

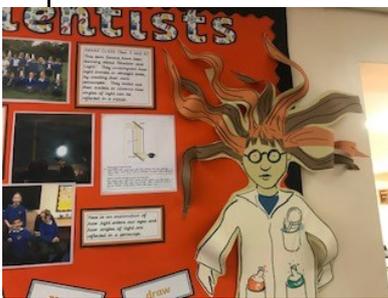


# Great Whelnetham Primary Newsletter



November 2020

This half term the school has continued to be a hive of activity with the children thoroughly enjoying their new topics and creating some wonderful pieces of work. We are celebrating these in the displays that we have put up in our school environment and we thought it would be good to share some of these with all of you. The school is a lovely place to be. Christmas is fast approaching, and we would like to take this opportunity to share our adapted Christmas plan and some other important news and information with you.



## Reading at home

The school has launched its new reading challenge and we are delighted that so many of our pupils are engaging with this. Reading at home is incredibly important and we are working hard to promote this and foster a love of reading across the school. Thank you parents for supporting us with this and a huge well done to Mrs Lockwood for supporting the staff and children. Our display in school is celebrating the children's success and some of our children are on step three already. Well done everyone, a great team effort!



### PARENT SURVEY

The school will be sending home a parent survey for all of you to complete anonymously. We feel it is very important to have feedback from our parent community on the experiences that your children are having at Great Whelnetham primary school. We feel that our school is making great progress and we want to continue to work with you in partnership to build on this. We look forward to receiving your feedback and we thank you for your continued support.

### Website

Our website is the window into our school and it is important to have a forum that celebrates our achievements and communicates with our parents successfully. We want it to be accessible, informative and easy to use. We are beginning to look closely at our website with our school governors and we hope to refresh the design and organisation of the site. We would welcome your feedback and will be in touch with you all soon to gather your thoughts. Thank you everyone.

The children across the school are delighted with our new laptops. The school is embracing different ways to learn online and the children are really loving the challenges that



staff are planning in purple mash and through google classroom. All of the password codes that are needed for each online space have been placed at the front of each child's journal. Over the next few weeks the children will be developing their confidence in using these in school and then we will introduce some online tasks at home.

## Christmas plans at Great Whelnetham primary school



*Staff have really enjoyed planning Christmas for the children in school this year. Whilst we have had to be more creative in our approach we are sure that we will all have a wonderful few days preparing for this very special time of year.*

- The children will take part in an online advent calendar with Reverend Parsons. There will be a different theme each day and the children will share their contributions online.
- We will all watch an online pantomime in the last week before the end of term. We have booked tickets for Goldilocks and the three bears and we hope to have some popcorn too!
- We will have a Christmas craft day and the children will be able to safely bring home all of their handmade decorations to share at home.
- We have arranged for the children to join the elves and the Cambridge Science Centre on a quest to cheer up Santa with science! A full week of different activities which explore science and are Christmas themed.
- We will have our Christmas jumper day.
- We will all enjoy our Christmas lunch.
- The children can bring in cards this year for other children as we have thought carefully about how we can do this safely. The first posting day will be 1st December and the last posting day in school will be Friday 11th December. The cards remain in the post-box and we will distribute them to the children after 72 hours to safely bring home.
- We will celebrate on the last day with a festive party in our separate bubbles.

## Free School Meals

If you think you are eligible for free school meals please speak to Mrs Kimber in the office who will help you register for these. Apart from getting a free school meal for your child each day the school also receives Pupil Premium Funding which gives us money to help subsidise educational provision for your child. If you are not sure if you are eligible please talk to us- we are here to help.

## Cygnets wrap around care and school breakfast club



Just a reminder...Cygnets provide before and after school care for children. If you do need before care provision please speak to Cygnets we work closely in partnership with them.

## Class Christmas Parties



Each class will be having a class Christmas party before the end of term. More details will follow from your child's class teacher.



## Christmas jumper day!

11th December will be our Christmas jumper day and on that day the children can wear Christmas jumpers. Can pupils please bring in a donation on that day (£1 suggested) to support Save the Children. Thank you everyone.

The school would like to thank you for the way you have adapted to the changes regarding entering and exiting the school site in the interests of social distancing. This has meant that many of you now access and leave via the tractor gate. In the absence of a footpath and especially now as the nights are drawing in, being visible to motorists is of paramount importance. Please can we ask that you and your children consider wearing something bright or reflective to highlight your presence. Thanks for your support with this.

Important dates for the diary.



10th December- Flu Immunisation  
10th December- Christmas Lunch day  
11th December- Christmas jumper day  
Thursday 17th December- Last day of Autumn term  
Tuesday 5th January - First day of Spring term.

**PLEASE NOTE: We have a PD day on Friday 18th December and Monday 4th January**