



Great Whelnetham CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed the recent Bank holidays and have been able to spend some extra time with family and friends. We have been extremely busy in school and are looking forward to all that we have planned in the upcoming months of the summer term.

Well Done Swans!

Massive congratulations to our Year six pupils who have successfully completed their SATs this week. We have been so impressed with their attitude, commitment and work ethic. Thank you to Mr Sharp for preparing them so well and to our families who have supported throughout the year. I know Swans are very excited about their trip to JUMP next week – have an amazing time, you deserve it.

Eco-Council Update

The Eco-Council have enjoyed continuing their hard work over the summer term. We delivered a whole school assembly, improving understanding on how we can make a positive difference – being eco-friendlier. Our focus was linked to waste, energy use, recycling, water use and protecting animals and wildlife. We have been delighted to see birds using our bird houses to lay their eggs and care for their chicks. We have updated photos to our school Facebook page so please do go and have a look. Over the next few weeks we are excited to submit our application to try and achieve our Eco-Schools award! Our next job in completing this is to update our Eco-code which we will then add to our webpage. Well done Eco-Council.

Year 4/5/6 Summer Production – “Pirates of the Curry Bean!”

This month, Owls and Swans class participated in a special audition process to select our casting roles for the Key stage Two production. We are delighted to announce that this year’s performance is “Pirates of the Curry Bean!” *Anchors away and set sail for swashbuckling pirate adventure on the high seas in this piratical musical that’s sure to shake your booty! Young twins Jack & Liza Periwinkle yearn for adventure, so imagine their joy at discovering a real life treasure map! But when the infamous Redbeard and his pungent Pirates of the Curry Bean steal the map and kidnap their mother, the race is on to rescue her, reclaim the map and find the treasure!* We have begun learning the songs to the musical and will be starting our script work in the coming weeks!

Choir Club

Mrs Reavis has enjoyed working with the school choir over the last few weeks. They worked extremely hard to lead the school in singing a song to celebrate the King’s Coronation. Thank you to parents and family members for all your kind messages about the school’s performance, they really enjoyed performing for you. The children are loving their weekly practice sessions on a Friday lunchtime and I look forward to their hearing what songs they will be sharing next.

School Library

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 see so many of you exploring and enjoying new books and taking some home to share with the wider family.

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Mr Varela recommendations

Key Stage Two page turner = The London Eye Mystery (Owls current class novel).

Nonfiction fun = The Search for Tutankhamun (932)

Family share = Fantastic Fairy Tales pop up book

Safeguarding Updates

The safeguarding update this month in relation to the online game, Roblox, which we know many of our children enjoy playing. The link below provides an informative video from 'Internet Matters' about Roblox and also includes advice and tips on how to keep your child safe whilst playing this game. If you have any questions about online safety, please speak to Mr Varela who is our Online Safeguarding Lead. Alternatively, if you have any questions relating to any of our safeguarding features please do come and speak to Mr Varela or Mrs Flatman.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWzhE8fUi7E>

Cygnets Open Morning

Cygnets will be having a 'Stay & Play' Open Morning on Thursday 25th May from 9.30-11.00am.

You are warmly invited to join them for a cake and cuppa during their morning session and join in the fun and learning.

New Lunch Menu

The meals for all schools within the trust will be provided by a new company, Aspens after half term. Their menu will be sent home shortly so please ensure that this is used after the half term break.

Dates for your Diary

19th May – Y6 post SATS trip – JUMP Warehouse

25th May – Topsy Turvey Thursday (previously Wacky Wednesday) PTFA
Cygnets Open Morning – 9.30-11.00am

26th May – Last day of Term

5th June – Children return for Summer Term Two

6th June – PTFA Meeting 7.30pm at the Rushbrooke Arms

28th June – Owls Class to Bury APEX for WCET music festival

29th June – Whole School and Class Photos

4th July – KS2 Afternoon performance – Pirates of the Curry Bean

5th July – KS2 Evening performance – Pirates of the Curry Bean

7th July – Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm

12th July – Move up Morning

July 13th – Sports Day

14th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly

14th July – Summer Fete (PTFA)

20th July – Last Day of Term

Best Wishes

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