

Friday News 08.09.2023

Welcome back!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all back to Great Waldingfield Primary School for another exciting year of fun and learning. I will be replacing the newsletters with a regular weekly update of Friday News. Here you will be reminded of any events coming up, find out about what's been happening in school and any other information that the school needs to share with parents, carers and guardians. I would like to extend an especially warm welcome to all new parents to Great Waldingfield.

All of the children have had an amazing start this week. I have seen nothing but smiles and excited faces in the morning as they are coming in and smiley, if not slightly hot, faces leaving at the end of the day. There has been a buzz around the school as the children returned.

Backpacks

Please can we remind all parents that children are not allowed to have their own backpacks in school. They can be provided with a school branded drawstring bag (KS2) or a book bag (KS1) Please see the school office if you don't have one. Space in cloakroom areas in school is extremely tight and backpacks don't sit on the pegs very well, they fall off and cause trip hazards in the corridors. This will help to keep the school tidy and safe for everyone. The children only need to bring in; their reading book, a water bottle and a packed lunch box if necessary. Everything else is provided by the school.

Family service at church

Rev Faith has asked me to remind you all of the family service at church. On the first Sunday of every month, the church is open at 9:45 for breakfast followed by craft activities and then the family service. It is a well attended service and all families are welcome.

Attendance

Suffolk County Council have asked that school share their new attendance website with all parents. They have designed it as a supportive and informative web page with key guidance and information for parents and guardians.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/pupil-attendance-and-welfare/school-attendance-and-penalty-notice>



[School attendance](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/pupil-attendance-and-welfare/school-attendance-and-penalty-notice)

About school attendance, unauthorised absences, what to do if you receive a school penalty notice and who to contact.

www.suffolk.gov.uk

Key dates:

Year 2 Thomas Gainsborough and Sudbury visit - 20th September

Author visit to school - 25th and 26th September

Harvest festival - 2nd October at the church.

Parents Evening - 10th and 12th October - more details and how to book will be sent out at a later date.

Friendly reminders

Parking - I know we have a lot of parents who, for varying reasons, are unable to walk their child to school, can I remind you all to please park considerately around the school. Pay particular attention to junctions as this will then become dangerous for the children who are walking. We must be considerate to our community who leave near the school.

Water bottles - It has been extremely hot this week but we have still had children who have come to school without a water bottle. Please can we ensure all children have a water bottle in school. Thank you.

I wish you all a very happy weekend. Stay safe in the hot weather.



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"Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them"

MATTHEW 19:14