



Great Massingham
Church of England Primary School
PARENTS' WEEKLY BULLETIN



'I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.' Psalm 32:8

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic job our Year 2 children have done this week. The children worked incredibly hard with their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) and we are so pleased with what they achieved. After a few little worries on Monday, the children soon settled into the swing of things. WELL DONE Year 2 and the team who have worked so hard to support and prepare the children.

There is a great deal of excitement about the Junior's residential trip to Horstead, and that's just from the staff - please forgive us if we appear a little exhausted for the rest of the week! The children are due to depart Horstead at 1:30pm on Wednesday. We expect to be back at school at around 2:45pm. You will receive a text that afternoon with exact timings so you can come and welcome the children back. Siblings may also be collected at this time.

PLATINUM JUBILEE - We look forward to welcoming those who can make it for a fun filled afternoon to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a picnic at 12:00pm. If you would like to order a school packed lunch for that day, this will need to be done via Pupil Asset and these will be taken out onto the school field. Please bring blankets to sit on.

Week beginning 16th May

This week's learning highlights:

News from Reception



Reception have immersed themselves in our theme this week. We have explored what it means to be a firefighter and discussed how to keep ourselves safe near fire. The children had an amazing visit to Great Massingham's fire station and enjoyed being shown around a fire engine and having a spray of the water hose! There has been some fantastic fire engine model making too.

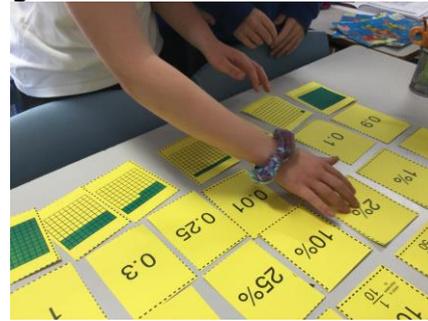
News from Year 1 and 2



We are so proud of our Year 2 pupils this week. They have worked so hard with their SATs tests and have had a great positive attitude. We have all had fun in Maths this week and made the most of the good weather by having some of our lessons outside. We did lots of activities to see what we could do in one minute. So we hopped, did star jumps, run round the playground and caught a ball. We then made our own clock faces with hula hoops on the playground and practised telling the time. Finally, we played a time game with our friend. We were really sad to say goodbye to Archie as he is moving house and school. We will all really miss him as he has been a kind friend to everyone in the class and always shows a lot of enthusiasm and interest in every lesson.

News from the Juniors

For maths this week Y5/6 have been solving problems to develop their understanding of the relationship between Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. Also as Wednesday was National Numeracy Day our class took part in a live Times Table broadcast to achieve a new Guinness World Record title for the most views of a rolling numbers livestream.



STARS OF THE WEEK



- Reception: **Alice** for your growing confidence when writing independently.
- Years 1/2: **Freddie** for a great improvement to his work and listening. **Archie** for being such a joy to have in our school family. We wish him all the best at his new school, come back and visit us!
- Years 3/4: **William and Henry** for good scientific investigation skills.
- Years 5/6: **Freddie** for being such a star during his time at Great Massingham. Good luck Freddie, we will miss you!

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 23rd May to Wednesday 25th May - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Horstead.

25th May 9.30am in the hall: Y1/2 parents invited to information session on Emotional Resilience with Abi Chamberlain, director of The Parachute Project who has been leading these sessions with the children.

Thursday 26th May - Platinum Jubilee Day - parents are invited to join us for a picnic on field (from 12.00pm) with games in the afternoon.

Friday 27th May - Platinum Jubilee Street Party lunch from Norse - please order meal on Pupil Asset.

Monday 30th May - Half Term

Monday 6th June - School opens. Y1 Phonics Screening checks this week.

Monday 27th June - Reception height, weight and vision

Wednesday 29th June - Sports Day at 1.15pm

Thursday 30th June - KS2 Choir and musicians singing at the Royal Norfolk Show (more details to follow)

Thursday 14th July - Year 6 Leavers' Service

Year 6 transition days to Litcham High School - Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th July.

Friday 22nd July - School closes for the summer holidays. School opens for the autumn term on Tuesday 6th September.

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Attendance for Autumn Term 2021	93.42%
Attendance for Spring Term 2022	90.85%

Please avoid late marks. Registration is at 8.55am.

Free School Meals - if you think your child may be eligible for a free school meal, which could save you over £400 a year and gain additional funding for your school, go to www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals to see if you qualify. NCC has released details of its new cost of Living Support Scheme, to support families in need. This includes a monthly award for children eligible for means tested free school meals.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we explored a perfect world. We thought about what a perfect world might be like and we listened to the message in the book of Revelation 21 1:6 where John describes how God will put everything back to how it should be. We thought about what we can do to help make our school and world a better place.

We continue our Value for Life this term: **COMPASSION**

Our 5 Core Values:



REGULAR DATES

Monday: 1.00pm to 2.00pm Music with Estelle from the Music Service

Tuesday: 3.00pm onwards - Benjamin Howell, piano lessons

1.00pm onwards Stef Judd, piano and guitar lessons

Thursday: Gardening Club at lunchtime (weekly)

Friday (am): PE (Juniors and Infants) with Rob from ICS Coaching - children to come to school in PE kit.

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Stibbon, Mrs Stephens and the Great Massingham team