



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

A huge thank you to those of you who supported our MacMillan Coffee Day on the first day of term. I am pleased to be able to report that £134.33 has been sent to this very special charity—your support is much appreciated.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on the morning of the 26th September, taking individual and family groups of children within the school. If you have a younger child at home or at Cygnets, who you would like to be photographed with their older sibling, please let us know by completing and returning the slip overleaf.

Fair Trade Sale

You may remember that last term our Year 5 had a very successful trade fair raising £260. We would like to report that this money has been wisely spent on useful items such as a set of class readers, dictionaries, a hosepipe and bottle rocket kit.

Super Science Saturday

King Edward School will be holding fun science activity sessions for children of all ages this Saturday 23rd September from 12.00-2.00pm. Among the many exciting activities will be a giant catapult challenge—not to be missed! This is a free of charge event and it is not necessary to book—well worth a look!

Cathedral Service Bury St Edmunds

There will be a service 'I am the way, the truth and the life' at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds on Sunday 15th October 2017 at 3.00pm. The service will involve drama, song and dance from different schools and lots of children will be taking part. Children from Great Whelnetham will be reading prayers at the service and School Council members will parade our banner. Please come along. Parking is available in the Ram Meadow car park in Bury St Edmunds, www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/parking/car_parks/bse_car_parks/

Transition

Parents of pupils in Year 6 are warmly invited to attend the Open Evenings of the following schools:

- Sybil Andrews Academy— Wednesday 27th September from 6.30pm
- King Edward—Thursday 12th October 6.00-8.00pm

Governor Resignation

Councillor Clements has recently tendered his resignation as a Local Authority Governor of our school. We wish Terry well and thank him for his support since his appointment back in October 2009.

Dates for your diary

AUTUMN TERM 2017 (2)

Amended or New dates are in **bold**.

Tuesday 26th September – Individual/Family Group Photos

Thursday 28th September –PTFA at school 7.00pm

Sunday 15th October—3pm BES Cathedral ‘I am the way, the truth and the life’

Thursday 19th October – Harvest Festival in school 9.30 start. Parents, friends, family invited.

Friday 20th October – BREAK UP

Half term holiday

Monday 30th October – RETURN

Thursday 16th November—Whole School Open Morning 9.30-11.30 —see us in action!

Friday 17^h November – Children in Need Non Uniform day

Thursday 30th November – Christingle Service at Church (school event only)

Friday 1st December—School Christmas Fayre at Community Centre— details to follow

Wednesday 13th December –KS1 Nativity (More information to follow)

Friday 15th December – Wear a Christmas Jumper to school day

Friday 15th December—PTFA Christmas Disco at Community Centre - details to follow

Monday 18th December – Carol Service in school parents friends and family invited

Tuesday 19^h December – Christmas Parties KS1/2

Tuesday 19th December – BREAK UP

End of term holiday

SPRING TERM 2018

Wednesday 3rd January – PD Day.

Thursday 4th January RETURN

Friday 9^h February – BREAK UP

Half term holiday

Monday 19th February – RETURN

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17th April-Tuesday 24th July

HALF TERM 28th May –1st June

PD Days Monday 16th April

Friday 25th May



Important Dates 2017 – 2018

Date	Event	Year Group	Venue
22 September 2017	Induction Day	6 (In Catholic pyramids)	St Benedict's Catholic School
27 September 2017	Open Evening	6	Sybil Andrews
4 October 2017	Open Evening	6	St Benedict's Catholic School
5 October	Open Day	6	St Benedict's Catholic School
12 October 2017	Open Evening	6	King Edward VI School
31 October 2017	School Admissions Deadline		
1 March 2018	National Offer Day		
19 April 2018	Parents Information Evening	6	St Benedict's Catholic School
24 April 2018	Year 7 Welcome Evening	6	King Edward VI School
26 April 2018	Year 7 Welcome Evening	6	King Edward VI School
12 July 2018	Meet the tutor evening	6	St Benedict's Catholic School
18 – 20 July	Transition Days	6	St Benedict's Catholic School
July 2018	Year 7 Transition Days/Week	6	Sybil Andrews Academy
July 2018	Year 7 Transition Days/Week	6	King Edward VI School

King Edward VI School Transition Calendar of Activities 2017 – 2018

Date	Event	Year Group	Venue
23 September 2017	Super Science Saturday	All	King Edward VI School
December 2017	Spelling Bee heats	6	Primary Schools
15, 22 and 29 January 2018	Move-Up Mondays (x3)	6	King Edward VI School
Monday 26 February 2018	Spelling Bee Final	6	King Edward VI School
March 2018	A Celebration of Physics	5	King Edward VI School
30 April – 11 May 2018	Maths Roadshow	4	Primary Schools

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Parent Questionnaire Outcomes July 2017

67 returns were received Thank you!

	Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at this school	46	19	2		
2	My child feels safe at this school	45	21	1		
3	My child is taught well at this school	40	25	2		
4	My child makes good progress at this school	36	29	2		
5	My child is well looked after at this school	42	23	1		1
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	29	25	6	1	6
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	27	27	9	1	3
8	This school deals effectively with bullying	15	17	15		20
9	This school is well led and managed	33	22	6		6
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	35	20	8		4
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	35	25	5		2
12	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	41	22			4

To Great Whelnetham School—INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 9.15AM

Child's Name _____ Class _____

I will be bringing my younger child/dren to have a joint photograph with my school-aged child named above.

Name _____ Signed _____ Date _____

Kath Parkin

Headteacher



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