



# Great Whelnetham Primary Newsletter



January 2020

## Art Solutions– we need your help!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that the team from Art Solutions will be coming in to work with us on the first two days back after Spring half term on Monday 24th February and Tuesday 25th February. We **need** as many **parental volunteers** to help us create a rainforest in the main corridor as possible! This will be a really exciting project and you can help us by **donating** any **old newspapers and ice cream tubs** you have to us. If you would like to volunteer please let Mrs Kimber know as she will be keeping a volunteer register. You don't need to be artistic as the artists will show all adults what to do (it is great fun)– and we know the children will love parents coming in to help. If you want to find out more: <http://www.artsolutions.org.uk/gallery/rain-forest-paper-craft-gallery/>



This is an exciting project and the final art work will look amazing!

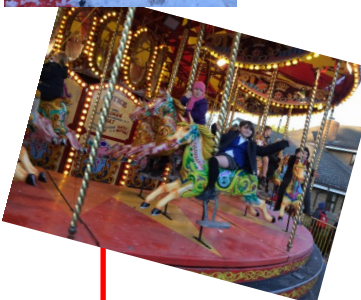
All parents will be very welcome– **sign up now!**

(We **really** do need stacks of newspapers as the animals are huge and made entirely out of them). This really will look fantastic and the children will be really proud of the final creations.



### Message from Mrs Barrow

*I sometimes use this space to address issues which happen in school but I just wanted to report that the behaviour in school has improved enormously since September. I am very pleased about this– the school feels very purposeful and calm and I thought it would be lovely to share some of the lovely events which we held leading up to Christmas. I was so proud of the children and Great Whelnetham Primary was a lovely school to be in with so many moments to be proud of as you can see. **Thank you everyone!***



**Great Whelnetham Primary– part of All Saints Schools Trust**



## Special Lunch—Thursday 16th January



There are proven educational benefits from having a hot school dinner as opposed to a packed lunch and we would like to work with you to achieve an increase the number of children opting to have a school dinner. With this in mind, we will be having another special lunch day on 16th January, when all children who have a school dinner will be entered into a draw to win a prize. Jacket potatoes will also still be available but we do hope that the children will enjoy this special meal.

### CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL...

Roast Pork, Stuffing  
& Gravy

or

Veggie Toad-in-the-Hole

### ON THE SIDE...

Carrots & Green Beans  
Roast Potatoes

### FOR DESSERT...

Apple Crumble & Custard

The Christingle candle money boxes filled by parents of school and Cygnets raised £180.37 for the Children's Society. Wear a Christmas Jumper Day raised £96.70 for Save the Children.



### Destination Space

You may have seen the article in the Bury Free Press on the great Destination Space show and workshop we held before Christmas. If not the article is here:

<https://www.buryfreepress.co.uk/news/pupils-take-hover-board-into-space-9093335/>

It was a really fun event which the children enjoyed enormously (and learnt lots about space too!)



### Website

We are regularly updating the school website with photos of visits and events. Keep checking the Learning Gallery and Breaking News.

### PTFA School Disco

A huge thank you to our PTFA for arranging such a well-organised and fun Disco. On behalf of the children we would like to thank you for raising funds for us.



### Free School Meals

If you think you are eligible for free school meals please speak to Mrs Kimber in the office who will help you register for these. Apart from getting a free school meal for your child each day the school also receives Pupil Premium Funding which gives us money to help subsidise educational provision for your child. If you are not sure if you are eligible please talk to us— we are here to help.

### Young Art East Anglia

Young  
Art  
East  
Anglia

Celebrating children's art

If you haven't already sent in permission for your child to take part in the Young Art East Anglia please do so— it is a great opportunity.

The selected artwork is displayed at the Peter Pears gallery in Aldeburgh, which is wonderfully exciting for our young artists!

All profits from the competition go to Cancer Research UK including the entry fee.

If you want to know more the website is:  
<http://youngarteastanglia.co.uk/>

### Closing date for applications for a 2020/2021 reception place

The deadline is fast approaching— midnight on Wednesday 15th January 2020. Please ensure that you do not miss out and also if you are aware of any families new to the area to whom this may apply, we would be grateful if you would mention this to them. It is still possible to arrange a visit to view the school before the closing date.

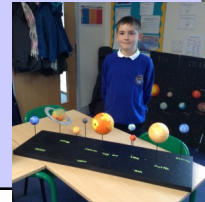
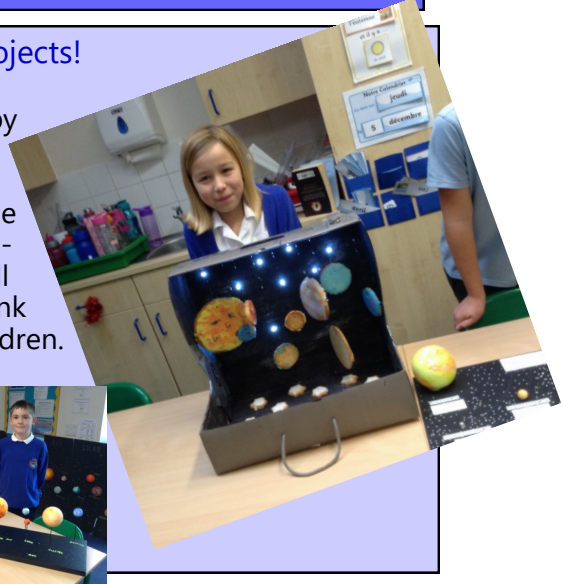
Thank you for all the fundraising and support for events you have given the school this term.



## Amazing Solar System Projects!

We were absolutely blown away by the amazing high quality of Swans' class Solar System Projects. The models were incredible and could be featured in a museum! I cannot emphasise how impressed I was – well done pupils in Swans Class and thank you to parents for supporting our children.

Just look at these.....



A huge thank you from Mrs Masson and news of an exciting event.....

THANK YOU so much- the total raised so far for Street Child is £1,768. Mrs Masson wanted to thank parents for their support and to let you know about an exciting event she is organising.....

**Great Whelnetham School Sponsored Run** How many laps can pupils do? How much money can we raise for Street Child? More information will follow from Mrs Masson.

Look out for more news about this exciting whole school event which will follow shortly from Mrs Masson.



## Car Sharing

Our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO's) have been learning about the importance of Car Sharing in our journeys to and from school. Although some parents walk to school there are still many who need to use the car in the morning or afternoon. Car sharing helps reduce congestion around the school gate if families are able to combine their journeys to school. In fact we are aware of some families who already do this and we would be interested to hear how car sharing helps you.

Equally we would be very grateful if you would consider whether the possibility of car sharing would work for you – even if it was just for one or two journeys per week.

## Poppy Appeal

We are delighted that £57.29 was raised through the selling of poppies this year for the Royal British Legion. Thank you to Swans class for helping to sell these.



## Healthy Snacks

Can we please remind you to only send healthy snacks in for breaktimes. Crisps and chocolate are not appropriate and fruit would be better. We are trying to encourage pupils to adopt healthy lifestyles. Thank you,



We have booked Bikeability again this year and it will take place in March for our Year 5 pupils. This is a great opportunity and training for our young cyclists to gain their proficiency levels. More details will follow.



## Diary Dates for Spring Term 2020

### January

Weds 15th	All day	Deadline for Reception 2020 applications
Weds 15th	All day	Swans trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge to learn about the Ancient Greeks
Thurs 16th	12	Special School Lunch

### February

Fri 14th	Afternoon	Street Child Sponsored Run
17-21	All week	Spring Half Term Holiday
24th and 25th	All day	Art Solutions– Rainforest art project

### March

9th-11th	Week beg	Bikeability
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**PLEASE NOTE: SATS week takes place from 11th-14th of May for Year 6 pupils.**