



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school everyone. I hope you are all well and have enjoyed the summer break! A very warm welcome to our new families who have joined our school, this morning we welcomed 24 new pupils.

Additionally welcome to our student teacher Mrs Ashford who will be working alongside Mrs Lockwood and Mrs Dunn in Swans this term and again in the summer term.

Included in this letter are some key dates throughout the year so that you are able to arrange your diaries. Obviously there will be further dates and events added once these have been confirmed. As usual you will be informed of these as soon as possible.

In the mornings we will continue to offer our meet and greet service at the Stanningfield Road entrance of the school, from 8.50-9.05. This is for those children who are ready and wish to independently come into school by themselves in the morning, otherwise 'drop off' at the classroom door still operates. **However it is fine, if you would like to see your child into the classroom for the first two days to settle them in and then from Friday 8th September please encourage them to come in to school on their own. This will encourage their independence.**

The above **does not apply to Wrens**, whose parents may bring them in each morning. If **Year 1** parents wish to bring their children in until next Wednesday 13th September this is fine and will give them a little longer to get used to the changes.

Wrens, Larks and Robins may be collected from their classroom doors at 3.15pm each day. KS2 classes Kingfishers, Owls, Woodpeckers and Swans may be collected from the playground at 3.25pm. At the end of the day, **KS2 children** travelling from school via **taxi** must also wait on the playground until called. **KS1 children** must wait quietly at the office.

This term:

Year 6 parents are invited to attend a meeting with the principal of Sybil Andrews, Andy Prestoe, next Monday 11th September 7pm onwards, here at Great Whelnetham CEVCP School Hall. Year 6 pupils will have already had an assembly with James Mason from Sybil Andrews earlier that day. Come and find out about the school!

Music tuition starts Wednesday 13th September and Thursday 14th September

Information regarding all clubs available will follow this week onwards and most likely to start week beginning 19th September.

Year 5 and Year 6:

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you would like them to leave the school site independently and make their own way home, we request that you complete the parental permission slip at the end of this letter and return it as soon as possible indicating your specific instructions.

Currently we have a lot of parents and children who are able to walk to and from school and expect there will be more children walking to and from the school site independently. Therefore if we are going to keep our children safe it is essential that cars are parked legally and considerately.

To Great Whelnetham School

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LEAVING THE SCHOOL SITE AT 3.25PM FOR YEAR 5 AND 6 PUPILS

At the end of the day my child _____ will

- Meet me on the playground
- Leave the school premises and walk home independently

Name _____ Date _____

(please clearly circle the permission you are giving and return to the office as soon as possible—please note that without this permission, children will not be permitted to leave the school)

Dates for your diary

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Monday 11th September—Principal from Sybil Andrews, Andy Prestoe to address parents from Yr6

Tuesday 26th September – Individual/Family Group Photos

Monday 16th October – Harvest Festival (to be confirmed, further information to follow)

Friday 20th October – BREAK UP

Half term holiday—23rd—27th October

Monday 30th October – RETURN

Friday 17th November – Children in Need Non Uniform day

Thursday 30th November – Christingle Service (school event, to be confirmed)

Friday 1st December—School Christmas Fayre at Community Centre.

Friday 15th December – Wear a Christmas Jumper to school day

Monday 18th December – Christmas Party

Tuesday 19th December – Carol Service (to be confirmed, further information to follow)

Tuesday 19th December – BREAK UP

End of term holiday

SPRING TERM 2018

Wednesday 3rd January – PD Day.

Thursday 4th January RETURN

Friday 9th February – BREAK UP

Half term holiday—12th—16th February

Monday 19th February – RETURN

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17th April-Tuesday 24th July

HALF TERM 28th May –1st June

PD Days Monday 16th April

Friday 25th May

Kath Parkin

Headteacher