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MARCH/APRIL 2014 NEWSLETTER

The Partnership Maths Day was a great success. The children really enjoyed the activities and working with different children and staff. Thank you to all parents for being prepared to change routines and transport children to different places - it meant the day ran very smoothly and the children got lots of time to learn rather than spend time being 'shuttled' between villages!

Welcome back to Mrs Griffin who is back in Class 1 following a successful operation. We also need to say thank you to Mrs Belton and Mrs Davison for covering for her during her absence. They both worked very hard and we are grateful to them for their input over the last few weeks.

Mrs Heley's class have begun a topic on Food and Farming and plan to visit Sandringham Park Farm to support their learning - letter to follow. Mrs Frere-Smith's and Mr Watling's class are continuing their history topic on Victorians. In RE they are studying the work of Victorian philanthropists.

All the children have enjoyed the gymnastic sessions at Lynnsport and show good gym skills progression.

Gardening Club is scheduled to re-start on the 25th March. This will continue throughout the summer term and all children will get the opportunity to be involved. The club is run each Tuesday afternoon by villagers Liz Foster and Sandy Cooper. If any parents, family members or neighbours have green fingers and would like to help on a Tuesday afternoon please speak to Mrs Beardall or Mrs Heley - Liz and Sandy would welcome another pair of hands to help.

BOOK WEEK 10th -14th March



On Tuesday 11th March, Victoria Campbell, author of historical action adventure Viking Gold visited Class 2. She read from her novel Viking Gold, talked about changing career from a solicitor to writer, explained about the historical context of the novel, gave writing tips and answered questions from pupils.

All pupils should have received a World Book Day token. This token entitles children to one free £1 World Book Day book or to £1 off a book or audio book worth £2.99 or more in all participating bookshops. The offer is valid from 3rd to 30th March 2014.

If you have not received your voucher please ask at the school office.

CYCLING PROFICIENCY

Cycling Proficiency for Years 5 and 6 began on Monday 10th March 2014 with sessions on the school playground and on-road sessions planned for the end of March and beginning of April. Suzi Overson will assist Tracy, from NCC Road Safety Team, with the on road cycling sessions. The children will take their cycling proficiency test on April 3rd.



Please note the session on 2nd April has been cancelled.

TAG RUGBY

Andrea Glover, from Finish Line Sports, will be taking Class 2 for Tag Rugby on Friday mornings until the end of term.



ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is 95%. February's attendance was 97.07%. Well done everyone!



SAINSBURY VOUCHERS

As usual we are collecting Sainsbury vouchers. So shop until you drop — we need the vouchers.



COMMUNICATION

Please check weekly bulletins, emails and texts regularly and don't forget to look in Book Bags! The communication system generally works well - but it is only really successful when people read the mail sent!

HAVE WE GOT YOUR CORRECT

CONTACT DETAILS?

Please ensure we have the right telephone numbers, email address, etc for when we need to get in touch.



REGISTERS

School doors open at 8.50am. Registration is at 9.00am and children must be in their classrooms by this time. Registers close at 9.10am prompt. If a child arrives after 9.10am they will be registered as late.

If your child has not arrived by 9.10am and we have not been informed about an absence we are required to telephone you before 9.30am to ask why. This ensures that pupils travelling to school independently are always accounted for.

PFA

Parents and carers are automatically members of the PFA and are welcome to attend PFA meetings. Many parents are active members and have joined the PFA committee, some parents attend when they can and others support PFA events. All contributions are valued and make a difference to the support the PFA gives to the school and our children.

If you are willing to get involved in any way please speak to Suzi Overson (Ellie and Danny's Mum) or Clare Burton (Courtney and Ruby's Mum).

The work of the PFA benefits all our children and families.

The PFA Spring Coffee Morning and Table Sale raised £353.66. Well done and thank you to all involved.





SPRING TERM PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening will be held at the beginning of the summer term. This will allow staff to talk with parents about progress over the past Spring Term and to discuss targets for the forthcoming term. Letters will be sent out in the first week of the new term (end of April).



ANNUAL PARENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

The school and governing body carry out an annual questionnaire to find out how parents and carers feel about the education we are providing. We plan to provide a questionnaire at the next parents' evening. The questionnaires will be in the school hall and there will be a box where completed forms can be placed. Thank you for your help with this — and let us know what you think!



FEEDBACK

Please let us have your feedback on
EDUCATIONAL VISITS.

What do you think of the range of visits the school organises?
Are there too many/too few visits?
Do you feel the visits support learning?
Do you have any ideas for future visits?

Please let us know what you think.



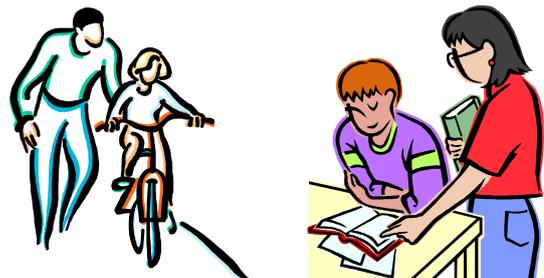
HELPERS

We need help in both classes to hear children read, organise resources, work with small groups, help with visits, games, cookery, IT and lots more.

It REALLY makes a difference to our work in school and improves learning opportunities for children. It's also a great way to get involved in the school community.

If you can help in school, either on a regular basis or from time to time, please telephone or e-mail the school or speak to a member of staff at the end of a school day. Don't wait to be asked - what can you offer to do to help? We would love to have grandparents, friends and neighbours to help too so, if you know someone who you think would enjoy helping, why not approach them and suggest they get in touch with school. To ensure safeguarding all adult helpers in school will be CRB checked.

We really do value the time helpers can give the school and often visits and activities could not go ahead without you!



TERM DATES



2014 SPRING TERM

Tuesday 7th January - Friday 4th April
(Half term - Monday 17th - Friday 21st February)



2014 SUMMER TERM

Wednesday 23rd April - Wednesday 23rd July
(Half term - Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May)

May Day Bank Holiday - school will be closed on Monday 5th May 2014.

Thursday 26th June is a pupil holiday. School will be closed for staff training on this day.



2014 AUTUMN TERM

Thursday 4th September - Friday 19th December
(Half term - Thursday 23rd October - Friday 31st October)



FEEDBACK

Focus topic: EDUCATIONAL VISITS

**Please use this slip to pass on your views – or e-mail to
office@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk**

Signed _____

Print _____

Date _____