



GREAT MASSINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER MARCH/APRIL/MAY 2018

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT



Thank you to everyone who has helped with the first part of our playground improvement scheme. The school council have agreed rules for the new equipment's use to ensure safety and fairness.

LUKE'S CHARITY WALK

LUKE IS WALKING 46 MILES AROUND PEDDARS WAY OVER SEVERAL DAYS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MORE PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS! PLEASE SUPPORT HIM.

Welcome to Emily Hammans who is spending this half term with us as part of her teacher training.

Also welcome to Bryony and Olivia who joined us at the beginning of March.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance for the Spring Term was **95.83%**

Our target is 96%

Close — but not quite on target!



CLASS I MARBLE CHART TREAT

Class I's marble treat (Superhero Themed Day) will now be on **Wednesday 9th May**. Please see letter sent home on 27th April for further details. Anyone needing help with costume items please ask.

TOPICS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

CLASS 1: Food Glorious Food!

R.E: Shabbat and Belonging

History: Farming and shopping now and in the past. The Royal Wedding.

Science: Seasonal change.

Geography: Where our food comes from, weather and climate.

Literacy: Instructional writing, Food poems, Food facts and Food stories.

CLASS 2:

RE: "The Journey of Life".

Geography: World Cup 2018 based geography topic, learning about host nation Russia and the various countries taking part.

Literacy: Play script, Formal letter, Narrative poems.

Science: Year 3 and Year 4 Forces and Magnets.

Year 5 and Year 6 Habitats and Life cycles.

AFTER SCHOOL MULTISPORTS CLUB

Multisports After School Club with Andrea Glover will run from Tuesday 1st May to Tuesday 12th June 2018 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm for Year 1 to Year 6. Letter sent home 25th April 2018. Please see Mrs Smith if you haven't received details of the Multisports Club. There's no charge for this after school club – the cost will be met from the PE Grant.



ROYAL WEDDING 'STREET PARTY'

We will be celebrating the Royal Wedding on Friday 18th May. At lunch time we will have lunch outdoors (weather permitting). We hope parents will be happy to provide food items for lunch. Please see Mrs Smith (after Bank Holiday Monday) who will have a list of food items that can be provided for the children's lunch.

CHURCH MAY FAIR

Our village church May Fair will be taking place on the green on **19th May**, the day of the Royal Wedding and we have been asked if the school children would sing at this event. Please let Mrs Smith know if your child/ren will be able to join us on this day.

SATS

14th-18th May is KS2 SATs week



All Year 6 children must be at school this week unless they have significant health issues or illness.

Year 2 will be sitting KS1 SATs papers in May. They will generally be done in the mornings and will be 'low key' to avoid any stress to the children.

PHONICS SCREENING

Year 1 Phonics Screening will take place week commencing Monday 11th June.

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 Tuesday 26th June from 9.30am to 11.30am.

SUMMER PERFORMANCE

A whole school performance is planned for later in the term. It will take place on Friday 15th June at Great Massingham Village Hall. The performance will start at 1.30pm. We will be asking parents to help with costumes – more details to follow.

ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTMENT MUSIC PROJECT

We are taking part in the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment Music Project 'Fairy Queen' this term with Harpley Primary School. The project has been organized by the Norfolk Music Service. The project involves working towards two performances in Great Massingham Village Hall. The Key Stage 2 (including Year 2) performance will be on the 19th June in the afternoon and the Year 1, Foundation and Pre School performance will be on the morning of 20th June. We hope you will all be able to come and join us on these dates.

SPORTS DAY

Our Sports Day this year will be held on Thursday 21st June on the school field at 1.15pm. Reserve Sports Day will be on Thursday 28th June at 1.15pm in case of bad weather on 21st. The PFA will sell ice-creams at the end of Sports Day.

YEAR 6 PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening for Year 6 parents will be held on Monday 25th June from 2.00pm. 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 if they wish.

FEDERATION DAY

This term's Federation Day will be held on Friday 29th June. The focus for the day will be Maths. Further details to follow.

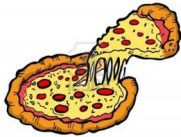


NEW ENTRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

We will be writing to our new entrants very soon with details of the planned induction sessions. Parents' Evening for our new Reception parents will be on Wednesday 4th July at 6.00pm and our move up days will be on Monday 9th July, and Tuesday 10th July. These are the days when Reception visit school for taster sessions and Year 2 move into Class 2 for the morning and Year 4 move up to Mrs Frere-Smith.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' TREAT

The PFA have organised a leavers' treat for Year 6 on Thursday 5th July at Pizza Hut in King's Lynn. Mrs Cross, Mrs Frere-Smith, Mrs Frost and Mrs Beardall will transport and accompany the children.



LEAVERS' SERVICE

Our Leavers' Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Great Massingham on **Friday 6th July at 2.00pm**. Please join us to say goodbye to Willow, Sam, Jacob, Tia, Jake and Charlie. Our Year 6 children will be leaving us on Friday 6th July - the children transfer to High School on **Monday 9th July**.

END OF YEAR FUN AFTERNOON

After school on Friday 6th July the PFA will be organising a Fun Afternoon for all the children. Further details to follow from the PFA.

CLUSTER LITERACY QUIZ

The cluster are holding a Literacy Quiz for Year 5/6 children at Litcham School on Monday 2nd July. We will take a team of 4.

GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Club runs on a Friday lunchtime for Class 2 and on a Friday afternoon for Class 1.

Thank you to Julian, Gemma, Joyce and Barbara for their help with this school club.



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to all families who completed and returned a Parent Questionnaire. 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.



DRUM AND GUITAR LESSONS

Lessons with Stef Judd also continue a Friday morning from April onwards. There will be a concert at school from Stef and his pupils on Friday 25th May at 9.15am – all parents welcome.

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 8.45am. 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!



PARKING

If you drive to school PLEASE park away from school if you can - and walk the remaining part of the journey. Park near the Pub and see your children safely across the road or walk them to school from there. If you can, avoid parking completely by dropping pupils safely along Weasenham Road allowing them to walk the short, final part of the journey themselves. We know it is convenient to drive right up to school to drop children off, especially in bad weather, but we must ensure that the local community are not inconvenienced and, more importantly, that all our children are safe on their way to and from school.

ALWAYS park considerately without blocking entrances to homes and gardens. Be aware of children and adults cycling/walking to school and be vigilant throughout your whole journey.

Do not park on the yellow zigzags outside the school at any time.

Please also remember that, by law, cars **must park 10 metres away from a junction** and a fixed penalty fine could be incurred by a driver not parked safely.

In recent weeks there have been problems with vehicles reversing into the school driveway. This is obviously extremely dangerous!

Please DO NOT use the school driveway for reversing under any circumstances.



MUSIC LESSONS

Ian Draycott will be continuing with the Key Stage 2 music lessons on a Friday morning.



CLUSTER MASTERMIND MATHS

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



ASSEMBLY / COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our theme for collective worship this term will be **HOPE**.

Parents are very welcome to join us for collective worship on any day. This takes place at 10.20am every morning.

FEEDBACK

Please let us have your feedback on **PARKING and TRAFFIC** around school. Please let us have any ideas for improvements and any concerns you have in this area.



You can also let OFSTED and the wider world know what you think about the school by logging on to the link below.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/user>

This is a simple questionnaire for parents to fill in and there is now also an opportunity to leave comments.

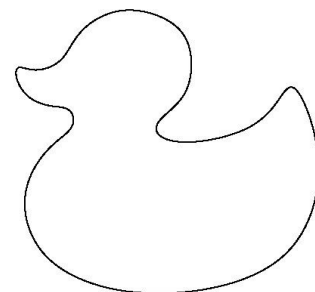
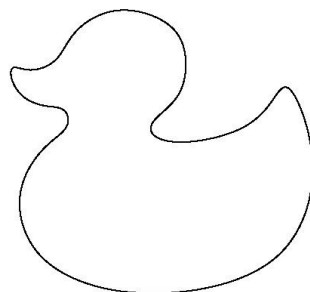
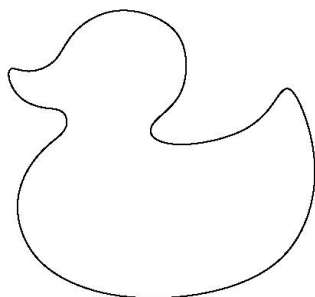
Sponsor A Duck

The School & PFA idea to help raise money for playground improvement is for people to Sponsor a Duck. Ducks would be available in:

BRONZE

SILVER

GOLD



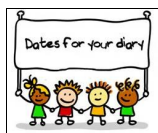
and would be placed round the playground. Each duck will have the donors name engraved on it.

You can make your donation by sending a cheque made payable to 'Great Massingham PFA' to the school with the name as you would like it to appear on the duck.

With your help we can make a **BIG** difference

Tuesday 1st May

After School Multisports Club
for Year 1 to Year 6 (Week 1)

**Tuesday 8th May**

Tots Workshop Fairy Queen—Pre-school,
Reception and Year 1.

After School Multisports Club for Year 1
to Year 6 (Week 2)

Wednesday 9th May

Class I Marble Treat—Superhero Day

Monday 14th May — SATs Week**Tuesday 15th May**

After School Multisports Club for Year 1
to Year 6 (Week 3)

Friday 18th May

Royal Wedding Celebrations at school

Saturday 19th May

Church May Fair on the Village Green

Tuesday 22nd May

After School Multisports Club for Year 1
to Year 6 (Week 4)

Wednesday 23rd May

Fairy Queen Workshop for Yr2 to Yr6

Friday 25th May

9.15am - Concert — Stef and children
learning drums and guitar.

Schools close for half term

Monday 4th June

School re-opens for second half of
Summer Term

Tuesday 5th June

Fairy Queen Workshop for Yr2 to Yr 6
After School Multisports Club for Year 1
to Year 6 (Week 5)

Tuesday 12th June

After School Multisports Club for Year 1
to Year 6 (Week 6)

Friday 15th June

School Summer Performance at GM Village
Hall 1.30pm

Tuesday 19th June

1.15pm OAE Concert for Key Stage 2 an
Year 2 at Great Massingham Village Hall

Wednesday 20th June

10.30am—OAE Concert for Pre-school,
Foundation and Year 1 at Great Massingham
Village Hall. **Last swap day with Harpley.**

Thursday 21st June

1.15pm Sports Day

Monday 25th June

Year 6 Parents' Evening from 2.00pm

Tuesday 26th June

Book Club at Litcham — Year 6

6.00pm — Full Governing Body meeting

Thursday 28th June

Reserve Sports Day—1.15pm

Friday 29th June

Federation Day — Maths

Monday 2nd July

Literacy Quiz for Years 5 and 6 at Litcham
School. We will take a team of 4.

Wednesday 4th July

6.00pm New Reception Parents' Evening

Thursday 5th July

Year 6 Leavers' Treat — Pizza Hut

Friday 6th July

2.00pm Leavers' Service, St Mary's

After school: Fun Afternoon

Year 6 last day at Great Massingham

Monday 9th July

Year 6 first day at High School

Move Up Day and Taster Session for New
Reception children — afternoon

Year 2 to Class 2/Year 4 to Mrs Frere-Smith

Tuesday 10th July

Move Up Day and Taster Session for New
Reception children - morning

Year 2 to Class 2/Year 4 to Mrs Frere-Smith

Wednesday 18th July

1.15pm — GENR8 — 'We are Unique'

Tuesday 24th July — End of Term

Feedback Form

Please let us have your views on
Parking and Traffic around school

or any other school issue

Please return to the school office.