



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

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

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

12th December 2018

Christmas Parties

Our parties will take place on **Friday 21st December**, the last day of term. On the day of their party, your child needs to come to school in full uniform as usual but are invited to bring a named bag of party clothes with them. The clothes will be kept in their classrooms and then changed into after lunch. Children will have their school dinner or packed lunch as usual. This will be followed by an afternoon of games, gifts, prizes and festive fun with snacks in their classrooms. Please could we ask for a £1 donation per child towards the cost of this event along with the completion of the reply slip at the end of this letter. Please also take good note of the day of your child's party so that they arrive that day with everything they need for a great afternoon.

Christingle Services

Our services took place on Tuesday 4th December. Children worked with representatives from the church to make their very own Christingles and the day was enjoyed by staff and pupils alike. Each child has been issued with a donation box in aid of the Children's Society and we would be most grateful if you could fill the box with loose change from home and then return it to school by **Friday 21st December**. The Children's Society is a charity which works to support vulnerable children in England and Wales and we support them in this way each year.

Christmas Fayre

We are very much looking forward to the fayre which takes place this **Friday 14th December** at 3.45pm at the Community Centre. Santa is taking a break from his busy schedule and will be in his Winter Wonderland from 4.00-5.00pm. There will also be lots of stalls and lots of fun and we do hope you will be able to come along and support the school. Remember that all monies raised by the PTFA are donated to the school and so it's the children who benefit in the end. We are still in need of some volunteers to 'man' some of the stalls. If you are able to spare just half an hour to help out, we would be so grateful. Please ring the office to see how you can help.

Parent Gift Stalls

What fun the children had last week carefully selecting presents for their loved ones at home. We are indebted to members of the PTFA who gave up their time to buy, wrap and sell the gifts to our children.

The Choir perform at Pinford End Nursing Home

On Friday afternoon, Mrs Dunn and Mrs Gould took some of the school choir to Pinford End Nursing Home to meet the residents there. As well as singing a selection of Christmas Carols, they also decorated the tree with decorations made by the children in school and decorated Christmas Cards with the residents. The residents and staff at Pinford End were thrilled with the children's performances, which really got everyone into the Christmas spirit. The children were a real credit to the school and we hope to continue to strengthen our links with the Nursing Home in the coming year.



Christmas Post Box

Children wishing to send cards to other pupils or members of staff are asked to post their cards in the red box in the entrance hall as opposed to handing cards out themselves, which can become complicated. The post will be sorted and delivered by our 'postmen/women' to the relevant classes. The children very much look forward to these deliveries. Please ensure that surnames are written on the envelopes as well to avoid any confusion and if possible class names or Year group.

Christmas Lunch

A very tasty Christmas dinner was served up by our Catering Staff yesterday. It was lovely to see so many of our children enjoying their lunch with invited guests who support us so much during the year.

Wear a Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children—Friday 14th December

Each year we invite pupils and staff to come to school in their Christmas jumpers, with the request that they donate £1 each for the privilege. We do hope you will be able to dig out their favourite festive sweaters and support this charity which helps children less fortunate than ours.

Rocksteady Music Concert—a reminder

Parents/families of those children having tuition from Vincent of Rocksteady are invited to watch the bands play on **Friday 14th December** at 2.30pm.

Christmas Productions

The two performances of our Key Stage 1 Christmas production 'The Inn-Spectors' will take place on **Wednesday 19th December** at 2.00pm and 6.00pm respectively. Information regarding tickets has been sent out separately to the parents of the children involved. A lot of hard work has gone into rehearsing this year and I for one can't wait to see the first performance!

Carol Service

The whole school will come together for a Carol Service on **Friday 21st December**. We are pleased to be able to invite you to attend and help celebrate this special time of year with us in school. The service will start at 9.15am and we look forward to seeing you there! This will be the last newsletter of the year and on behalf of staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas. We will look forward to working with you all again in the New Year and just a reminder that the spring term starts on Monday 7th January 2019.

Kath Parkin

Headteacher



To Great Whelnetham School **Christmas Party Friday 21st December 2018**

Child's Name _____ Class _____

I enclose a £1 per child donation for the party activities—games, gifts, prizes and snacks.

Amount enclose £ _____

Dietary reminder if appropriate _____



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