



## Great Whelnetham CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As this term comes to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. We are so proud of the children and all their hard work this term.

### Pinford End Nursing Home

We were delighted to be contacted by Pinford End to support them in decorating for Easter. They sent over 12 paper mache balls. We had great fun in Owls using paint, pens and tissue paper to create colourful Easter eggs. It has been a pleasure working within the local community to spread positivity for the start of spring.

### Number Day

We had a fantastic day in February celebrating numbers for Number Day! As well as completing a range of fun and exciting activities, we were proud to work together to raise money for the NSPCC. As a school, we raised £69.45 which will help contribute to make a huge difference to the lives of children across the UK. Thank you parents for your support.

### Red Nose Day

We were delighted that our recent non-uniform day raised £66.75 for the Comic Relief charity. It is wonderful that we were able to support this charity once again.

### Easter Bingo - PTFA

Pupils, parents and staff are excited for the PTFA Easter Bingo which takes place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at the community centre, starting at 5.30pm. I am so thankful for all the superb fundraising from the PTFA. They have recently supplied the school with new playground and music equipment to enhance pupil's experiences at school. I look forward to seeing many of you at the bingo later this week, Eyes down!

### Coronation Card Competition – Jo Churchill MP

We were excited to receive the following message from local MP Jo Churchill this week:

*I am excited to announce the launch of my **Coronation Card Competition** for students across the Bury St Edmunds constituency in honour of the upcoming coronation of King Charles III and The Queen Consort this May. To commemorate this historic occasion, I invite all students to unleash their creativity and participate by designing a card on an A4 paper. Please send your submissions either by post before **April 14, 2023**, to the following address:*

*Jo Churchill MP  
House of Commons  
London, SW1A 0AA*

I know we have some very creative students here at Great Whelnetham and look forward to seeing your creations.

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### **School Library**

Mr Varela has been delighted to welcome lots of families to the school library on Fridays. If you would like to visit the library – it is open every Friday after school from 3:15 – 4:00pm. Enter through Miss Tyler’s classroom. It has been wonderful to hear adults and pupils sharing book recommendations as well as exploring new literature together. Our school librarians have been doing a superb job in displaying and ordering books neatly. They have shared some recommendations:

Key Stage Two page-turner - Cogheart by Peter Bunzl

Nonfiction fun = The Solar System – Beginners Guide

Family share = My First Cook Book

### **School Council**

Thank you to the School Council who delivered a wonderful collective worship based around our Christian value of Perseverance. They shared an engaging story which allowed us to reflect on our own experiences of challenges faced and how we persevered to overcome them! The School Council have also set up a suggestion box to allow pupils to share their ideas to move the school forward – what a fantastic initiative.

### **Eco- Council**

Eco Council have been working hard on ideas for a collective worship regarding eco-friendliness. They are excited to share this with the school at the start of summer term. This Easter we will be focusing on the pride our young #LitterHeroes have for their school and local community.

Did you know **82% of children** and young people aged 6 to 17 **believe they are capable of making a positive difference to the future of the planet, but more than two thirds say they need others to help them**, according to a YouGov poll conducted on behalf of Keep Britain Tidy?

Our Eco-Council are inviting you to get involved by litter picking in our local community over Easter.

Send us a picture of your family litter picking to be featured in our Litter Heroes display.

### **Safeguarding Update**

This month’s safeguarding update is focused on cyberbullying. We take this very seriously at Great Whelnetham and work hard to support pupils and families to feel safe, supported and valued. If you have any questions related to the video or would like further support, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Flatman. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMZTgfdWE4w>

### **Dates for your Diary**

30<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term

30<sup>th</sup> March – PTFA Easter Bingo

17<sup>th</sup> April – First day of term

17<sup>th</sup> April - Olympian Visit

17<sup>th</sup> April – Dance Club begins

17<sup>th</sup> April – Rounders Club begins (Years 3-6)

20<sup>th</sup> April – Farm Fair trip (Year 3/4)

25<sup>th</sup> April – County Dodgeball Final

26<sup>th</sup> April – Swimming lessons commence for Years 4 & 5

Best Wishes

Bobby Varela

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