



GREAT MASSINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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## NEWSLETTER

### SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

Welcome back to a new school year — I hope everyone had a good summer. We are very pleased to welcome our new Reception children Ruby, Noah, Ellie, Finley, Grace, Leo and Freya and also Alice who joins Year 1 and Danny who joins Year 2. Welcome to Sophie Stephens, our Class One Teacher (Thursday mornings) and Tracey Cator, Teaching Assistant, who joins us from Harpley for one day a week. Mrs Susan Wood has left us to start a new post. This change occurred during the school holiday so we didn't get the chance to say goodbye properly at the end of term. She made a good contribution to both schools and will be hard to replace. Mrs Kirsten Stibbon, our Assistant Headteacher across the Federation, will primarily be supporting Mrs Beardall with Leadership and Management. She will be at Massingham on Wednesdays (alternate weeks), Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons. Mrs Beardall will be working on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and will be at Great Massingham School on a Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning, Wednesday (alternating with Mrs Stibbon). Mrs Stibbon will be at Great Massingham on a Wednesday (alternating with Mrs Beardall), Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. Mrs Beardall/Mrs Stibbon can also be contacted on the headteacher's phone 07825104854 or at Harpley 01485 520274. 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.

#### THIS TERM'S TOPICS

**CLASS 1:** Elmer and Marvellous Me

Science - The Senses

Art - Portraits

**CLASS 2:**

History - The Tudors

RE - The 12 Pillars of Islam

English - Biographies and Fairy Tales

Class Book - Boy by Roald Dahl

Science - Year 3 and Year 4 Living things and habitats.

Year 5 and Year 6 Properties of materials

Art — Picasso portraits



#### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target for the new school year is 96%.

Attendance for 2017-18 was 95%.

#### HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

We cannot authorise any holidays in term time.

If parents decide to take pupils out of school on school days the absence will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and further action may be taken inline with Local Authority guidelines on fines for term time holidays.



## HARVEST

We will be collecting for the Food Bank again this year as part of our Harvest celebrations. Maarten from the Mid-Norfolk Food bank will come into school to talk with the children about the work of the foodbank in Assembly time on **Friday 5th October**. Our Harvest Festival will be at St Mary's Church, Great Massingham at **1.45pm on Thursday 11th October**. The PFA will serve refreshments after the service. If parents are not at the service children will walk back to school with members of staff.



## GYMNASTICS AT LYNNSPORT

Class 1 will be taking part in Gymnastics Sessions at LynnSport with Harpley on from Friday 7th September to Friday 7th December. Class 2 will be taking part in Gymnastics at Lynnsport with Harpley from Monday 10th September to Monday 26th November. Children should wear navy or grey tracksuits on gym days please with PE kits underneath to save changing time at the gym. The bus will leave Great Massingham at 10.00am.



## START OF THE DAY

 The school gate will be opened at 8.45am. If you arrive before this time please wait with your child/children on the playground until the gate is opened. If you need to speak to someone urgently before this time please buzz. Teachers really need preparation time at the start of a school day so we ask that you arrive on time but not early. For morning music lessons please press the buzzer as normal.

## DAILY MILE

We run at 9.00am everyday. Parents are most welcome to join us.

## Staffing from September 2018

Mrs Beardall, Headteacher, will work between both schools on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Stibbon, Assistant Headteacher, will work on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



### Class 1

#### Teaching Staff

Mrs Hall — all week except Thursday morning  
Mrs Sophie Stephens — Thursday morning

#### Support Staff

Mrs Susan Rouse — Tuesday am, Wednesday Thursday and Friday all day.  
Ms Tracey Cator - Mondays  
Mrs Dawn Kitney - Monday to Thursday one-to-one support  
Mr Lee Lilley - all week one-to-one support

### Class 2

#### Teaching Staff

Mrs Cross — all week except Thurs morning  
Mrs Frere-Smith — Monday afternoons, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings  
Mr Watling — Thursday all day

#### Support Staff

Mrs Frost — all week

Denise, Liz and Lee will share the MSA duties across the week.

Mrs Smith will be in the school office on a Monday and Thursday all day and on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.



## SWIMMING

We will be swimming at the Construction Skills pool on a **Friday** morning in the Spring Term. If you are available to help please see Mrs Smith. We **REALLY** need regular volunteers to go in the pool with our youngest children. The bus will leave school at 9.00am.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will be taken by Tempest on **Tuesday 30th October**. If you would like to include younger siblings in the family photograph please come to school at 1.00pm.

## GREAT MASSINGHAM AND HARPLEY SCHOOL SWAP DAYS



We will be continuing the Science/ Languages Swap Day with Harpley for Key Stage 2 every Wednesday afternoon. Our Year 5/6 children will be transported to and from Harpley by the Houghton minibus. The first swap session will be on Wednesday 12th September and the last swap day this term on Wednesday 28th November.

## MUSIC LESSONS



Mr Draycott will be continuing with the Key Stage 2 music lessons on a Friday morning. The children will be learning to play the Ukulele this term. Guitar and drum lessons with Stef Judd will continue from Friday 7th September. Please contact the school office if your child/children are interested in guitar or drum lessons.

## HORSTEAD

There will be a brief meeting for Y3,4,5 and 6 parents on **Monday 24th September** at 3.20pm about our biannual residential visit to the Horstead Centre. Please come along to find out more. This is particularly important for the Y3 and Y4 parents as the Y3&4 children have not experienced this visit before.



## SCHOOL PICK UP

We must know if your child/children are going home with anyone other than the adult who regularly collects. Please speak to Mrs Smith or another member of staff in the morning if there is a change to the norm or phone school if there is a change of plan for pick up during the day. Mrs Frost checks the answer phone before the end of the day on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mr Heazel checks the phone on a Wednesday afternoon.

## SCHOOL MEALS

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals or UIFSM. This means that Class 1 children may have a free hot meal or packed lunch every lunchtime. The kitchen will provide a choice of hot meal, a vegetarian option or a jacket potato with fillings.

**Class 2** — please hand hot dinner orders and payment in a named envelope to Mrs Smith on a Monday morning. School dinners remain at £2.20 per meal.

## TUDORS DAY — CLASS 2

Mr Watling has arranged a visit to the Ancient House Museum in Thetford on **Thursday 4th October**. Further details to follow.



## HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

The children will be bringing home our annual Home School Agreement for signature. This outlines what parents can expect from the school and what we expect from you and your child/children. Please talk with your child about the 'promise' they will sign explaining in simple terms to younger children what they are agreeing to. You should sign a copy to return to school, which we will keep on file, and please also keep a copy for yourself.

## 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 older 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.

## FEDERATION DAY

We are arranging a Federation Day for both Classes in November. Further details to follow.



## AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

The new Autumn/Winter menu (see attached) will start on **Monday 29th October** (after half term).



## CYCLING PROFICIENCY FOR YEAR 6

Tracy, from Norfolk County Council Road Safety, will be joining us on Tuesday 18th September (pm), and Thursday 20th September (all day) for Cycling Proficiency training with our Year 6 children. The course will teach safe starts and safe stops, turning safely in and out of junctions, signaling skills, use of gears, control of the bike, overtaking vehicles, observational skills, fresh air and fun!

We hope to offer Years 3,4 and 5 off road cycle training in the Spring Term.

## INDEPENDENCE

Please continue to encourage your child/children to come into school by themselves if they are above Year R. For Reception pupils it is really important that other year groups come into school independently. We do welcome parents and carers into school and believe parents should be able to access the school as necessary. Meetings with staff are better at the end of a school day where possible.



## GRESHAM'S PREP SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR YEARS 3 to 6 – Friday 5th October

GM and Harpley Federation of Schools are sending a team of children to compete in the Cross Country Championship on 5th October. Emma Pearson will be training the children before the event.

The Massingham and Harpley PFAs have purchased team shirts for the runners to wear. Letter sent home on 11.09.2018.



## PHONICS WORKSHOP

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There will be a Phonics Workshop in Class 1 for all Class 1 parents on **Wednesday 26th September at 9.00am**. Parents to meet in the hall — phonics lessons start at 9.20am. Please attend if you can — it is really helpful for parents and school when everyone has an understanding of phonics teaching and its importance.

## NEW ENTRANTS — RECEPTION



We need to see birth certificates for all new Reception children. Please ensure a copy is taken to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



## SCHOOL GARDEN

Julian and his helpers will continue to work with Gardening Club and Class 1 on a Friday afternoon up until half term. This term the children will be collecting the autumn vegetables sown earlier this year. We hope the produce will be used to make cakes for the Harvest Festival.

## PFA — FUNDRAISING ONLINE

If you go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) every time you shop online this will raise money for the PFA.



## ASSEMBLY / COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

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

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Multisports — Amy from Top Sport will be running an after school Multisports Club on a Monday after school from 3.30—4.30pm for Years 1-6. This will be paid for from the Schools PE Grant. The first session will be on Monday 17th September and the final session on Monday 15th October. See letter sent home on 6th September.

## AUTHOR VISIT — Years 5 and 6

Andy Briggs will be visiting Litcham High School on Friday 12th October. We will be taking our Year 5 and 6 children. Letter to follow.

## NO DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND



Please remember dogs are not allowed on the playground.

## Wear something Green for Macmillan

Children are invited to leave their uniform at home and wear something green on Friday 28th September. We ask for a donation of £1.00 to join in with this event. The donation will buy the children a drink and cake.



All proceeds will go to the Great Massingham Macmillan Coffee morning.

Our Macmillan Coffee "Morning" for the children will take place in the afternoon on Friday 28th September.

## Parents' Meetings



### RECEPTION

3.00pm on

Monday 15th October

This will be an early opportunity for Reception parents to see how the children have settled in to the new school year, to ask any questions and to see what the children are doing in school.

### ARK CLUB

Ark Club will continue with Kim Frazer. The first Club this term will be held on Wednesday 10th October at 12.15pm.

Mrs Frazer will also take the assembly at 3.00pm on this day.

### FEEDBACK

Please feel free to feedback to us on any school issues. Your opinions and ideas matter to us so do have your say and don't forget we want to hear about positive things as well as concerns. You can also let OFSTED and the wider world know what you think about the school at any time by logging on to the link below.

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

## CLASS 1 AND 2 PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' Evening for all parents to look at children's work and discuss progress. Appointments will be available from 2pm. \* Letters will be sent out nearer the time. Children can be taken home after the appointments.

### YEAR 1

Thursday 1st November

### YEAR 2

Thursday 8th November

### YEAR 3/4

Thursday 15th November

### YEAR 5/6

Monday 12th November

\*Appointments from 3.30 PM

## WEEKLY BULLETINS AND PUPIL ASSET

All parents should receive a weekly bulletin by email on a Thursday and texts from the school to a mobile phone. Please let Mrs Smith know if you are not receiving



## TERM DATES 2018/2019

### TERM

AUTUMN

SPRING

SUMMER

### SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON

6<sup>th</sup> September 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

### CLOSES ON

18<sup>th</sup> December 2018

5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

24<sup>th</sup> July 2019



### HALF TERM

AUTUMN

SPRING

SUMMER

### SCHOOL CLOSES ON

(at 3.20pm)

17<sup>th</sup> October 2018

15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### RE-OPENS ON

(at 8.45am)

29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019



## **Autumn Term 2018**

### **Fridays**

Class 1 Gymnastics at Lynnsport

### **Mondays**

Class 2 Gymnastics at LynnSport  
3.30pm — 4.30pm Multisports Club

### **Wednesdays**

Swap days with Harpley Primary School. Years 5/6 to Harpley and Years 3/4 at Great Massingham.

### **Tuesday 18th September**

1-3pm Year 6 Cycling Proficiency

### **Thursday 20th September**

Cycling Proficiency Year 6 all day

### **Monday 24th September**

3.20pm — Horstead Meeting

### **Wednesday 26th September**

9.00am — Phonics Workshop — Class 1 Parents

### **Friday 28th September**

Macmillan Coffee Morning

### **Wednesday 3rd October**

Open Evening at Litcham School for Year 6 starting at 6.30pm—see letter sent home to Year 6 parents.

### **Thursday 4th October**

Class 2 Tudors Visit

### **Friday 5th October**

Gresham's Prep Cross-Country Championship

### **Wednesday 10th October**

12.15pm Ark Club

Ark Club Assembly at 3.00pm

### **Thursday 11th October**

**1.45pm** Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church

### **Friday 12th October**

Years 5 and 6 Litcham School—Author Visit

1.15pm GENR8—Making the Right Choice

### **Monday 15th October**

3.00pm—Reception Parents' Meeting

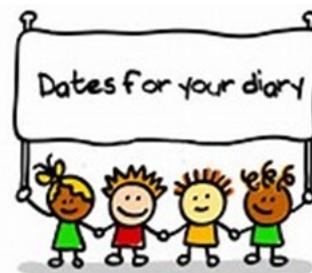
Last Multisports Club

### **Wednesday 17th October**

Last day before half term

### **Monday 29th October**

School re-opens — see new lunch menu.



## **FUTURE DATES:**

**FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER — CLASS 2 VISIT TO HOUGHTON HALL**

**FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER — FLU VACCINE —YEAR R TO YEAR 5**

**MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER—DECORATING DAY**

**SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER—DABBLING DUCK CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER— CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER—CHRISTMAS PARTY—PM**

**TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER—1.45PM CAROL SERVICE AT ST MARY'S CHURCH**



# FEEDBACK

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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OR LEAVE BLANK IF YOU PREFER YOUR VIEWS TO BE ANONYMOUS