



**GREAT MASSINGHAM C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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## MARCH/APRIL NEWSLETTER



As you will all be aware the school was inspected on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February. The judgment must remain confidential until it has gone through necessary checks with OFSTED but we hope to have the final report in the next couple of weeks.

I must thank the staff who always work tirelessly for the school and the children but the extra effort put in during the inspection shows how much everyone cares about Great Massingham Primary School. Everyone at school is particularly proud of the children for their excellent attitudes and behaviour during the inspection.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents who took the time to visit the OFSTED site to give views and for those who took the time to speak to the inspector.

Please remember the school always wants to know how parents feel - not just at inspection times and if there is an issue, problem or concern we will always take the time to try to help, resolve it or explain why things are as they are. We are ALWAYS willing to make improvements.

**Remember if we don't know about it we can't improve or put a problem right!**

### PARKING



Please remember there should be NO PARKING whatsoever on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school. Thank you.

### SAT'S WEEK

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May is SAT's week - children must be at school this week.  
Y1 Phonics Screen is week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### Red Nose / Comic Relief Day

Friday 13th March 2015

Children may come to school wearing something red for Red Nose Day. It could be a ribbon, tie tee-shirt - anything goes! BUT it should be something practical so that children can still learn and play during the day!  
We invite a donation towards Comic Relief from the children taking part. Thank you

**COMIC  
RELIEF**

## ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is 95.5%.



Our attendance up to the end of February 2015 was 96.9% Well done! This is above our target.

Following a visit from the Local Authority Attendance Officer we have been advised that if children are absent from school we need a note, text or email that we can keep for our records. We know most parents do this but if we ask for a note be assured we are not checking up just trying to do what we have been told to do!

If your child is unable to participate in any part of the school day due to a medical reason please speak to Mrs Smith or a member of staff or send a note, text or email.

Texts can be sent to the Teachers2Parents number - **07786208450** - this will send an email to the school's email address.

## VOUCHERS AND LIDS

As usual we are collecting Sainsbury vouchers. We are also happy to receive Tesco and Morrison vouchers.



## ANNUAL PARENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

The school and its Governing Body carry out an annual questionnaire to find out how parents and carers feel about the education we are providing. This year we are going to provide a questionnaire for completion at parents' evening. The questionnaires will be in the school hall where parents wait for their teacher appointment. There will also be a box for completed questionnaires.

Thank you for your help with this - and let us know what you think!



## STAFFING

The Great Massingham and Harpley Partnership have recruited an Assistant Head to work across the two schools. Ms Sarah Drake will work primarily at Harpley in YR and KS1 but will also teach YR and KS1 at Great Massingham one day a week from the summer term 2015. She will also take on some leadership responsibilities at both schools. We hope to arrange a 'Meet the Teacher' session early in the summer term.



### PFA

Our PFA works very hard to raise funds and support the school by providing extras that the school budget could not fund ,e.g. transport for visits, equipment etc.

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, Tracy Reeve or Claire Burton.

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



### MARKING POLICY

Our school Marking Policy means staff are giving children 'Next Steps' on some of their work. This means children receive a note telling them how to improve in small manageable steps. We talk to the children about what the notes say and what they need to do, and we are very pleased with the way children respond.

When you come along to parents' evening you may see lots of writing in your child/children's books so please do not be alarmed! Work is marked with positive comments and may also have a Next Step. A simple Marking Guide will be displayed in each room to help staff, children and parents understand what each symbol or mark means.

If you would like to see a copy of the full revised Marking Policy please ask at the school office.

### CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

If you have concerns about something in school please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible. Mrs Smith will be at the cloakroom door each morning and will pass on messages to class teachers. If you need to speak to a class teacher it is best done at the end of the morning or end of the school day but you may, of course, speak to a staff member before school, if necessary. We hope the school's 'open door' policy allowing parents and staff to speak on a daily basis about issues and concerns means there will be no need to use a formal complaints procedure. However, all schools are required to have a complaints procedure and policy.

Should you have a serious complaint that you feel needs addressing please take the following steps:-

**1. Speak to the class teacher.**

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of this meeting

**2. Speak to the Headteacher.**

If you feel the problem has still not been resolved

**3. Speak to the Chair of Governors - Mrs Bev Randall.**

The school office has her number and email details.

In the unlikely event that we have not been able to resolve the problem in school you should

**4. Contact Children's Services at County Hall  
Tel: 0844 800 8001**

### PARENT GOVERNORS

Great Massingham C of E Primary School currently has three parent governors. They are Mrs Donna Linney, Mr Lee Lilley and Mr Neil Quinn. They represent parents on the Governing Body so, if there is something you would like governors to consider or discuss, please approach any of the above who will bring it to the notice of the Governing Body.

## PARENTS' EVENINGS

Our Parents' Evenings will be held during the last week of half term.

Parents' Evening for **Class 1** parents will be held on **Tuesday 24th March 2015**.

Parents' Evening for **Class 2** parents (Years 5 and 6 and Mrs Frere-Smith's Maths Group) will be held on **Tuesday 24th March 2015** with Mrs Frere-Smith.

Parents' Evening for **Class 2** parents (Years 3 and 4) will be held on **Thursday 26th March 2015** with Mr Watling.

Letters will be sent home during the week ending 13th March 2015.

## EASTER SERVICE

Our Easter Service will be held on Friday 27th March at 1.30pm. The PFA will provide refreshments at school after the service. Everyone welcome. School will close at 3.00pm.



## HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

In line with recent changes to the DfE School Food Standards schools are expected to ensure children eat a healthy lunch. This includes packed lunches. Our brochure states "The children are encouraged to eat healthily in school so sweets should not be part of the meal although one chocolate covered biscuit is acceptable. Children should not bring fizzy drinks". This is not intended to be school determining what parents feed their children - it is intended to inform you about the expectations on schools and ask for your continuing support.



## FEEDBACK

Please let us have your feedback on BEHAVIOUR & SAFETY. Do you feel the children are safe at school? Is there anything you would like to see on the curriculum that you feel would improve behaviour and safety? What aspects of behaviour and safety do you feel the school does well?

Please let us know what you think. Your views matter to us and we do try to respond to parent input whenever possible.

## DIARY DATES

**Every Thursday until end of term**

1.20-3.30 Whole School Swimming

**Friday 13th March**

Red Nose Day — wear something red and make a donation to Red Nose Day.

**Monday 16th March**

GenR8 Easter Assembly

**Wednesday 18th March**

6.00 Governors' Meeting

**Friday 20th March**

9.00am Special Mentions for Parents

**Tuesday 24th March**

Parents' Evening — Class 1 and Class 2 (Years 5 and 6 and Mrs Frere-Smith's Maths Group.)

**Thursday 26th March**

Parents' Evening — Class 2 (Years 3 and 4)

**Friday 27th March**

1.30pm Easter Service at St Mary's Church

Refreshments at school after the service

3.00pm School closes for Easter and re-opens on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

### After School Clubs

**Film Makers Club**

Every Monday 3.30-4.30 @ Harpley

**Lunchtime Football club**

Y1-Y6 every Tuesday 12.25

**Pyjama Drama**

Every Thursday 3.35-4.45 @ Harpley

## TERM DATES



### **2015 SPRING TERM**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
(Half term - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February)



### **2015 SUMMER TERM**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
(Half term - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May)



### **2015 AUTUMN TERM**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
(Half term - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October)

Feedback Form  
Please let us have your views on  
**Behaviour and Safety**  
or any other school issue

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Print \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

OR LEAVE BLANK IF YOU PREFER YOUR VIEWS TO BE ANONYMOUS