



# Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

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

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents

### Christmas Fayre Success

A very respectable £477.83 profit was raised at the PTFA Christmas Fayre. It was great to see so many of you there. I do hope that you enjoyed yourselves. A very big thank you to the PTFA, staff and parents who organised, donated and supported this event.

### Charitable Fundraising Thanks

We are very lucky to have such supportive parents, despite Christmas being such an expensive time of year for us all:

- Sales of poppies in November raised £39.20.
- Collections at our Key Stage 1 Nativity and end of term Carol Service and generated an impressive £211.06 for the Rainbow Ward at West Suffolk Hospital.
- Wear a Christmas Jumper Day donations raised £113.50 for Save the Children.

We have sent off payments to these charities along with our good wishes, so again, **thank you all very much.**

We are still awaiting the final total of money raised from our Christingle candle collection boxes. It's not too late to had yours in, if it's still at home so please have a good look out for it over the weekend and send it in to the office.

### Clubs

Details of all the clubs on offer this half term can be found on our website. Afterschool clubs are currently limited due to the lack of light but please be assured that that once we return from the February half term many more will be available. As always, children who are in receipt of income-based free school meals are entitled to one complimentary club each half term—are you taking advantage of this? Is your child entitled to free meals by virtue of income into the family home but you have not yet applied? Please speak in confidence to Mrs Kimber if you have any queries whatsoever regarding on this matter.

### Special Lunch—Thursday 17th January

There are proven educational benefits from having a hot school dinner as opposed to a packed lunch and we would like to work with you to encourage an increase in uptake. With this in mind, we will be having another special lunch day on 17th January, when all children who have a school dinner will be entered into a draw to win one of 2 prizes. Jacket potatoes will also still be available but we do hope that the children will enjoy this special meal.



### Closing date for applications for a 2019/2020 reception place

The deadline is fast approaching— midnight on Tuesday 15th January 2019. Please ensure that you do not miss out and also if you are aware of any families new to the area to whom this may apply, we would be grateful if you would mention this to them. It is still possible to arrange a visit to view the school before the closing date. This is also the closing date for applications to middle schools.

### 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.

### Young Art East Anglia 2019 YAEA

A separate letter from Mrs Dunn was sent home yesterday. The school has been invited to participate in the YAEA exhibition of children's art at the Peter Pears Gallery in Aldeburgh on the 8th-10th March. All children Reception to Yr6 can participate. Permission slips need to be returned by Thursday 17th January with a minimum entry donation of £2.50. All profits from the exhibition goes to Cancer Research UK.

### Dates for the Diary

Apologies dates will follow next week.

*Kath Parkin*

Headteacher



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