



GREAT MASSINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2019



Christmas in school begins with our traditional Decorating Day on Monday 2nd December. Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to help. We hope parents friends and family will join us at the Christmas Carol Service on Monday 16th December at St Mary's, Great Massingham. This is always a lovely event enjoyed by all.

The PFA are holding a Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 11th December from 3.00pm. Please collect children from the classroom on this date. All children will receive a free gift when they visit Santa's Grotto and there will be face-painting, fun games, raffle, tombola, cake stall and refreshments.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



Our Christmas Service will be held at St Mary's Church on **Monday 16th December at 1.45pm**. All the children will be taking part and Ducklings Pre-School will also be joining in with a Christmas item.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

The PFA will provide refreshments at the church after the service.

PFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE



The PFA will be holding their Christmas Fayre in School from 3.00pm to 5.00pm on **Wednesday 11th December**. If you are unable to attend the Christmas Fayre perhaps your children could bring in some money so they can enjoy the fayre before the end of the school day.

PLEASE support this event by helping, attending, donating raffle prizes and baked goods or simply buying raffle tickets.

Thank you.

DECORATION DAY



This year, Decoration Day will be on **Monday 2nd December**. Children will be making a variety of festive decorations to celebrate the season.

ARK CLUB

The Christmas Ark Club with Mrs Frazer will be on **Tuesday 10th December** from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Mrs Frazer will take the assembly at 3.00pm. Letter to follow.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

School Christmas lunch will be on

Friday 13th

December and we will be holding our Christmas lunch in the Village Hall. As ever it will be a festive affair with crackers and all the trimmings. We hope that ALL pupils will have a hot meal on this date so they can join in with the festivities. Obviously we will not refuse anyone the chance to bring a packed lunch but we ask that you encourage your child to take part in this important school event. No one will be made to eat anything they don't like.

The menu is as follows:-

Roast Turkey, Chipolata, Stuffing, gravy,

Roast Potatoes, Carrot Batons, Garden Peas

Dessert: Christmas Log

Cost: £2.30 per meal, payable on Monday 9th December, unless entitled to Universal Infant Free School meals or Free School Meals.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAYS

Friday 6th December

Wear a Xmas jumper and "pay" for this with a tombola prize for the Xmas Fayre.



**Friday 13th December
(Christmas Dinner Day)**

Children can come to school in a Christmas Jumper/T Shirt for a £1.00 donation. All proceeds will go to the

King's Lynn Winter Night Shelter.

If children don't own a Christmas Jumper children please do not buy one. Children can wear a t shirt or jumper they have decorated themselves with stickers or small decorations.



CHRISTMAS PARTY Tuesday 17th December

The School Christmas Party (for both classes) will be on Tuesday 17th December. Children can come to school in their party clothes on this date. Please be aware that normal playtimes in the morning and after lunch will be outdoors (weather permitting) so clothes for the day should be practical as well as party glamorous!

Instead of the children having lunch and then party food again in the afternoon we plan to have a buffet party lunch for the children as we have done in previous years. We would like each family to provide an item of party food such as squash/juice, nibbles, mini cakes, fruit, sandwiches and salad vegetables. A list of suggested party food will be put up in the Class 2 cloakroom in December. Please let us know what you will be sending into school by putting the family name beside the item you wish to send.

Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MARKET AT THE DABBLING DUCK

The Dabbling Duck will be holding a Christmas Market on **Saturday 7th December** from 10.00am to 6.00pm. We need children to volunteer to sing Carols at this event. Carols will be at 4.00pm.



OUTDOOR WINTER

CLOTHING

During the winter months we intend to continue PE outside as much as possible.



Please ensure children have warm tracksuits and fleeces and a change of shoes, in their PE kit. PE kits need to be in school ALL WEEK as we often have to adapt the timetable to fit around the weather. Please also make sure coats, hats and gloves are brought to school every day now that the weather is getting colder and please remember to put names in them.

SALT ON PLAYGROUND

On icy days a pathway from the school gate to the pupils' entrances will be treated with salt. Treating the whole playground is not possible or cost effective so we ask that everyone keeps to the treated areas to ensure safety



FIRST ADMISSIONS TO SCHOOL

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/21



Parents of children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online at www.admissions.norfolk.gov.uk (website open between 27th September 2019 and 15th January 2020) Or you can contact admissions on 0344 8008020. Applications received after 15th January 2020 will be treated as late and will not be considered until places for all on time applications have been allocated.

ASSEMBLY / COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



Our theme for collective worship this half term has been THANKFULNESS. We will be moving onto advent and Christmas assemblies for the last weeks of term.

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.



HARVEST

Thank you for all the Harvest gifts for the King's Lynn Food Bank. Our Harvest donation from the Great Massingham and Harpley Federation weighed in at 96.45 which equals 88 meals.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is now possible to purchase or order school uniform from the PFA. Their supplier is Birds of Dereham. Uniform contact is Kerri Turner (William Year 2 mum) who is available to answer any questions at both drop off or pick up times. Order forms can be collected from the school office. Uniform is still available on-line from Wovina (www.wovina.com) and My Clothing (<https://myclothing.com>).

SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of bad weather please listen to KLFM or Radio Norfolk for school closure details. Alternatively you can log on to www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk



GYMNASTICS IN SPRING TERM

Class 1 will be taking part in Gymnastics sessions at LynnSport with Harpley on from Monday 6th January 2020 to Monday 23rd March 2020. Class 2 will be taking part in Gymnastics at Lynnsport with Harpley from Friday 10th January 2020 to Friday 27th March 2020. 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 and will return to school in time for lunch.



Craft Club

CRAFT CLUB

Mrs Stibbon will be running an After School Craft Club in the Spring Term from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on a Friday from 17th January 2020 to 27th March. Further details will be sent home in January.



CHILDREN IN NEED

The children's non-uniform day on Friday 22nd November raised £46 for Children in Need. Thank you.



ATTENDANCE

Our attendance for the first half of term was 95.52%. Our target for this school year is 96%

DIARY DATES

Monday 2nd December

Christmas Decorating Day (am) - 8.45am to 12.00pm

Friday 6th December

Wear a Xmas jumper and "pay" for this with a tombola prize for the Christmas Fayre (PFA).

Saturday 7th December

Dabbling Duck Christmas Fayre 4.00pm Christmas Carols

Tuesday 10th December

Christmas Ark Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday 11th December

PFA Christmas Fayre in the School Hall from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

Friday 13th December

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 16th December

1.45pm Carol Service. Children should be collected from the church on this date.

Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December
School closes for Christmas Holiday



Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January

School opens for Spring Term. Class 1 to Lynnsport for gymnastics

Wednesday 8th January

First swap afternoon with Harpley

Friday 10th January

Class 2 to Lynnsport for gymnastics