



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Parents' Evening

This term we will be having one extended Parents' Evening on Wednesday 28th February from 3.30pm to 7.00pm. As usual we invite you to book your 10-minute consultation slot with your child's class teacher via the grid displayed within/outside your child's class. We then ask that you arrive promptly for your appointment and be mindful of the time so that you do not keep other parents waiting. Please wait on the seats provided in the centre of the hall and your child's class teacher will collect you for your appointment. If your child has specific needs or if you feel you require more than the 10 minutes available, please speak with the teacher to arrange a specific meeting at a convenient time.

This year we will be holding a market place event in the hall where representatives from Governors and the PTFA will be on hand to chat with you. School uniform will be on sale and to celebrate World Book Day the following day, a Book Fair will be open for you to browse and buy at your leisure. There will be questionnaires for parents to complete to help us gauge what we are doing well and what we may be able to improve upon. Finally there will be displays of children's work on show for all to see!

We have invited representatives from both King Edward Upper School and Sybil Andrews Academy to attend to discuss transition or answer questions about their school.

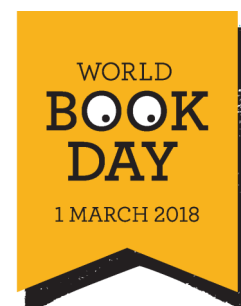
Additionally, if we are able to source a rota of volunteers, we intend to provide refreshments. If you can spare 15/30 minutes to support this event by volunteering for refreshments we would be most grateful. Please let Mrs Kimber know if you can help.

World Book Day

Pupils will receive their £1 World Book Day voucher on Thursday 1st March, which can be used towards the cost of a book at the Fair. If they would like to purchase a book on Wednesday 28th, we can keep it to one side, then redeem the voucher on World Book Day, the 1st March.

Further information regarding lots of reading activities happening between 1st March—6th March will follow nearer the time.

However ADVANCE WARNING— we will be asking that children come to school dressed as a book character on Thursday 1st March and wanted to give you plenty of time to prepare for this.



Enrichment Day Success

Our English Enrichment day themed on our Christian value 'Friendship' gave us another opportunity to see how wonderfully our pupils are able to support and work together, whilst learning. The children were in mixed age groupings, from Reception through to Year 6. Throughout the day they travelled through all six activities, coming together for a celebration assembly at the end of the day, where we saw an example of all the wonderful things they had achieved throughout the day. We are really looking forward to see what our next Enrichment day will bring us.



After Half Term

From Monday 19th February, our first day back after half term, a hand bell will be rung to indicate 9.00am has arrived and for any stragglers to quicken up and ensure they are ready to start learning at 9.05am. This means that coats, lunch boxes, dinner money etc should all be in their appropriate places and all children and teachers ready to learn/teach at 9.05am every morning. Should you need to give an urgent message directly to the teacher (i.e. one which cannot be given to the office to pass on) please ensure you have delivered this by 9.00am leaving the teacher poised ready to start the day.

To ensure further independence, please only escort your child into the school/classroom if absolutely necessary.

We are also introducing a simple self-registering system where children place their names in hot lunch/ packed lunch boxes. An adult will check the system to ensure correct meals are ordered and children's attendance registered correctly.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Book Fair Volunteers Needed

As you aware we are holding a Book Fair in school from Wednesday 28th February until Tuesday 6th March. If you have 15-30 minutes to spare and are free to help us make the Fair really successful, please call into the office and sign up for a convenient slot. The more books we sell, the more books we receive as commission.

Finally I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

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Headteacher



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