



# Great Whelnetham Primary Newsletter



September 2019    Value: Compassion

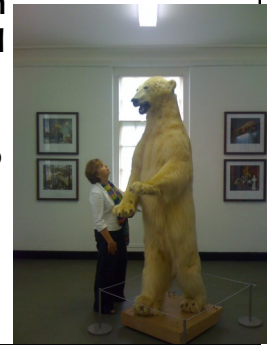


## Forthcoming educational visits and a winter wonderland!

Each class will be having educational, enjoyable visit coming up this term. We have an over arching theme for this term on "Adventures!" Swans class are learning about the Antarctic explorer Robert Falcon Scott. They will be visiting the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge and also having an adventure of their own at "Spy Missions". In December Owls and will be visiting a "Winter Wonderland". There will be a visit to a castle connected to the topic of Fairy tales for R, Year One and Two.

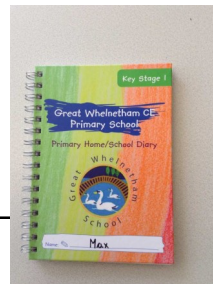
Finally on Year 4 and 5 will be going on a two night residential visit to the Horstead Centre in Norfolk. We are holding a parents' information session on Wednesday 25th at 3.30pm about this.

It promises to be an action packed, exciting term!



## A great start to term– and new home/ school planners!

A huge welcome to our new pupils and families who are joining our school. The children have all started well and are working hard. This term we have new home/ school planners which the children must take home with them alongside their reading books and bring back each day. The planners are ideal for writing notes to your child's class teacher and letting them know arrangements and for asking questions. They will be checked each day. They are also to be used as reading records– please let us know when you have read at home with your child and we will do the same!



Data Collection Sheets detailing information held for your child are being sent home today. Please can we ask that you check this 2-sided document and return it to school as soon as possible to either confirm that the data is correct or alternatively indicate any changes that need to be made. You may like to read this document in conjunction with our privacy notice for parents, which can be found on our website using the following link: [https://great-whelnetham.eschools.co.uk/cms\\_manage/edit\\_page/367004](https://great-whelnetham.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/367004)

We ask any parents who do not have easy access to the internet to contact the school office where a hard copy will be made available.

## A message from Mrs Barrow and Ms. Wallis

Welcome back for a new term! We are really excited about the new term ahead and have been working hard with staff to plan the new curriculum and lessons. We hope you had good Summer holidays with your families. Can we remind you that this year Ms. Wallis will be our Head of School and will deal with day to day issues in school. Mrs Barrow is our new Executive Headteacher and SENCo. She looks forward to meeting parents soon.

## New furniture for Wrens class

We are delighted that we were successful in a bid for funding to buy new tables and chairs for Wrens class and a caterpillar shaped piece of playground equipment. The classroom is looking good and we will be developing the outside area further over forthcoming weeks.



### Parents' Evenings and Summer Term Open Evening

We want you to be kept informed about the progress your children are making. We have decided this year to have a Parents' Evening in both Autumn and Spring Terms. The first parents' evening of the year will be on Monday 14th October from 3.30-6pm. We will also have an Open Evening in the Summer Term where the children can come along too and show you their wonderful work from the whole year. In the Summer Term we will send home detailed reports for pupils. If you ever want to discuss your child's progress at other times please contact their Class teacher.

### Wrap around care

Just a reminder... Cygnets provide before and after school care for children and through their provision we offer an extended school day from 8am until 6pm. Please be aware that after half term the school breakfast club will not be running but the Cygnets club can be used as an alternative.



The school photographer will be in school on Friday 13th of September. If you would like to bring younger siblings into school who are not yet at school with us please do so. Family photographs will be taken from 8.45am. Please be aware that there may be a queue depending on how many families we get.



### Dates for your diary... and get involved!

You will find dates for your diary below. Apologies for the mention of the "C" word (Christmas!) already but we know that for some parents advance notice of events featuring your children is appreciated and useful for forward planning. We hope as many of you as possible will join us at forthcoming events. We are also looking for new Friends of the School.

### House Teams- 2019/20

This year our pupils will belong to a team- blue, green, red or yellow. Siblings will have the same teams colour and these will be used during Sport's Days. Pupils will be given house points for great effort. Belonging to a team helps children work together, collaborate and celebrate shared success.



### Harvest Festival Church Service 2019

We hope many family members will join us for the Harvest Festival service at the Church at 9.30am on Friday 18th of October. More details to follow.



### Reading at home

Can we please emphasise how important it is to read with your child at home. Even a couple of minutes every other day makes an incredible difference to pupils progress. We aim to read with children in school as much as we can- but support from home is vital and we really appreciate this and cannot stress what a significant difference it makes. Thank you for your support!



### Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2019

#### September

**Fri 13th** From 8.45am Photographer in school- individual and family photographs

**Week beg 23rd** All week Book Fair

**Weds 25th** 3.30pm Horstead Residential Parents' Information session

#### October

**Mon 14th** 3.30-6pm Parents' Evening

**Thurs 10th** All day Swans Class Spy Missions and Scott Polar Research Institute Educational Visit

**Fri 18th** 9.30am Harvest Festival at the Church

**Mon 21st- Fri 25th** All week HALF TERM

**Mon 28th-Weds 30th** 3 days Horstead Residential for Yr 4 and 5

#### November

**Tues 19th** 9.30am Choir Christmas concert

#### December

**Thurs 12th** 2pm and 6pm Nativity Play- Years R, 1 and 2

**Fri 13th** 2.30pm Rock Steady

**Weds 18th** Last day of term

**PLEASE NOTE: We have a PD day on Thursday 19th December**  
Amended term dates will be in book bags today