



# Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

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

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea with Mr Page

Friday 5 April, 10.00-11.00am (after Easter Service)

or

Wednesday 3 April, 5.15-6.15pm

I am delighted to have met the vast majority of you over the last few weeks. If you have not yet had a chance to come in, maybe one of the above opportunities may suit. If not, please do not hesitate to contact and we can arrange a convenient slot together.

### Healthy Snacks

**With effect immediately after Easter I have made the decision that teachers will no longer provide breaktime snacks.** Should you wish to provide a **healthy snack** for your child you are most welcome to do so. Whilst the national fruit and vegetable scheme ensures all KS1 children are able to have a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day. Should your child be in KS2 and want a piece of fruit or vegetable please do ask as we often have more than enough to go round. May I take this opportunity to remind you that we are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.

### Easter Bingo

If you have not yet purchased your tickets for the annual PTFA Easter Bingo event at the Community Centre at 6.00pm on Friday 29th March it's not too late! These can be purchased on the door. Do come along and join us for a great family night out!

### Bags2School

We recently sent home plastic clothes bags with the request that over the course of the next few weeks you fill them with good quality clothes, shoes, bags, jewellery, soft toys, curtains etc (you will find a list of acceptable items on the letter sent home with the bags) and then return the bags to school first thing on the morning of Friday 26th April when they will be collected. This is a really easy way for the PTFA to raise funds for the school and we do hope that you will 'clear out that clutter' over the Easter holidays for us. It is also acceptable to fill black bin liners if you have more than one bag to fill.

### World Book Day

This proved to be such a memorable day and one in which books and their characters came to life. Thank you so much for the time and effort that went into the outfits worn by the children and also the staff!

### Sports Update

This term has seen Great Whelnetham enter teams for an U11 Swimming Gala, U11 Rugby Festival and the Key Steps Gymnastics competition across all year groups.

These opportunities have allowed children to show their strengths in teamwork, perseverance and competing in competitive events against other schools. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow and their skills improve!

Promoting and encouraging girls to get involved in sport, our Girls Active team successfully ran a basketball and netball club for the Year 3 and 4 girls. After Easter, the Girls Active team will be encouraging the Year 2 and Year 1 girls to get involved in a sports club at lunchtime.

We are also very excited to share that we have just invested in some much needed sports equipment for the school. So all children across the school will be benefiting from this.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have supported us in transporting children to various sporting events this term; we could not have done it without you!

### Year 5/6 Trip to the Ipswich Museum

On Tuesday 26th March, Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a trip to Ipswich Museum and took part in their Ancient Egyptians workshop. After being helped to understand how to handle precious objects, we were allowed to carefully pass around some genuine artifacts, some of which were 3000 years old. We spent time in the 'tomb' room, where there was an actual mummy in the sarcophagus! We also made clay figures (which can be buried as offerings with our fish!) and designed our own animal God. It was great fun and we learnt lots to help us with our topic.



### Forest School visit to the Kennels

Last Tuesday the children were very fortunate to be taken on a trip to see some puppies at Copy Farm, Gt Whelnetham. En route they were on the lookout for signs of Spring—varieties of wildflowers, 2 species of catkins and many crows, busy nest building were spotted. Upon their arrival they met 9 adorable puppies and were able to hold, stroke, cuddle and play with them. After a quick drink and snack they were shown the adult hounds—all 70 of them! A huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Hutchinson for inviting us to their farm and making the afternoon so special for the children.

### Year 3/4 trip to the Suffolk Farm & Country Fair

Pupils in Owls and Kingfishers are very much looking to their trip which takes place almost immediately after the Easter holidays on Thursday 25th April. Please can we remind parents who have not yet returned permission slips to do so before we break up.

### Bikeability

Year 5 took part in the Bikeability training earlier this month. The children brought their own bikes and helmets in to school and David and Tony, the instructors, took us through some basics on the playground using cones. Then, those that passed Level 1 were taken out on the local roads for another day and a half of safety training. They did signalling, turning, stopping under control, U-turns, shoulder checks and junction practice, and some were awarded Level 2 certificates. Well done to everyone, and happy cycling!

### Easter Service

We would like to extend a warm welcome to you to join us for our Easter Service on Friday 5th April at 9.30am in the school hall.

### Rocksteady Music Concert

Pupils participating in weekly band practice have been working hard and having so much fun under the tuition of Vincent Jewell of Rock Steady Music. Parents of these children are invited to watch them perform at a concert at 2.30pm on Friday 5th April.

A reminder that we break up for the Easter holidays on Friday 5th April and children return to school on Wednesday 24th April. Thank you for your support.

Have a fantastic Easter!

Kind Regards

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