



# Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

*'By growing together, we become the best we can be'*

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents

### Parents Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

The PTFA are holding their Annual General Meeting in school on Wednesday 3rd October at 10.00am, immediately after our Harvest Festival. At this meeting, the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected. If you are interested in being involved please enquire at the office, or complete the slip at the end of this letter. The group usually meets once a term and plan exciting events such as a Chocolate Bingo evening, Christmas Fair and Party and other fundraising events. They are most generous to the school and in the last year their support funded laptops and the Living Eggs Experience in Year 2. Already this year they have funded tables for Cygnets and sets of guided reading books for Year 6. Do make sure that you stay for this meeting and also for the short general meeting which will follow. Your support helps make such a difference to our school!

### Newsletters by email

If you would like to receive newsletters by email in future (if you do not already) and help us to reduce paper and printing costs, please complete and return the slip at the foot of this letter.

### Cathedral Service Sunday 7th October —I am the Gate

There will be a special cathedral service of celebration for church schools on Sunday 7th October at 5.30pm. The service will involve drama, song and dance from different schools and lots of children will be taking part. We will celebrate part of the family of church schools in this diocese. Please do try to come along.

### Crimson Glory—Sunday 4th November 6.00pm

'Crimson Glory' is a large-scale event to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. The production will involve not only a professional orchestra and choir, but the St Edmundsbury Cathedral Choir, Ex Silentio, No Girls Allowed, Sixth Form Dance and Drama students and approximately 200 children from local primary schools from within the Bury Schools Partnership. There will also be an art exhibition at the Cathedral with art work from the schools in the Bury Schools Partnership.

The event has a number of sponsors including Birketts Solicitors, Glasswells Ltd, Suffolk County Council, Bury St Edmunds Borough Council, Bury St Edmunds Town Council, Armed Forces Covenant Trust and various other sponsors.

Although the venue is St Edmundsbury Cathedral, ticket sales are being handled by The Apex. Bookings may be made in one of the following ways:

- Online bookings at [www.whatsonwestsuffolk.co.uk](http://www.whatsonwestsuffolk.co.uk)
- By visiting, or telephoning, The Apex Box Office—01284 758000

### Children's Book Festival, Lavenham 20th & 21st October

The festival comprises many sessions which will be interest to adults and children.

Full details of the programme appear on their website: [www.lavenhamliteraryfestival.co.uk](http://www.lavenhamliteraryfestival.co.uk)

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My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Updated Dates for your Diaries 2018-2019—AUTUMN TERM 2018**

Monday 24th September—Book Fair 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 25th September – Individual/Family Group Photos am and Book Fair 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 25th September—Book Fair 8.00-9.00am

Tuesday 2nd October—5.30pm David Gower of King Edward School to meet prospective year 6 parents

Wednesday 3rd October - 9.15am Harvest Festival in school. Parents, friends, family invited

10.00am PTFA AGM followed by a short general meeting—all welcome

Sunday 7th October—5.30pm a celebration 'I am the gate' at BSE Cathedral Friday 19th October – BREAK UP

Half term holiday

Monday 29th October – RETURN

Sunday 4th November -Crimson Glory Project 6.00pm at the Cathedral—ticketed event see newsletter for details

Thursday 15th November—Whole School Open Morning 9.30-11.30am —see us in action!

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Non Uniform Day

Tuesday 4th December—Christingle Service at Church (school event only)

December—School Christmas Fayre at Community Centre— details and date to follow

December –KS1 Nativity - (More information and date to follow)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Wear a Christmas Jumper to school day

Rock Steady Music Concert pm

December – Carol Service in school parents friends and family invited—date TBC

Friday 21st December – Christmas Parties

Friday 21st December – BREAK UP

End of term holiday

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To Great Whelnetham School – **PTFA AGM**

I would like to put my name forward for the following position (PLEASE CIRCLE)

CHAIRMAN

VICE-CHAIR

SECRETARY

TREASURER

I am interested in helping out generally and will come along to the meeting on Wednesday 3rd October at 10.00am.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Kath Parkin*

Headteacher



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