



Great Whelnetham CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your continued support. We have achieved so much in 2023 already and are looking forward to continuing our learning journey after half term.

Our Learning

Next half term, our focus subjects are Geography and Music. The topics in each subject are shown in the table below. You can find more information about these topics on the curriculum page located on our school website.

Class	Geography	Music
Larks	From London to Uganda	Everyone
Robins	Coast to Coast	I Can Play in a Band
Owls	Rivers and the Water Cycle	Mama Mia: 70s Pop
Swans	Travelling through – Local area study	You've Got a Friend - Carole King - Folk Ballad

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. We have already seen lots of you visiting this year which is fantastic! As well as providing a wide range of books to borrow, we currently have some 'pre-loved' books. These will be available for pupils to take home and keep – adding to your own book collection. So please do come and visit us and continue growing our love of reading in the school community.

Owls class recommendations:

Key Stage Two page turner = The voyage of the Sparrowhawk by Natasha Farrant

Nonfiction fun = Spectacular plants and how to grow them (red 580)

Family share = The sea below my toes (yellow 551.46)

School Council

Thank you to the School Council who delivered a wonderful Collective Worship based around our Christian value of Friendship. A Bible story featuring 'Jonathan and David' taught us about how friends look out for each other even in times of adversity. The School Council asked some insightful questions that promoted great discussion. They are already planning their next presentation based on perseverance.

Eco- Council

Congratulations to Swans class who were the winners of the Eco-Council Competition "How eco-friendly is your class?". It has been wonderful to see all pupils now taking pride in being eco-friendlier; turning off lights, protecting micro habitats and recycling more efficiently. This week Swans went out into the local community to litter pick and improve our local area. They filled over three bin bags full of rubbish in ninety minutes! The children enjoyed helping their local area and

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being out in the sunshine. Thank you to the families who provided the litter pickers and to Mr Sharp for arranging their route.

World Book Day

We are extremely excited about our upcoming World Book Day event on March 2nd. We encourage pupils to dress up as their favourite book character and have been in contact with the EADT to publish some photos! There is also a special menu for the day including 'Willy Wonka's scrumdiddlyumptious Chocolate sponge and chocolate sauce'. Eats (Vertas) also have a writing competition to engage our budding novelists. Can you write a short story on a superhero who is trying to help the planet (no more than 500 words)? Three winners will receive a £20 book voucher. The competition will close on Friday 10th March. Please give any entries to the school office.

Safeguarding Update

Following on from our Safer Internet Day in school this week, our safeguarding update this month is online advice for 6-10 year olds. It focuses on parental controls, safety tips, setting up child friendly devices and more.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caX_wpyGnwQ

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.

Thank You

Tomorrow we say goodbye to our longest serving member of staff, Mrs Kerry Coe. Mrs Coe is the epitome of a 'people person', whose bubbly, positive and caring nature brings out the best in people, especially our children.

We know that you will join me in thanking her for her dedication, humour and kindness over her many years at our school and wish her the very best for the future.

Dates for your Diary

28th February – Open Reading Morning in school 9.00-10.30am

- PTFA Meeting 7.30pm at The Rushbrooke Arms

1st March – Year 5/6 Girls Benchball Tournament

2nd March = World Book Day

14/15th March -Bikeability (Year 5)

22nd March - Skateboarding Day

24th March – PTFA Non Uniform Day – bring an Easter Egg for the Bingo Event

- Rocksteady Concert for families of the band members

29th March – Year 5/6 Orienteering Tournament

30th March – Last Day of Term

- PTFA Easter Bingo

31st March – P D Day

Best Wishes

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