



**GREAT MASSINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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## NEWSLETTER JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2018



I hope 2018 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 will be swimming every week, enjoying Federation Days in February and celebrating World Book Week.

### TOPICS THIS TERM

**Class 2 work this term will include:**

**Big Writing:**

Explanations, Myths and Legends (Short Stories), Scripts (Plays), Different points of view (Persuasive Writing).



**Poetry/Plays/Presentations:**

kennings - From Vikings to present day. Short Poems.

**Science** - Rocks and Fossils (Year 3 & 4),  
 Reproduction (5 & 6)

**RE** - Multi Faith Festivals — Sikh Celebrations and learning the background to the Jewish Passover.

**History** - 1066 and All That.... Viking Explorations and the last Century of Anglo Saxon England.

**DT** - Designing and making a Viking long boat. *Any materials such as cardboard boxes, material (sail) would be greatly appreciated.*

**PSHE** - Friends and relationships.

**Class 1 topics this term are:-**

**SPACE AND FAIRGROUNDS**



Work will include learning about the solar system, space travel and famous astronauts. After half term roll up for 'All the Fun of the Fair!' Class 1 will study the local history of the Mart and finding out about a famous local who had a great impact on fairground rides.

**THANK YOU  
 DABBLING  
 DUCK**

Thank you to the Dabbling Duck for holding a Christmas raffle



for the school at their Xmas Fair and for giving the PFA a stall.

Well done to the Carol Singers who attended the Dabbling Duck Xmas Fair.

The school stall at the Xmas Fair together with the raffle and the carol singing raised £367.24.

Grateful thanks go to the Dabbling Duck management and staff and to the helpers who manned the stall.

**ATTENDANCE**

Our attendance for the Autumn Term 2017 was 94.2%.



Our target for this school year is 96%.

## **NEW ENTRANTS SEPTEMBER 2018**

Do you have a child who will be five between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019? If so, your child could start school full-time in September 2018 and you should apply to Norfolk County Council as soon as possible (deadline was 15th January). Apply on line: [www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk](http://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](mailto:admissions@norfolk.gov.uk).



## **CLASS 1 VISIT - ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR**

To support our History work Class 1 will visit the Museum and Mart with Harpley YR and KS1 children on Tuesday 20th February 2018. Letter to follow.

## **EASTER SERVICE**

This year our Easter Service will be held at 2.00pm at St Mary's Church on Monday 26th March. Everyone welcome.



## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The next School Council meeting will be on Wednesday 31st January. Discussion will be about the playground improvements.

## **PHOTO ORDERS**

Thank you to all parents who ordered photographs. The commission received by school was £94.79. This will be used to pay for resources and visits for the children.

## **PARENTS' EVENINGS**

Parents' Evenings this term will be during the week commencing 12th March.

Class 2 — Monday 12th March — Years 5 and 6 appointments with Mrs Frere-Smith from 2.00pm. Years 3 & 4 appointments with Mrs Cross from 3.30pm.

Class 1 — Tuesday 13th March — appointments from 2.00pm.

Children may leave with parents after early appointments or parents may wait in the staffroom for school to finish. Letter to follow.

## **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

Our topic for daily Collective Worship this term will be **TRUTHFULNESS**. Parents are welcome to join us for Collective Worship on any day. These take place at 10.20am daily. **There will be class assemblies this term as follows**

**Class 1 Assembly — Space on 22nd March 2018 at 9.15am**

**Class 2 Assembly — Vikings on 15th March 2018 at 9.15am**

BJ Puppets will be visiting us on Friday 9th February for an afternoon assembly - "Do Your Best — Don't Give Up" and on Wednesday 28th March for an Easter assembly.

## **RECEPTION LYNN NEWS PHOTOGRAPH**

The Lynn News took the First Day News photograph of our Reception children on Monday 22nd January. The photograph should be in the Lynn News this week or next week at the latest.

## PFA CHRISTMAS FAIR

The PFA raised £576.90 at the Christmas Fair held at the village hall. Thank you to everyone for helping, donating and supporting the event.



The school stall raised £93 towards the playground improvement scheme.

PFA funds are used for extra-curricular activities such as the KS2 cinema trip to see Wonder . This was a great success as it supported curriculum work and the children had the cinema to themselves!!

**THANK YOU PFA!**



The PFA also manned the school stall at the Dabbling Duck Christmas Fair.

The total raised this Christmas at both fairs and at the end of term sale in the playground was

**£1095.73**

**FANTASTIC!**



## 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**.

### CLASS 2

Please remember that homework is set on a Tuesday and is to be brought back to school every Monday. Spelling dictations to be practised for Fridays. Merits are awarded for correct punctuation and spelling.



## FEDERATION DAY

This term's Federation Day will be held on Friday 2nd February. Key Stage 2 will attend a Viking Day at Harpley Primary and Class 1 and Harpley YR and KS1 will spend the day at Great Massingham School working on keeping safe and healthy.

## SPRING/SUMMER MENU 2018

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

## BOOTS IN SCHOOL

In the winter pupils who come to school wearing boots should change into indoor shoes or plimsolls in school. They may, of course, change into their PE trainers to save sending another pair of shoes to school.



## ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target for the new school year is 96%. Any pupil with below 90% attendance will be deemed a Persistent Absentee under DfE guidelines.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school we will need you to evidence this. Our attendance figures dropped significantly last term and the Local Authority Attendance Officer is keeping a close eye on us! If you text your child's absence with a description of what is wrong we can print a copy or you could write a short note or send an email. If children need a doctor's appointment or have a hospital appointment a copy of the hospital letter or doctor's appointment card can be used for evidence. If children are on medication the medicine box will be fine as evidence of absence due to illness. Please help keep our attendance up both this term and next.

## HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Please remember we cannot authorise ANY holidays in term time and any holiday absence will be recorded as UNAUTHORISED.

## 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 any difficulties getting a child to school when a sibling is ill please let us know and we will do all we can to help.**

## DIARY DATES

**Friday 31st January**

School Council Meeting

**Friday 2nd February**

Federation Day

Class I — People Who Help Us — Great Massingham

Class 2 — Viking Day at Harpley

**Tuesday 20th February**

Federation Visit for Reception, Years 1 and 2 (Class I) to All the Fun of The Fair at Lynn Museum.

**Friday 2nd March**

World Book Week Celebration . Details to follow.

**Monday 12th March**

Parents' Evening — Class 2

**Tuesday 13th March**

Parents' Evening — Class I from 2.00pm

**Thursday 15th March**

Class 2 Assembly — Vikings at 9.15am

**Wednesday 21st March**

Last swap day with Harpley for this term.

**Thursday 22nd March**

Class I Assembly — Space at 9.15am

**Monday 26th March — 2.00 PM**

Easter Service at St Mary's Church

**Wednesday 28th March**

GENR8—Easter Service



## SATS WEEK

KS2 SATS week is Monday 14th May. All Year 6 pupils must be in school this week unless they are not well.

## **TERM DATES 2018**

SPRING 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018

SUMMER 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### **2018 HALF TERM BREAKS**

#### **SPRING**

School closes on 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3.20pm and re-opens on 19<sup>th</sup> February at 8.45am

#### **SUMMER**

School closes on 25<sup>th</sup> May at 3.20pm and re-opens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 8.45am



### **HEADTEACHER CONTACT**

If parents need to speak to Mrs Beardall for any reason she will usually be at Great Massingham as follows:- Monday afternoon, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday all day and Friday morning. Mrs B can also be contacted on the Headteacher's phone 07825104854 or at Harpley 01485 520274, or Great Massingham 01485 520362 or email [office@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk). Of course, it is always possible to speak directly to a class teacher or other member of staff and this may result in issues being dealt with more promptly.



### **SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2018**

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