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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. It has been wonderful to see the children return, rested and ready to begin the exciting learning that their teachers have been busy preparing.

We have a busy half term planned, so please see below information about your child's learning, other events taking place and key notices. Within our learning this half term, our focus subjects are geography and music. The topics in each subject are as follows:

Class	Geography Topic	Music Topic
Larks	Where do I live?	Nativity
Robins	Our school, our village	Nativity
Owls	Africa	Rap – Fresh Prince of Bel Air
Swans	Volcanoes and Earthquakes	Happy – Pharrell Williams

Remembrance Day

Thank you to our year 6 children who spent last week selling poppies at break and lunchtime to those children who wished to purchase them. On November 11th we held a special collective worship to improve our understanding of Remembrance Day. We then participated in a two-minute silence as a whole school in the playground at 11am to show our respect.

Children in Need

Friday 18th November. To support and raise money for 'Children in Need', the children are invited to come into school in non-uniform and bring a voluntary donation of £1.

Safeguarding Update

Safeguarding is of vital importance to us all at Great Whelnetham. It is also important that we keep our parent community updated; this month the theme is 'Online Safety'. Please see below a link which will provide you with useful information. This video is specifically designed for children in key stage two. If you have any questions about any of our safeguarding features, then please speak to the class teachers or Mr Varela.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81aKC1owwAY&t=14s>

S.T.E.M Olympiad

Mr Varela had the pleasure of taking pupils to an event designed to encourage Year Five girls to participate in the STEM subjects. We attended the competition at Old Buckenham Hall and participated in a range of Science, Technology, Maths and Engineering challenges. The highlights included writing mathematical formulas on tables, cracking a crime scene investigation using our scientific enquiry skills and working as a team to create a bridge made out of paper straws. The girls

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represented the school superbly and had a fantastic day commenting “I thought this was hard but after persevering and working with my team, it was easy!”. Well done to all involved.

Library Update

Since the relaunch of our school library, pupils have enjoyed spending time exploring new books and having a calm, comfy place to read in school. We are delighted to announce that we will be opening our library up to parents and children in the coming weeks. You will be able to check books out to share with children at home and explore new literature together. A letter detailing the logistics of this will be sent to all parents soon.

Lost Property

We are already seeing growing amounts of lost property building up in school. We have many items which are not named. I would be grateful if you could check that all items of clothing are clearly labelled as this will help staff to return items back to the correct child. Thank you.

Jumpers and Coats

Now that the weather is starting to get colder, please do send your child in with a jumper/cardigan and a coat. If your child brings in hats, scarves and gloves, please make sure that these are also clearly named. Thank you

Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th November – PTFA Coffee Morning

Friday 18th November – Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day

Thursday 1st December – PTFA Christmas Stall

Friday 2nd December – PTFA Christmas Stall

Tuesday 6th December – Larks and Robins Nativity

Wednesday 7th December – Whole school visit to Theatre Royal

Thursday 8th December – Wear a Christmas Jumper Day.

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Lunch

Best Wishes

Bobby Varela

Head of School

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