



# Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

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

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents

### Vacancy for a Parent Governor

Our Governing Body has positions for 2 Parent Governors and one of these is currently available. It is important that the position is filled by someone with a skillset which would compliment and benefit our existing team of governors. In particular we are looking for someone with a background in finance, HR or Health and Safety. If this applies to you and you feel you would like more information, please contact Mrs Kimber in the office and she will be happy to help.

### Late Arrivals

There is an increasing number of children arriving in school late, this hinders a prompt start to teaching and learning for the day. Many children feel uncomfortable entering the classroom late and this also has a disruptive effect on the rest of the class. Registers are completed on arrival, if your child is later than 9.05am then please report to reception to ensure they are signed in and the correct lunch arrangements have been made.

### Online Workshops for Parents

NHS Wellbeing Suffolk are offering 2 free online workshops to enable parents to support their child to be able to cope with the ups and downs of life:

**Parenting the Anxious Child—Running the 4th Tuesday of the month 10.00-11.30am**

**Raising Happy & Resilient Children—Running the last Wednesday of the month 10.00-11.00am**

Both webinars are live and interactive for an hour giving the opportunity to ask questions throughout

For more information please click on this link: <https://www.wellbeingnands.co.uk/courses>

### Term Dates 2018-2019

These are being emailed/sent out this week for your information and as usual they can also be found on our website.

### Behaviour Policy

We would like to draw your attention to our updated behaviour policy which can now be found in the policies section of our website.

### Menu Changes

Thursday 17th May - School Day Favourites: Sausage or Margherita Pizza & Chips, Baked Beans & Peas with Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce.

Wednesday 16th May: Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy/Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables/Salad Bar, Apple Crumble & Custard/Fresh Fruit Salad.

Kind Regards

Jane Segust

Interim Head teacher

## Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

On 19th March 2018 the school was visited by Mr Stephen Green who carried out a SIAMS Inspection of the school.

This inspection seeks to establish how distinctive and effective the school is as a church school (and is additional to the Ofsted Inspection carried out on all schools).

A link to the full report can now be found on our website but we wanted to highlight some of the Inspector's comments:

A church leader described the 'privilege of working with the children' due to their impeccable behaviour and positive attitudes.

Pupils have a good record of putting their faith into practice in support of others and have supported a number of local and national charities in recent years.

There is a strong relationship with the local church and the school values the regular input of the new incumbent both in CW and as vice-chair of the governing body and the school's only foundation governor at the time of the inspection.

Relationships within the school are extremely positive and adults provide excellent role models for the children in their care. Parents greatly value the school's family atmosphere and appreciate the approachability of the senior and teaching staff.

There is a very active parent support group which raises funds to enhance educational provision.

Relationships within the school are very strong, reflecting the school's Christian values and commitment, and are valued by parents. The school's Christian values inform and drive pupils' moral, social and cultural development. Pupils respect each other and other members of the school community and can explain that this links to their learning and the school's Christian values.

.....in the worship seen during the inspection, the children were attentive and interested.

They articulate and actively promote a vision based on their own and the school's

Parents spoke enthusiastically about the school's programme for worship, and of the impact which the school's Christian values, as developed in CW, have upon their children.

Parents are frequently invited to join CW, especially in the church, and many do so.

The current values are displayed widely around the school and are very familiar to pupils.



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