



19 July 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have almost reached the end of a very busy and eventful year at Great Whelnetham CEVCP School and we would like to take this opportunity to say thank-you to everyone for their continued support to the children, our staff and the school in general. There have been some significant challenges and changes during this year which everyone in the school community has worked very hard to address and overcome, and the children and the school as a whole, has benefitted hugely from everyone's commitment.

Whilst saying "thank-you" one of the biggest thank-yous of all must go to the children who have behaved very well, always given their best and taken all the changes in their stride. They have continued to showcase everything that is good about Great Whelnetham and we have had some amazing performances to prove this – not least of which was the recent production of "Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies"!

With the end of the academic year we must also say some very fond farewells to those who are leaving our school: to our year six children who are now moving onto the next stage of their education journey, children in other years who are moving to continue their learning adventure elsewhere and also to Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Eldridge who we sadly must say good bye to this summer as well as they leave us for pastures new. We also extend our gratitude to Ms Tyler and Mrs Lloyd for all their great supply work throughout the year.

As you know from September the school will be part of All Saints Schools Trust and this will bring a new leadership structure. Mrs. Melanie Barrow, who many of you have already met, will be taking over as Executive Headteacher, which means she is responsible for overseeing all matters within the school. Mrs. Barrow will also be taking the role of SENDCo for the school and has already met many of the children and their families who she will be working closely with in this role. Ms. Wallis, who is currently our Deputy Headteacher, will become Head of School, which means she will have operational responsibility for the day to day management of the school and will work closely with Mrs. Barrow to ensure that the school continues to grow and develop to provide the very best education possible for our children.

The transfer to All Saints Schools Trust also means that Mr. Page and Mrs. Palmer will no longer be part of the leadership team at the school. With the exception of Mrs. Palmer, all your governors will remain with the school and continue to develop the governing body as they have over the last year.

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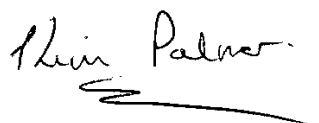
School website: <http://www.greatwhelnetham.suffolk.sch.uk/website>

*Values for Life: Compassion, Courage, Friendship, Trust, Truthfulness, Hope, Peace, Thankfulness, Creativity, Forgiveness, Humility and Justice.*

Great Whelnetham has been a delight to be involved with over the last few months and whilst it has certainly kept us busy it has been a pleasure to be able to work with a group of staff, children and parents who simply just want to do their very best. We thank-you for your ongoing support to us and also in anticipation for the team that will continue to take the school forwards in the new academic year.

We wish you all a very happy and healthy summer break.

Yours sincerely



Mrs. Kim Palmer  
Chair of Governors



Mr Ian Page  
Interim Headteacher

