



GREAT MASSINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day celebrations involved dressing up, traditional folk tales, dancing, drama and food tasting.

The children enjoyed a great day and presented what they had learned to parents and families in a special assembly at the end of the day.

GYMNASTICS AT LYNNSPORT

On Thursday 27th April, Thursday 4th May, Thursday 18th May and Thursday 25th May all the children will be taking part in gymnastic sessions at Lynnsport. This will be during the morning. Children should come to school in PE kits with tracksuits/jog trousers and sweatshirts over the top on these dates.

TOPICS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

CLASS 1:

Dinosaurs,
The Seaside,
Growing and Plants



CLASS 2:

History: Ancient
Egyptians



RE: The Holy Books from the different religions, such as the Hindu "Vedas" and "Upanishads".

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance for the Spring Term is **95.4%**.
Our target is 96%.



We know lots of children have been ill – but we do need to improve the attendance figure. Let's hope for better health as the weather improves.

SATS WEEK

8th-12th May is SATs week - all Year 6 children must be at school this week unless they have significant health issues or illness. Year 1 Phonics Screening will take place week commencing Monday 12th June.

SCHOOL GARDEN



Mrs Hall and Class 1 will be doing their best to look after the garden as unfortunately Liz Foster and her team are unable to run Gardening Club this year. The plot needs digging over and extra help will be needed to maintain it – if you are able to help please let Mrs Hall or Mrs Smith know. We are also taking part in the Orchards for Schools project. We have selected six trees to plant in our garden:-

Norfolk Royal Russet (eating apple)
Robert Blatchford (cooking apple)
St Magdalen (eating apple)
Conference (dessert pear)
Monarch (cooking plum)
Golden Noble (cooking apple)

BOOK CLUB

Our Year 6 children will review their Book Club reads with other Cluster Reading Groups and Kathy Berry, the Litcham Librarian, at Litcham School on Wednesday 7th June from 9.30am to 11.30am.



SPORTS DAY

Our Sports Day this year will be held on Friday 16th June on the school field at 1.15pm.

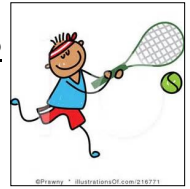


CLUSTER LITERACY QUIZ



The cluster are holding a Literacy Quiz for Year 5/6 children at Litcham School on Thursday 15th June. We will take a team of 4.

AFTER SCHOOL MULTISPORTS CLUB



Andrea Glover will be running an After School Multisports Club on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm to 4.30pm from Tuesday 18th April to Tuesday 13th June for Year 1 to Year 6 children. Cost: £1.50 per week – the remainder of the cost will be met from the government PE grant.

Mrs Hall hopes to start a Recorder Club for Year 1 and Year 2 children after school on a Monday during the summer term.

YEAR 6 PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening for Year 6 parents will be held on Wednesday 21st June. There will be an opportunity for Reception to Year 5 parents to discuss their children's school reports with teachers towards the end of term.

LEAVERS' SERVICE

Our Leavers' Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Great Massingham on **Wednesday 5th July at 2.00pm**. Please join us to say goodbye to George, Danny, Hannah, Ruby, Aimee, Jake, Charlie, Ieuan and Tegan. Our Year 6 children will be leaving us on Friday 7th July - the children transfer to High School on **Monday 10th July**.

END OF YEAR FUN AFTERNOON

After school on Wednesday 5th July the PFA will be organising a Fun Afternoon for all the children. Further details to follow from the PFA.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' TREAT



The PFA have organised a leavers' treat for Year 6 on Thursday 6th July at Pizza Hut in King's Lynn. Mrs Cross and Mrs Frost will accompany the children.

READ-A-THON CHALLENGE

To try and encourage and develop good reading habits we are launching a



Read-a-thon challenge. The aim is for children to read regularly. Children will bring home a reading record which should be completed in addition to their school reading diary. One 'read' equals 10 pages.

After each 100 pages the record should be brought into school to be signed off.

After 100 reads (1,000 pages) are completed, children will receive a book.

Reading is a crucial skill and we really want the children to become regular readers – please help by supporting this initiative.

RED NOSE DAY

Our Non-Uniform Day and bake sale raised £56.50. (£40 Non Uniform, £16.50 Bake sale).

Thank you for your support.



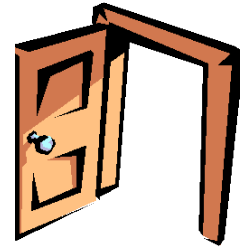
PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to all families who completed a questionnaire at the recent Parents' Evening. Most responses were very positive – it is good to know that families are happy with the care and teaching the children receive. We will compile a more comprehensive response in the summer term.

P.S. If you have not completed a questionnaire but would like your views to be considered please ask Mrs Smith for a copy and hand it back to her.

OPEN DOOR

Please remember the school door is always open for parents. We do encourage the children to come into school independently - but we also want to know about concerns, queries or information that you feel we should know regarding your child. Our open door policy is important to us - we believe parents should be able to access the school as necessary. If you have an urgent issue, e.g. if a child is off-colour please pop in and brief a member of staff at 8.45. The mornings are very busy times for staff and pupils so please only use this time for matters of immediate concern. Any other issues should be brought up at the end of a school day when staff have time to deal with issues properly and give you the time you may need. We **really do** want to know about any concerns you or your child may have.



Please remember we are not able to sort things out if we don't know about them!

MRS FLOWERS 100th BIRTHDAY

The children visited Mrs Flowers to celebrate her 100th birthday in February taking flowers, a cake, a memory book and a card. As a thank you Mrs Flowers' family kindly donated £100 to the school. The children voted at the school council meeting to use the money for an Art installation in the playground. We are hoping to organise this in the summer term.



FEDERATION SCIENCE & LANGUAGES SWAP DAYS



We will be continuing the Science/Languages Swap Day with Harpley for Key Stage 2, every Wednesday from Wednesday 26th April to Wednesday 28th June. **Please note change of day.**

Our Year 5/6 children will be transported to and from Harpley by the Houghton Hall /Litcham High School minibus.

MUSIC LESSONS

Mr Daniels will be continuing with the Key Stage 2 music lessons on a Friday morning.



DRUM AND GUITAR LESSONS

Lessons with Stef Judd also continue a Friday morning from April onwards.



Rounders at Dunham Primary School Thursday 22nd June (after school)

We hope to take a Federation Team to this event. Details to follow.

NEW ENTRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

We will write to our new entrants in April after we have received details of the children who will join us in September. We will also send details of the induction sessions. Parents' Evening for our new Reception parents will be on Tuesday 4th July at 5.30pm and our move up days will be on Tuesday 11th July and Wednesday 12th July. These are the days when Reception visit school for taster sessions and Year 2 move into Class 2 for the morning.

Crucial Crew at King's Lynn Fire Station



Our Year 6 children have been invited to the Crucial Crew event at the Fire Station in King's Lynn on Friday 28th April. Crucial Crew is a national scheme aimed at Year 6 pupils. It teaches children how to tackle the personal dangers they face in the home and on the streets and helps prevent children becoming involved in crime.

Children should arrive at school at 8.30am. We will travel to and from King's Lynn, with the Harpley Y6 pupils, by minibus. Children will return to school in time for lunch.

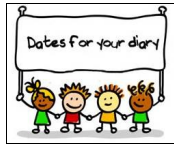
CLUSTER MASTERMIND MATHS

A Maths Quiz will be held for pupils from 5/6 at Litcham School during the summer term. We will be sending a team of 4. Date to be arranged.



R.E. VISITOR

Our children enjoyed the visit of Aruna, a Hindu lady living in Norwich. She delivered an interesting session of RE to Key Stage 2, regarding the background stories of some of the Hindu Gods, before inviting Reception and Key Stage 1 to join in an assembly. The highlight of the morning was creating a "second Hindu lady" by dressing Mrs Kitney in a magnificent sari.



Tuesday 18th April

School Opens
3.30pm-4.30pm Multisports After School Club

Wednesday 26th April

First Swap Day

Thursday 27th April

Lynnsport

Friday 28th April

Crucial Crew for Year 6

Thursday 4th May

Lynnsport

Monday 8th May

SATs Week

Thursday 11th May

Children will not be visiting Lynnsport today as it is SATs week

Thursday 18th May

Lynnsport

Monday 22nd May

Federation Junior Residential Visit to Horstead

Tuesday 23rd May

Federation Junior Residential visit to Horstead

Wednesday 24th May

Federation Junior Residential visit to Horstead

Thursday 25th May

Lynnsport

Friday 26th

Schools close for half term



Monday 5th June

School opens

Wednesday 7th June

Book Club review at Litcham School—Year 6

Monday 12th June

Phonics Screening Week

Tuesday 13th June

Last after school Multisports Club

Thursday 15th June

Reception—Hearing, Vision, Height and Weight check

Cluster Literacy Quiz for Year 5/6—Team of 4

Friday 16th June

Sports Day — 1.15pm

Wednesday 21st June

Year 6 Parents' Evening—3.30pm onwards

Thursday 22nd June

Fantastic Mr Fox, Theatre Royal, Norwich Rounders at Dunham Primary (after school)

Wednesday 28th June

Last swap day

Tuesday 4th July

5.30pm New Reception Parents' Evening

Wednesday 5th July

2.00pm Leavers' Service, St Mary's
After school: Fun Afternoon

Thursday 6th July

Year 6 Leavers' Treat — Pizza Hut

Monday 10th July

Year 6 first day at Litcham School

Tuesday 11th July

Move Up Day and Taster Session for New Reception children

Wednesday 12th July

Move Up Day and Taster Session for New Reception children

Friday 21st July

End of term

YEAR 6 PERMISSION SLIPS – Please return to school on Friday 31st March 2017. Thank you.



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' TREAT

I give permission for to take part in the Leavers' treat at Pizza Hut in King's Lynn, travelling to and from King's Lynn by staff car.

Signed Date
Parent/Carer

YEAR 6 BOOK CLUB REVIEW



I give permission for to take part in the Book Club review at Litcham's secondary site on Wednesday 7th June 2017, travelling to and from Litcham by staff car.

Signed Date
Parent/Carer

YEAR 6 CRUCIAL CREW



I give permission for to take part in the visit to King's Lynn Fire Station for Crucial Crew on Friday 28th April 2017, travelling to and from King's Lynn by minibus.

Signed Date
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