can also be paid for on line as well. The process is simple and efficient and to see how it works please click on this link:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/>

or visit the schools page of the Suffolk County Council website where there is a scroll along option with meals and trips on the first page and then uniform on the second. Please could we urge you to take advantage of this method of payment.

*****Special Lunch Day (including menu change)—Thursday 5th October *****

Every child who has a school dinner on our Special Lunch Day will receive a raffle ticket to go in to a draw to win one of three prizes—more details to follow but please do encourage your child to have a hot dinner/jacket potato that day. Please note that the dessert for that day will now be the very popular vanilla crunch.

Attendance Matters

As we explained last term, there is an expectation that all routine dental, optical and doctors appointments take place either in the school holidays or after school at a time when it is not necessary to leave school early. However we do understand that for urgent matters or conditions of which we are already aware this may not be possible. Please note that we require evidence of appointments during the school day—a copy of a GP/hospital letter or appointment card will suffice.

We also need written confirmation of absence from school due to illness—an email or short note explaining the nature and duration of the absence will be sufficient. We will then be able to record the absence as authorised.

Violin Tuition

Mrs Snelling has spaces for violin tuition and if you are interested please enquire at the office for more details. We do have 3 school violins which you may be able to borrow if this would help.

Sports Jackets

Children in Years 5 and 6 are able to wear our sports jackets during games lessons and sporting events. These are available from the office at a cost of £20 each, in sizes 32" and 34". A sample can be found along with all others items we stock on the board in the entrance hall.

Mrs Margaret Eley

Mrs Eley has been a Foundation Governor at our school since March 2012. She decided that the time had come to retire from her duties and resigned at the end of the summer term. We are very grateful to Margaret for all the support she has given us over this period and we will miss the cheerful smile and positivity that she greeted us with on each visit. We do hope that she will continue to visit us from time to time, especially with regard to her work with the church.

Data Collection Sheets

We are sending home personalised data collection sheets which contain information specific to your child. We ask that you carefully check the information on the sheet, make any amendments to it and then sign and return it to school as confirmation. This will help us to ensure that the information we hold on your child is correct. Please can we remind you to update us should this information change in the future.

Guitar Lesson Opportunity for children in Woodpeckers

Our current Year 5 pupils were fortunate to receive guitar lessons from the County Music Service as part of the curriculum when they were in Owls Class last year. There is the opportunity to continue these lessons on a paid basis for those children interested in 'playing on' for another year. These lessons will take place on Wednesday at a modest cost of £50 per year, which can be paid by instalments if this helps.

If your child is in Woodpeckers and would like weekly lessons, please complete and return the slip below and we will take applications in on a first come-first served basis as places are limited.

Information Evening for parents of Year 6

Year 6 parents are invited to attend a meeting with David Gower, Senior Leader of King Edward School, responsible for transition on Monday 18th of September 6.30pm, here at Great Whelnetham CEVCP School Hall. Earlier today, Lee Walker, Headteacher of King Edward School and Mr Gower met with pupils in Swans Class. Come and find out about the school!

Kath Parkin

Headteacher

To Great Whelnetham School

WOODPECKERS ONLY

My child _____ would like to have 'Play On' guitar lessons. I understand that if a place is available that an annual fee of £50 is payable.

Name _____ Signed _____ Date _____



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