



GREAT MASSINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2017



I hope 2017 will be a happy and healthy New Year for all. Every year in school is busy and every term brings different challenges and learning opportunities. This Spring Term we can look forward to seeing Mrs Frere-Smith again as she will be delivering booster sessions to Y6 in preparation for SATs in May. We will be celebrating World Book Week in March and we have a Federation Science day to look forward to.

GOVERNORS' NEWS

The governors wish to thank the PFA for the £556 donation towards the cost of new iPads for the school. This sum was raised by the 'Money in Bottles' appeal and from the Halloween disco. The iPads have now been purchased. Many thanks to both the PFA committee and all parents for the support you give to raise funds for the school. As you can see it is being put to good use. If you want to know more about the governors, go onto the school website www.greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk and look at the governors' page. You can read the '2016 Annual Statement of Governance' and all about what governors do.

TOPICS THIS TERM

Class 2's Topics this term will be:-

Geography: Investigating the North American country of Mexico and its earthquake vulnerability.



RE: The children will be learning about Hinduism.



Class 1's Topics this term will be:-

Geography/Science:

Animals around the world in different habitats.

After half term the geography focus will be India.



CHILDREN IN NEED

The children raised £95 for Children in Need on Friday 18th November. Thank you to the School Council for organising a non-uniform day and cake sale.



ATTENDANCE

Our attendance for the Autumn Term was 96.1%.

WELL DONE!

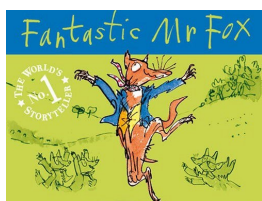
Our target for this school year is 96%.

PFA

The PFA raised 576.90 at the Christmas Fair.

Thank you to everyone for helping, donating and supporting the event.

The school's stall raised £93 towards the trim trail.



The PFA have also organised a visit to the Theatre Royal in Norwich on 22nd June 2017 to see Fantastic

Mr Fox. Further details to follow.

£570 of reading books for Class 1 and 2 have also been purchased with a £100 donation made from PFA funds.

NEW ENTRANTS SEPTEMBER 2017

Do you have a child who will be five between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018? If so, your child could start school full-time in September 2017 and you should apply to Norfolk County Council by 15th January 2017. Apply on line: www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk or application forms can be obtained from Norfolk County Council Customer Services Centre on 03448008020. email: admissions@norfolk.gov.uk.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Class Assemblies will be at 2.30pm on World Book Day - Friday 3 March 2017. Key Stage 2 focus will be on Roald Dahl characters and the focus for Reception and Key Stage 1 will be Julia Donaldson characters.

Each class will do a special presentation assembly to share their learning. We hope parents and friends will come along.

PHOTO ORDERS



Thank you to all parents who ordered photographs.

The commission received by school was £68.75. This will be used to pay for resources and visits for the children.

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening this term will be held on Monday 20th March 2017 from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. A letter about appointment times will be sent home nearer the time.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our topic for daily Collective Worship this term will be **PERSEVERANCE**.

BJ Puppets will be visiting us on Friday 10th February for an afternoon assembly - "Do Your Best — Don't Give Up".

THANK YOU

Thank you to all parents for providing Christmas party lunch food. We feel this worked really well again this year — the children really enjoyed it.

Reception Lynn News Photograph

The Lynn News will be visiting to take the First Day News photograph of our Reception children on Tuesday 24th January. Please let Mrs Hall know if you do not wish your child to be included in this photograph.

PE

Please make sure children bring outdoor gear to school for PE — a tracksuit/joggers and sweatshirt and a change of shoes and socks.

THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY
LUNCH MENU



A Star Wars Story Lunch

BB-8 Burger

(Cheeseburger in a Hand-made Roll)

V (K-2SO Burger

(Vegetarian Cheeseburger in a Hand-made Roll)

Chewbacca Bites

(Diced Potatoes)

At-At Slaw

(Apple and Sultana Coleslaw)

Death Star Pudding with Dark Side Sauce

(Chocolate Pudding with Chocolate Sauce)

Cost £2.20 a meal unless children are entitled to Free School Meals/Universal School Meals. Jacket Potatoes can still be ordered.

BOOK BAGS AND READING
BOOKS



CLASS 1

Please make sure book bags and reading books are brought to school **everyday** so we can listen to the children read regularly to ensure good progress in reading. **Library books** should be returned to school every **WEDNESDAY**.

D & V OUTBREAKS

Tummy bugs, sickness and flu spread very easily at this time of year. Public Health Advice states "Children who fall ill with sickness and diarrhoea **should not return to school until 48 hours after they were last sick or had diarrhoea.**" Our aim, with this advice, is to prevent illness spreading within schools and causing more families distress.

Please also remember if you have a well child with a sick sibling the well child should attend school.

If you have difficulties getting a child to school please let us know and we will do all we can to help.

FEDERATION SCHOOL MANAGEMENT
STRUCTURE

Our Temporary Assistant Head, Mrs Burgess, is no longer in post - although she will work with us again from time to time during the Spring Term. Her role was temporary and her remit was to help set up and upskill a new management structure for the Federation.

Our new management structure is as follows:-

Mrs Cross and Mrs Cushley have responsibility for Maths and Literacy.

Mrs Maloney has responsibility for KS2 and Mrs Hall has responsibility for EYFS and KS1. These responsibilities are for both federation schools.

Both schools also have a Teacher in Charge (TIC). This is for dealing with school issues in the unlikely event that Mrs Beardall is not contactable.

Great Massingham's TIC is Mrs Cross and Harpley's TIC is Mrs Maloney. Either TIC can be contacted if necessary.

PFA BINGO



The PFA are holding a Bingo on **Tuesday 14th February 2017** at the Village Hall. Doors open at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. Donations of Bingo prizes would be very welcome.



SPRING/SUMMER MENU 2017

Please find attached copy of new menu due to start after February half term.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of bad weather please listen to KLFM or Radio Norfolk for school closure details. Alternatively you can log on to www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk



DIARY DATES

Monday 9th January 2017

Harpley/Gt Massingham Swap Days begin.

Tuesday 10th January 2017

Top Sport After School Club at Harpley first session for Yr1-6 from both schools. See letter sent home 9.01.2017 for further details.

Thursday 12th January 2017

Swimming - first session this term. Last swimming session - Thursday 23 March 2017

Monday 23rd January 2017

Film Club at Harpley for Key Stage 2 children from both schools. See letter sent home on 16.01.2017.

Tuesday 24th January 2017

9.30am - Lynn News to take photograph of Reception children.

Visit from Joanna Goodman from The Dogs Trust

Thursday 26th January 2017

Visit from Mrs Aruna Ondhia to talk to Class 2 about Hinduism

Friday 27th January 2017

Visit from Gill Southgate, Guide Dogs for the Blind

Friday 10th February

School Council Meeting

Tuesday 14th February 2017

PFA Bingo at Village Hall. Doors open at 6.00pm.

Friday 3rd March

World Book Day - Celebration/Class 1 and 2 assembly at 2.30pm. Parents invited.

Week commencing 13th March

Federation Day - Science

Monday 20th March

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 29th March

Easter Service at 2.00pm St Mary's Church

FUTURE DATES

Week beginning 8th May - SATs week. All Year 6 children to be in school during this week.

22nd-24th May 2017- Residential Visit to Horstead for Class 2

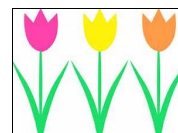
22nd June 2017 - Fantastic Mr Fox - Theatre Royal, Norwich



Thank you to Den Matthews for organising Christmas lunch in the Village Hall.

It was a lovely festive occasion.

Christmas Carol Service 2016 in St Mary's Church



2017 SPRING TERM

Thursday 5th January to Friday 31st March
(Half term - Monday 13th Friday 17th February)



2017 SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 18th April - Friday 21st July
(Half term - Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June)

May Bank Holiday - Monday 1st June 2017



SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2017

We are collecting Sainsbury vouchers. Please send any vouchers you have at home into school. Thank you.