



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Rock Steady Music School

Children attended workshops today with Steve and Vincent (our very own rockstars!) and will have brought home a letter regarding music lessons in the spring term. If you are interested in your child participating in the Friday afternoon sessions, which commence after the holidays, please contact them direct on 0845 094 1259 or contact@rocksteadymusicschool.com

Suffolk School and Post-16 Travel

On 12th December, Suffolk County Council launched a consultation to change school and post-16 travel policies. The consultation will run until Wednesday 28th February 2018. More information on the consultation including these options and post-16 proposals can be found in the consultation document, this can be viewed on Suffolk County Council's website: www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel

A quick festive update:

Parent Stalls

These proved to be really popular with our children so that hopefully you will all have some 'surprise presents' to open once the big day arrives!

Christmas Fair

The fair at the Community Centre was a real success with Santa and the school choir proving to be the main attractions. A huge thank you to Mona and her team of helpers and school staff for all the work behind the scenes, transporting equipment to the centre and for running the event on the day. Thanks also to our lovely families who donated prizes and then came and spent their money trying to win them back! This fun-filled event raised £750 for PTFA funds which will ultimately be spent on the school. A very well done to you all!

Christmas Play

I do hope that the parents of our younger children enjoyed the performances of 'A King is Born!' as much as I did. Children and staff have worked incredibly hard for this and it is so pleasing when it all comes together. The retiring collection in aid of the Children's Rainbow Ward at West Suffolk Hospital raised £131.15. Thank you very much for generosity.

Carol Service—18th December

We hope to see as many of you as possible at 9.30am.

Save the Children

Today was 'Wear a Christmas Jumper Day! Together we raised £109.50 for Save the Children. Thank you.



Menu Changes:

Monday 18th December—the pudding served will be Vanilla Crunch.

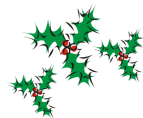
Tuesday 19th December—Main choice will be Fish Fillet & Chips with Vegi Fingers at the alternative. No other changes are planned.

Christmas Party—19th December

Just a reminder that we have requested £1 donations towards the cost of the party. Please remember to send these in if you have not already done so, and to bring in the clothes as specified in our newsletter of 28th November, which can be found on our website.

A message from Reverend Jeremy Parsons, school governor :

Christmas Eve Crib Service For all the Family—24th December 4.30pm (dressing up) for 5.00pm start St Thomas a Becket Great Whelnetham. Come and join us in a walk to Bethlehem and help build our Nativity Scene as the Christmas story is told. For further information please contact me on 01284 846166 or see page 7 in St Edmund Way Magazine for details.



A reminder that we break up on Tuesday 19th December 2017 and return to school on Thursday 4th January 2018. On behalf of the staff and governors may I wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and best wishes for 2018.



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