



Newsletter



Great Massingham
C of E Primary School

April – May
2013

Welcome to our April-May Newsletter

Curriculum

Our topic for the Summer Term is "Mexico: Ancient and Modern". The children will be exploring the culture of the Aztecs in the first half term and then focussing on aspects of modern Mexico in June and July. Gardening Club begins Tuesday 16th April. The children will be planting potatoes, broad beans and onions. We will also be sowing seeds in the wild flower meadow and taking regular trips to the pond as part of our continuing efforts to understand biodiversity in our village. Our summer whole school trip to Banham Zoo has been booked for July. Details to follow.

Multisports Club

A letter went home on Monday explaining that Ricky will be running the afterschool Multisports Club every Wednesday during the Summer Term (weather permitting). First session on Wednesday 17th April.

Wednesday 1st May: Pupil Progress Session

Mrs Heley, Mrs Frere-Smith and I will be available from 3:30 to 5pm should you wish to raise any issues or concerns about the progress your child is making. An appointments grid will go up in the classrooms on Monday 22nd April.

Saturday 18th May: PTA Spring Fayre and school "Open Day"

The PTA are organising a Spring Fayre to be held at the school. In addition to the usual stalls we will be inviting all visitors to tour the school and look at the work your children are doing. More details will follow shortly from the PTA.

Friday 24th May: Parents' Special Mentions Assembly

All parents are warmly invited to our half termly Special Mentions Assembly beginning at 2:45pm.

Friday 3rd, 10th or 17th May: Music Concert: date to be notified!

Look out for the confirmed date for our Music Concert, it will probably start at 2:45pm...

Summer Reminder!

When the sun starts to shine and the weather warms up our playground and field have limited shade. Children will need their own sunscreen, sun hat and a water bottle to stay safe in the sun.

SPORT

PE:

Wednesday Afternoons

Both classes will have a PE session every week. These sessions will be taken by Ricky from Gill Sports.

Multisports

After-school Club

every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30pm for Year 2 to Year 6

MUSIC

Violin

every Friday morning.

Ukulele and singing

every Monday afternoon.

Piano

every Monday afternoon.

Please contact the school if your child would like to learn to play the violin or the piano.

SATS Week

Years 2 to 6 will be doing their SATS tests between Monday 13th and Friday 17th May.



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We publish this newsletter every half term. It is also uploaded to the schools website.

This is our way of keeping you informed about what is happening in school.

Where necessary, detailed letters are sent out prior to an event.

SCHOOL YEAR 2012/13 TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM begins	Monday 15th April
MAY DAY (school closed)	Monday 6th May
SATS week	Mon.13th to Fri. 17th May
Half Term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
Training Day (school closed)	Thursday 27th June
SUMMER TERM ends	Wednesday 24th July

SCHOOL YEAR 2013/14 TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM begins	Thursday 5th September
Half term	Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
AUTUMN TERM ends	Friday 20th December

As we look forward to another busy, productive and lively term, I have to tell you that this will be my last term as your Headteacher. I am retiring at the end of the Summer Term, when I will have completed 16 years here. I will miss the daily contact with the children, but not the unending paperwork!

I have always been proud of our achievements at this family orientated school. We may not always have shone when it came to national results, but our ethos has focussed on the needs of the "whole" child and many of our ex pupils have gone on to achieve great academic and social successes. As our current cohort of parents, you are amongst the most supportive I've known and I thank you for that.

A letter from our Chair of Governors, Bev Randall, will follow tomorrow, detailing the future plans for the school. There will also be a meeting for parents on Wednesday 24th April, beginning at 6:45pm in the school hall.

Martin Etheridge