



## Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents

### Safety Concerns

Unfortunately a number of parents/children have been spotted walking across the car park. I know it is tempting to take a short cut but for your own safety and that of your child's, please take note of the notices which clearly state that the car park is not a thoroughfare.

In addition a responsible member of the public has alerted us to inconsiderate and unsafe parking practices outside school. The zig zag lines are there for a purpose and must be left clear so that good visibility is possible at all times. Please do all you can to ensure the safety of our pupils, their families, members of the community and other road users. We can't control the volume of traffic on our roads but we can make a difference to safety with our own actions.

### Special Lunch Day Reminder

Please ensure that your child does not miss out on the chance to win a prize and have a hearty roast dinner at the same time. Our Special Lunch Day takes place on Thursday 18th January.

### Payment Methods

We would like to remind you that our preferred method of payment for school dinners, trips and uniform is online via the Suffolk County Council website link: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/>

Please consider this as your chosen payment method, with payment by cheque the next option and cash (correct money please) as a last resort where possible. Thanks for your support in keeping costs down.

### Closing Date for Applying for a 2018-2019 Reception Place

Monday 15th January is the last date for applying for school place for your child.

### Christingle Collection Update

We were delighted to learn that the Christingle boxes which were sent home with the children to fill with loose change last term raised £217.52 for the Children's Society.

**On behalf of all the charities we supported last year, I send grateful thanks to you all.**

### Enrichment Days Spring Term 2018

We will be having 2 Enrichments days this term: 6th February—based on the Christian value of 'Friendship' and 13th March will be our Science Day. The £10 contributions we ask of you on an annual basis go towards these events. If you have not already made your contribution, and would still like to, we would be most grateful. Please send it to the office.

### Morning is the Best Time

If you need to advise us of a change to standard collection arrangements for your child, please could we ask you to help us by ensuring that this is done first thing in the morning where at all possible. There are less staff in the office in the afternoons and we do not want to miss passing a message on.

Reminder— Running Club starts Tuesday 16th March.

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Dates for your diary **Amended or New dates are in bold.**

SPRING TERM 2018

Wednesday 3rd January – PD Day.

Thursday 4th January RETURN

Wednesdays 10<sup>th</sup> January -21<sup>st</sup> March Swimming Yr3 and some Yr5/6

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January Special Lunch

**Friday 19th January—Rocksteady music lessons commence today for those children who have signed up.**

**Tuesday 6th February— English Enrichment Day based on our Christian theme of Friendship**

Friday 9th February – BREAK UP

Half term holiday

Monday 19th February – RETURN

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Tractor Day Yr3/4

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February Reports for Yr1-Yr6

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Magic Maths returns

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.00

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Book Fair

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March World Book Day

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 9<sup>th</sup> Bikeability Yr5 – further information to follow.

**Tuesday 13th March—Science Enrichment Day**

**Friday 16th March—Wear Something Red for Sport Relief Day**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Thorpe Woodlands meeting – 6.00pm further information to follow

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Service in School Parents invited

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March Break Up

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17th April-Tuesday 24th July

HALF TERM 28th May –1st June

PD Days Monday 16th April

Friday 25th May

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