



GREAT MASSINGHAM C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2015



Welcome to our new children - Emma, Noah, Rhys, Gideon and Chloe in Reception, to Mason in Year 6, Charlie in Y4 and Beatrice in Y1- and to our new Reception and Key Stage 1 teacher, Mrs Karen Hall.

Please continue to encourage your child/children to come into school by themselves if they are above YR. We really want to develop independence skills but please remember you are always welcome to come in to school to speak to a member of staff if **necessary**. Children may come into school from 8.45am. If you arrive before that time, please wait with your child/children 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 music lessons please press the buzzer as normal.

Thank you to the PFA for organising the end of year trip to Hunstanton (the children had a great time) and also many thanks for providing refreshments after the Leavers' Service. We raised £39.15 for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution - thank you.

Please remember everyone is a PFA member. Please continue to support our PFA and get involved if you can. The work of the PFA benefits all our children and families.



Learning about the Lifeboat Station at Hunstanton

HARVEST

We will be collecting for the Food Bank again this year.



Mr Frere-Smith will come into school in October to talk with the children.

ASSEMBLIES

Rev Judith will be taking assemblies on Wednesday mornings every other week this term.



ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

SCHOOL YEAR 2016-17

Parents of children born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post.

Parents can apply online at www.admissions.norfolk.gov.uk (website open between 30th September 2015 and 15th January 2016).

Or parents/carers can contact admissions on 0344 8008020. Applications received after 15th January 2016 will be treated as late and will not be considered until places for all on time applications have been allocated.

SWIMMING



Our first swimming session this term will be on Thursday 10th September.

Please make sure your child brings a swimming costume and towel in a bag and armbands if needed - blown up please. The children will leave school to travel to the Construction Skills pool in Bircham Newton at 1.30pm and will return to school between 3.20 and 3.30pm.

If you are able to help with our swimming sessions on a Thursday afternoon please contact the school office. Thank you.

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 **UNAUTHORISED HOLIDAY**.

UNIFORM



The Governing Body request that all children attending Great Massingham School support its positive image in the community by wearing school uniform and having appropriately coloured/styled hair. The wearing of nail polish and tattoo transfers is discouraged as it can be distracting for pupils. Girls and Boys must have long hair tied and/or clipped back for health and safety reasons.

Great Massingham uniform consists of

- navy sweatshirt/cardigan or jumper with or without logo,
- navy polo shirt,
- black or grey trousers/skirts/pinafore dresses or shorts,
- Girls may wear a blue and white checked dress in warm weather.

School shoes (**not trainers**) should be black or brown and, for safety reasons, strappy or high-heeled sandals/shoes must not be worn.

In winter/wet weather pupils who come to school wearing boots should change into indoor shoes or plimsolls in school.

Jewellery should not be worn - this includes loom bands, wristbands etc. with the exceptions of small stud earrings, wristwatches and attendance award wristbands. If wristwatches are worn, it is at the wearer's own risk. The school is not responsible for their damage or loss. For safety reasons children must remove watches and earrings for PE. Children should remove and be responsible for their own earrings. If your child is unable to do this please remove earrings at home before school on PE days.

Please ensure all clothing and belongings are clearly named so that lost property can be identified and returned.

HEADTEACHER CONTACT

If parents need to see or speak to Mrs B for any reason she will **usually** be at Great Massingham as follows:-

MONDAY Afternoon

WEDNESDAY All Day

FRIDAY Morning

She can also be contacted on the Head's phone 0825104854 or at Harpley 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.

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 Mrs Griffin 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 each day.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Multi-Sports

Andrea Glover from Finish Line Sports will be running an after school Multisports Club on a Tuesday after school from 3.30pm -4.30pm for Years 2-6. If your child/children would like to take part in this after school club please complete the attached reply slip. There will be a charge of £1.00 per child per week. This can be paid to Mrs Smith on a Tuesday morning. The first session will be on Tuesday 8th September and the final session on 24th November 2015.

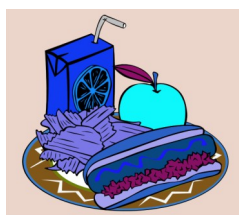


Tennis Club

Tennis Club will run from 10th September to 15th October for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Cost: £9.00 towards the cost of the lessons.



SCHOOL MEALS



As you will now be aware, the government has introduced free school meals for all YR and KS1 children (Universal Infant

Free School Meals or UIFSM).

This means that Class 1 children may have a free **hot meal** every lunchtime if they wish. The kitchen will provide a choice of a hot meal, a vegetarian meal or a jacket potato with fillings.

Please hand hot dinner orders and payment in a named envelope to Mrs Smith on a Monday morning.

School dinners remain at £2.10 per meal.

GREAT MASSINGHAM AND HARPLEY SCHOOLS SWAP DAYS



We will be continuing the Science /Languages Swap Day with Harpley for Key Stage 2,

every Monday.

Our Year 5/6 children will be transported to and from Harpley by the Houghton Hall minibus.

MUSIC LESSONS



Mr Lee will be continuing with the Key Stage 2 music lessons on a Friday morning.

GUITAR AND DRUM LESSONS

Guitar and drum lessons with Steff Judd will continue from September 2015. Please contact the school office if your child/children are interested in guitar or drum lessons.



STAFFING FROM SEPTEMBER 2015

Class 1:

Mrs Hall Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Miss Drake Thursday all day

Mrs Griffin Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday all day and Thursday mornings.

Class 2:

Mrs Frere-Smith Monday to Wednesday all day and Thursday morning

Mr Watling Thursday and Friday all day

Mrs Frost Monday to Friday all day

Denise Matthews, Liz Attew and Sarah Cooper will share the MSA duties across the week.

In addition, Mrs Susan Wood will continue to work across both classes on Tuesday afternoons as SENDCo support, assisting Mrs Beardall with SEND admin paperwork and intervention groups.

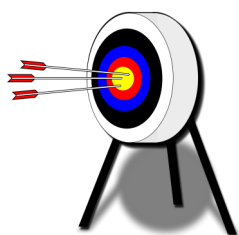
Mrs Smith will be in the office every morning and on Monday and Thursday afternoons.

GARDENING CLUB

Thank you to Liz, Sandy and Julian for running our Gardening Club during the summer term.



ARCHERY



We have arranged an Archery Taster Session for Year 1 upwards on the afternoon of Wednesday 9th September 2015 with

Craig Wyllie from King's Lynn Community Football Club.



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.

FEDERATION

The 'Great Massingham and Harpley C of E Schools Federation' will formally commence on September 21st 2015.

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 pupils safely along Weasenham Rd 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.

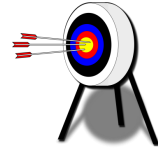
Do not park on the yellow zigzags outside the school at any time.

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.

DIARY DATES - AUTUMN TERM 2015

Wednesday 9th September 2015

Archery Session for Year 1 upwards



Thursday 10th September 2015

First swimming session of term



Wednesday 23rd September 2015

Key Stage 2 visit to Burnham Thorpe - see attached letter for Class 2

Friday 25th September 2015

Macmillan Coffee Morning at playtime for children. Year 6 to take donation to village hall at lunchtime. More information to follow.



Thursday 1st October 2015

Harvest Festival — 9.30am at St Mary's Church, Great Massingham —TBC

Friday 16th October 2015

Cathedral Day at Norwich Cathedral for Key Stage 2— details to follow

Tuesday 20th October 2015

Partnership Day — PSHE/Citizenship — details to follow

Wednesday 21st October 2015

1.15pm BJ Puppets. 'Jesus as a Special Friend and Respect'

Friday 6th November 2015

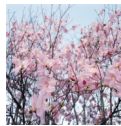
9.05am Special Mentions Assembly - everyone welcome

TERM DATES 2015 – 2016



2015 AUTUMN TERM

**Thursday 3rd September - Friday 18th December
(Half term - Thursday 22nd - Friday 30th October)**



2015 SPRING TERM

**Tuesday 5th January - Thursday 24th March
(Half term - Monday 15th - Friday 19th February)**



2015 SUMMER TERM

**Monday 11th April - Tuesday 20th July
(Half term - Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June)**

Permission slip - Please return to school before



Multisports After School Club

I wish my child to take part in the after school
Multisports Club for the Autumn Term from Tuesday 8th September to Tuesday 24th
November 2015.

I understand this is a commitment, and my child will attend every week, unless unfit.

I confirm that school has all my current emergency contact details and up to date pupil
medical information.

I agree to send £1.00 into school per child per week towards the cost of the
Multisports Club.

Signed Date
Parent/Carer