



Great Whelnetham CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our last newsletter of the year. What an exciting, fun-filled and successful year it has been. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, pupils, parents and our wider community for their support in making my first year so enjoyable. I am immensely proud of all we have achieved together and excited to make next year even better! I wish you all a restful and well deserved summer.

Sports Day

Thank you to all staff, parents, pupils and the PTFA for making Sports Day such a wonderful event. It was fantastic to see the whole school come together to take part and celebrate sport across the school. Children had the opportunity to show leadership, teamwork and communication skills, as they interacted with new events and challenges. Congratulations to Emerald house who were crowned champions in our special Collective Worship on Friday. Other individual awards saw Sienna and Henry (YR), Lydia (Y2), Anastasia (Y3), Lexi (Y4), Sebastian (Y4), Alfie (Y5), and Freya (Y6) recognised for their sporting achievements. Well done everyone.

Eco-Council Update

The Eco-Council would like to thank all stake holders for their support over the last year. We are so proud of all our hard work and have already made plans for areas to develop further over the next school year. A special thank you to Alan who has kindly made and hung our Eco-School flag in a special frame which is displayed in the school car park. Our chicks (who have been a special part of our school over the last month) will go to their forever home this week. We would like to personally thank Clare and Russel Abberley for supplying us with everything needed to create this fantastic experience for the children.

Pirates of the Curry Bean

Massive congratulations to all pupils in Years 4,5 and 6 for your incredible performances of “Pirates of the Curry Bean” earlier this month. The acting, singing and dancing was incredible and you were able to take your audience on a wonderful journey across the seven seas all the way to Lumbago! You were amazing. The retiring collection raised over £140 to put towards future performances. Thank you to our families for your support and generosity.

Tesco Charity – Community Funding

We are delighted to inform you that we have been selected as one of the charities to benefit from Tesco's Community Funding. If you are shopping in one of the Tesco stores in Bury St Edmunds please be sure to ask for a blue token and pop it in the collection point for our school. We are competing against 2 other charities and the charity with the most tokens will receive a larger slice of their grant. This is a great and also easy way to raise funds for our school wildlife project which is to develop and equip our pond area - how wonderful it will be to have this facility available to us at school! So from now until the end of September, please can we encourage you to help us raise as much money as possible for our school.

Reading challenge – Summer Holidays

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all children aged 4-11. The challenge is to read six books over the school holidays. This year's theme is Ready, Set, Read and will focus on empowering young people to forge new connections

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with others and unleash the power of play, sport and physical activity through reading. Throughout their reading journeys, children can collect prizes from local Libraries across Suffolk. If they complete the challenge, they'll also receive a special certificate! Children can sign up in any Suffolk Library from Today. The challenge officially ends on 10 September. For more information and some book recommendations, visit <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/whats-on/annual-events/summer-reading-challenge>

Safeguarding Update

This month's safeguarding update is focused on online safety (pre-teens 11-13). We take this very seriously at Great Whelnetham and work hard to support pupils and families to feel safe, supported and able to achieve online. 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=XZlrd0gnSws>

Dates for your Diary

20th July – Last Day of Term

21st July – PD day

4th September – PD Day

5th September – PD Day

6th September -First day back

Best Wishes

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