



Great Whelnetham CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already coming to the end of this half term. The children and staff have all been working incredibly hard and have thoroughly enjoyed the teaching and learning of our focus blocks. With Larks class making stir fries, Swans baking bread and Owls creating their own savoury pastry slices; we could open a new restaurant! I cannot tell you how delicious their cooking has smelt over the past couple of weeks! Robins class have also enjoyed their design technology topic and have explored creating their own moving vehicles; completing a chassis challenge.

Safeguarding

This month's safeguarding update is linked to online safety. More and more pupils in EYFS and KS1 now have their own devices. Please watch the video and follow the top tips for keeping them safe online. The internet can be a fantastic resource for recreation and learning when used safely. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact staff for extra support.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3OF-NWDzGo&t=1s>

Sport at Great Whelnetham

We have had a fantastic start to the school year in relation to sports. The children have enjoyed before and after school clubs, including dodgeball, football, gymnastics and girls football. Our key stage two children have also been receiving weekly coaching sessions to enhance skills related to level two sports events that we have entered. Already this year, we have entered the cross country, girls football, quick sticks hockey, and tag rugby. Mrs Masson has already entered us to numerous multi-skills events (years 3,4,5,6) and a SEND sports festival. We were delighted to achieve the silver School Games Mark last year and this we are striving for gold! A big thank you to Mrs Masson for continuing to organise and attend these events with our pupils.

Library Update

We have been delighted to welcome 'Norfolk Children's Book Centre' to our school library. They have completed the mammoth task of sorting, auditing and labelling every book in school! This has allowed us to have a really clear picture of our stock and will support us to invest further to enhance our provision of fiction and non-fiction books. We have also bought new furniture which has created a warm, welcoming environment. Classes will be taking weekly trips to the library (starting after half term) to explore and choose books they would like to take back to their classrooms. We will also be inviting parents to visit after school with children to explore and borrow some exciting new literature.

Harvest Festival

Earlier in October, we held our Harvest Festival at the Church. What a fantastic way to join our school community together for the first time this year. The Church was full to the brim with 152 people in attendance. Thank you for all for your generous donations, this will make a great difference to the

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Gatehouse Foodbank. Well done to all the classes for their superb performances and presentations. We look forward to welcoming you to our next event soon.

All Saints Trust – Update

Did you know you can follow all the latest news about the All Saints Schools Trust on Twitter:

<https://mobile.twitter.com/allsaintsmat>

Please follow us as we will be posting latest news and celebrating the successes of our wonderful schools!

Melanie Barrow- CEO

A Sincere Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, pupils, parents, governors, PTFA, the Church, Cygnets and all stakeholders for the warm welcome I have received since starting my role as Head of School in September. I am immensely proud of all we have achieved this half term and look forward to continuing to work closely with all of you. I have been delighted to see the positive community spirit that surrounds the school and I am excited to continue to develop this. Have a wonderful break and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on October 31st.

Dates for your Diary

W/C 31st October – Gardening club begins (lunchtime club)

Wednesday 9th November – PTFA AGM

Tuesday 6th December – Larks and Robins Nativity

Wednesday 7th December – Whole school visit to Theatre Royal

Thursday 8th December – Wear a Christmas Jumper Day.

Yours Sincerely

Bobby Varela
Head of School

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