



GREAT MASSINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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## NEWSLETTER JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019

**The beginning of a New Year always feels like a hopeful and positive time - despite the cold weather! We are very positive about the inspection report from Ofsted and hopeful that our GOOD judgement continues to see the school roll rise. Well done to EVERYONE!**

**At the start of the term we welcomed William into Year 4 so the number on roll is now 50.**

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Parents are invited to join our Celebration Assemblies on Friday afternoons at 3.00pm.

The PFA are organising a fortnightly cake raffle at this assembly. You will be notified on the weekly bulletin which week is a cake raffle week. If any parent would like to donate a cake to raffle the PFA would be most grateful. Please speak to Mrs Smith if you can help. The next cake raffle will be held on 8th February.



### ASSEMBLY/COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



Our theme for collective worship this half term is RESPECT AND REVERENCE.

Parents are very welcome to join us for collective worship on any day. This takes place at 3.00pm every afternoon in the school hall.

Rev Judith will be taking our school assembly on Tuesday 5th February. Mrs Frazer will be taking our school assemblies on Tuesday 12th February and Tuesday 19th March (Ark Club).



### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance for the Autumn Term was 91.01%. We know chicken pox is the main cause of this low figure.

Our target for this school year is 96%.

### EASTER SERVICE

This year our Easter Service will be held at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 3rd April 2019, at 1.45pm.



Everyone Welcome.

## TOPICS THIS TERM

### Key Stage 2

**Literacy** - We will be focusing on Journalistic writing as well as plays and scripts. Towards the end of the term we will look at some classic poetry such as Rudyard Kipling. Our class novel this term 'Stig of the Dump' will work well alongside our History topic for the second half term - 'Stone Age'.



**Maths** - Consolidation of the four operations, Measurement, Fractions including Decimals and Percentages, Statistics and Geometry.



**Science** - Year 3's and 4's topic this term is States of Matter — solids, liquids and gasses. The end of this subject will include showing an understanding of the Water Cycle by presenting their own programme in small groups.



**Geography** - The UK Atlas including Norfolk and other counties in the UK.

**History** - The beginning of mankind. From Hunter-gatherers to the Stone Age and Bronze Age.

**RE** - Creation stories from the different faiths.

**Art** - Fantasy Maps, Stone Age cave paintings, Beaker Pottery.

**DT** - Resistant materials - Puzzle project.

**PE** - Swimming and Volley Ball.



### EYFS and Key Stage 1

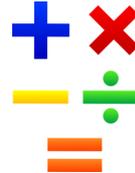
China/Bugs and Beasts

**Literacy** - minibeasts and dinosaur stories, non-fictional texts, factual writing.



Continue with phonics and grammar work.

**Maths** — place value, times and division, addition and subtraction, problem solving, fractions, shape, symmetry, pattern, measurement.



**Science** - animals including humans, life cycles, materials and their properties.

**Geography** - The continents and oceans of the world, human and physical features.



**History** - Florence Nightingale, Edith Cavell.

**RE** - Lent, Easter, Passover, What does Saviour mean?

**Art** - observational drawing

**DT** - Moving pictures

**PE** - swimming, team games



Lent

### SWIMMING

The pool at the CITB is closed for serious maintenance issues. We are expecting the pool to reopen on **Friday 8th February 2019.**

**CHANGE OF MENU**  
**CHINESE NEW YEAR 2019**  
**YEAR OF THE PIG**  
**TUESDAY 5th FEBRUARY**

Chinese Pork Balls with Sweet and Sour Sauce

Veggie Strips with Sweet and Sour Sauce (v)

Chinese Savoury Rice  
Broccoli

A taste of Crispy Seaweed  
Mandarin Jelly and Chinese Cookie  
School packed lunches and jacket potatoes will be available on this day.  
£2.20 per meal unless children are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals or Free School Meals.

**HORSTEAD**

Class 2 are visiting Horstead from Monday 20th May to Wednesday 22nd May. Please make sure payments for this residential visit are kept up-to-date. Thank you. There will be a meeting for parents and pupils at Great Massingham School, with all staff who will be on the residential visit, on **11th Feb at 3.30pm.**

**DODGEBALL SESSION**



Matt Parkinson from Inspire Sports will run a Dodgeball session with the children on the morning of **Monday 11th February**. There will be a session for our Key Stage 2 children from 9.30am to 10.15am and for our Reception/Key Stage 1 children from 10.30am to 11.30am.

A Cluster tournament has been arranged for the Key Stage 2 children on **Monday 25th February** from 3.45pm to 5.00pm at Great Massingham Village Hall. We would like to send a team of children to this either as a school team or as a Federation team with Harpley. We will send a letter home nearer the time.

**GUITAR AND DRUM CONCERT**

Stef and his pupils will be performing during the Celebrations Assembly on **Friday 15th February**. Assembly will begin at 2.30pm



**WRITING WOW:**

**WEEK 4TH TO 8TH MARCH**

The theme for this will be amazing animals. Children will take part in a range of activities designed to inspire and engage them in the writing process. Pupils will work towards producing a short story about animals by the end of the week. On **World Book Day, March 7th**, children will be asked to dress up as a character from a story containing animal characters. More details to follow soon.



**PARENTS' EVENINGS**

Parents' Evening this term for Class 2 will be on **Monday 25th March 2019.**



**Years 3 and 4**

Mrs Cross — from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

**Years 5 and 6**

Sally Frere-Smith — from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Appointment letter to follow.

We are aware **Class I** parents have not had a Parents' Evening yet. Please accept our apologies for this but staffing arrangements have not made this possible. There **WILL** be a parents evening before the end of term with Mrs Stibbon. Mrs Stibbon will liaise with Mrs Stephens and Miss Seretny before she meets with parents.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next School Council meeting will be on Friday 1st February. Playground improvements will be discussed. We have the money raised by Luke and Jake Doddington by walking the Peddars Way to spend on the playground project. Jake and Luke were winners of the Primary School Young Hero Awards hosted by KLFM radio station in December 2018. Well done to you both!



### PHOTO ORDERS

Thank you to all parents who ordered photographs in the Autumn Term. The commission received by the school came to £107.50.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Thank you for all your suggestions for After School Clubs. They have been discussed at a staff meeting. Staff also came up with several ideas including a Cookery Club! We are currently in the process of arranging a Multisports Club for later this term and Mrs Stibbon is arranging to offer a Craft Club in the near future.

Ark Club has been arranged for after school on **Tuesday 12th February 2019** and **Tuesday 19th March 2019** from **3.30pm to 4.30pm**.

Mrs Frazer will take the assembly on these days at 3.00pm.

### SATS WEEK

Key Stage 2 SATS week in the week beginning **13th May 2019**. All Year 6 pupils must be in school this week unless they are not well.

### 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.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Tesco have decided to close their Uniform Embroidery Service on 12.02.2019. **School clothing can be ordered directly from Tesco's supplier through their new service, My Clothing, <https://myclothing.com>.**

Please let school know if you experience any problems with ordering clothing from My Clothing. Wovina also supply school clothing -[www.wovina.com](http://www.wovina.com).

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you for supporting our non-uniform day in December. We raised £50.15 for The King's Lynn Winter Night Shelter.

Our Harvest donation to the King's Lynn Foodbank weighed in at 80.7kg which equals 101 meals. Thank you for your generous donations.



The children donated £39.83 to the Poppy Appeal in November 2018.



## **BOOTS IN SCHOOL**

In the winter pupils who come into 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.



## **HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME**

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



## **ATTENDANCE**

Our attendance target for the 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.**

## **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.

## **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 morning, part of Wednesday's. Mrs Stibbon, Assistant Headteacher is available part of Wednesday's, Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons.

Mrs B can also be contacted on the Headteacher's phone 07825104854 or at Harpley 01485 520274, or Great Massingham 01485 520362. 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.



## **FEEDBACK**

We would like your views on last term. What went well? What did your child/children enjoy? What could we improve?

Please also feel free to feedback to us on any other school issues. Your opinions and ideas matter to us so do have your say!

## **DIARY DATES**

### **Tuesday 5th February**

Chinese New Year Meal — see menu

### **Monday 11th February**

Dodgeball in Village Hall

9.30am to 10.15am Key Stage 2

10.30 to 11.30am Key Stage 1 and Reception

### **Friday 15th February**

BJ Puppets — Friendship

2.30pm - Celebration Assembly

(Concert with Stef and pupils)

### **Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February**

Half Term holiday

### **Monday 25th February**

3.15pm to 5.00pm — Dodgeball competition with Litcham Cluster Schools at Village Hall.

### **Thursday 28th February**

9.30am — Reception height, weight and hearing

### **Monday 4th March**

Writing WOW this week

### **Thursday 7th March**

World Book Day

### **Tuesday 19th March**

Ark Club Assembly followed by Ark Club

### **Monday 25th March**

2.00-4.00PM — Class 2 Parents' Evening

### **Friday 29th March**

Last swimming

### **Tuesday 2nd April**

1.00-3.00pm Cycling Proficiency on playground for Years 3/4/5.

### **Wednesday 3rd April**

1.45pm Easter Service at St Mary's Church, Great Massingham

### **Friday 5th April**

School Closes for Easter holiday.

### **Tuesday 23rd April**

School reopens for Summer Term



Dates for  
the Diary:

**FEEDBACK**  
**FOCUS TOPIC: AUTUMN TERM 2018**

What went well in the term? What could have been better? Did your child/children particularly enjoy any part of their learning last term?

Please use this slip to pass on your views - or e-mail to [office@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk)

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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OR LEAVE BLANK IF YOU PREFER YOUR VIEWS TO BE ANONYMOUS