



Great Whelnetham Primary Newsletter



April 2020

PLAY EQUIPMENT ON THE FIELD UPDATE!

We would like to say an enormous thank you to the Friends of School who have



funded some new play equipment which has been installed on our playing field. It will be wonderful for the children to see this when they return! We can't wait to see them playing on this and have attached photos of a quick test we did to see that it was as fun as it looks!



THANKS TO OUR AMAZING FRIENDS OF SCHOOL!

Message from Mrs Barrow

Can I firstly just take this opportunity to say, on behalf of all the teachers, that I hope you and your children are keeping well in this difficult time. We are missing the children and look forward to being together again soon. I am sure that it has been really challenging at points, for them and for you, and hope that the resources we have sent out to you are helpful. Please rest assured that there is no right or wrong in terms of home schooling and that whatever is working for your family in these unprecedented times is absolutely okay.

I have included some more links to resources to support home learning in this letter. Please can I also remind you about the Home Learning Projects on our school website which provide a wide range of suggested learning activities for each key stage to span 7 weeks. Further Home Learning Projects will be made available over the coming weeks and we will inform you when these are ready. https://www.greatwhelnetham.suffolk.sch.uk/website/home_learning_work_1/460401

In addition, there are Speech and Language resources which can be accessed via this link <https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>.

Stradbroke Primary has also developed a SharePoint site with more resources for parents to use with their children. If you would like to join the site, please email onlinelearning@asst.org.uk. Everyone is welcome and there are some great resources.

I also highly recommend the lessons are all available on the White Rose Maths website at www.whiterosemaths.com/homelearning where you'll also find clear instructions on exactly how access and use the right material for your child's year group.

Just a reminder – if you are using any YouTube links and videos to help your child with their learning, please be aware that adverts can pop up when you are least expecting them to! We would advise that your child uses YouTube with your supervision to keep them safe.

Just to let you know all schools are processing refunds but these are taking some time due to delays with systems– please be patient with us. Reports have also been written for each child to capture their learning from September to the end of Spring. These will be sent to you before the end of the Summer Term.

Also it has been a very disorientating finish to Spring Term for pupils and we are not sure when we will return. I just wanted to send a message to Year 6 to say we will still have our leaver's celebrations– even if these are later than planned. Mr Sharp and I have spoken and we would not let you move on without saying a proper goodbye! Let's hope we are together before Summer Term ends.

We hope that you are able to enjoy the time with your families and, as ever, we are thinking of each and every one of you.

Best wishes,
Mrs Barrow

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EVERY MIND MATTERS

Every Mind Matters has created new COVID 19 specific creative to help you support the public's Mental Health during this difficult time.

PHE has launched a campaign to encourage adults to take steps to look after their mental health during this difficult time, using Every Mind Matters and its self-care resources. The Every Mind Matters platform has been updated to incorporate the new Covid-19 mental health guidance and provide content to help people look after their mental and physical health while staying at home.

To access resources please follow this link:

<https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/now-more-than-ever-every-mind-matters/>

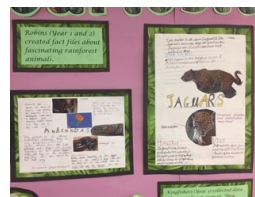
Domestic Violence

We are aware that rates of Domestic Violence have increased during lock down. Domestic abuse is a pattern of behaviour on the part of the abuser designed to control their partner. It can happen at any point in a relationship, including after you have split up.

Domestic Violence can affect men and women.

The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline [0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247)

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE
0808 2000 247
24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE



THE GREAT WHELNETHAM RAIN FOREST CONTINUES TO GROW!

Huge thanks to Ms. Wallis who has created an amazing display in the corridor next to the main office to link to our Rainforest and the theme of Curiosity. When we return please do come and see the high quality writing and work pupils have produced from across the school.



School Nursing Service

In light of the current situation the School Nursing Service would just like to send out details of how the service can be contacted during school closures.

Contact our Health Business Centre on 0345 607 6688

Text a school nurse on our texting service ChatHealth on 07507 333356

Visit their website for more information on what the School Nursing service offers. It is also has lots of useful information and advice on children and adolescent's physical and mental health for parents to access.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/index.php/children-families-and-learning/childrens-health/school-nursing/>



Diary Dates for Summer Term 2020

Please be aware that at the moment all dates and events are postponed pending further information about when schools will return. We are of course aware that the Governments have announced Lock Down will continue for a further three weeks. At present we have no further information than this and we will be in touch as soon as we have further news.