



GREAT MASSINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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# NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2015



A warm welcome to our two new children called Maisie and Millie-Mai Davis. Great Massingham now has 39 pupils on roll.



### SIAMS INSPECTION

As you will be aware we had our SIAMS church school inspection on Tuesday 3rd November. As with an OFSTED inspection, the outcome cannot be published until it has been checked, approved and finalised. However, I can tell you that we are very proud of the way the children behaved (as always!) and the way they welcomed the inspector and spoke to her about the school.

### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We have included as many dates for this term as we have at the moment (there may be some more to add over the next few weeks) but we have listed all the important Christmas events on page six so parents can make arrangements in plenty of time.



**Please come along and support as many events as possible.**

### REMEMBRANCE

Congratulations to Aimee Thompson, from Class 2, for winning the district 'Poppy Art Competition'. Aimee's beautiful acrylic picture of poppies in a field was awarded the top prize in a competition for schools, organised by the Royal British Legion Fakenham branch. Also.....



Many thanks to Tegan Foster, also from Class 2, who laid a wreath on behalf of the school at the village Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church, on Sunday 8th November.

### ATTENDANCE



Our attendance was **95.5%** for the first half of the Autumn Term. Just below our target of 96%

### HARVEST

Thank you for your donations to the Food Bank — we beat last year's amount so thank you to everyone who gave something.



The certificate from the Food Bank is displayed in the school hall.

## 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. We are not worried about the colours of the tracksuits and fleeces as long as they are warm! 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' entrance 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.

### 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](http://www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk)



### TEXT MESSAGES, ETC.

Please see Mrs Smith if you are not receiving text messages from school or the Weekly Bulletins and Newsletter by email.

## SWIMMING



Our last swimming session this term will be on Thursday 10th December. Swimming sessions in the Spring Term will begin on Thursday 7th January 2016. Thank you to all the parents who have helped with swimming this term.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all who supported this event. We raised £45. This money was added to the Village Hall Macmillan Coffee Morning total.



### INDEPENDENCE

Thank you to parents for supporting our independence initiative. Please continue to encourage your child/children to come into school by themselves. We really want to develop independence skills but please remember you are always welcome to come into school to speak to a member of staff, if necessary. The school gates open at 8.45am. School starts at 8.55am.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

#### Multisports



The final session of the After School Multisports Club is on Tuesday 24th November 2015.

#### Dance Club

The final session of dance club will be on Wednesday 2nd of December.

Parents are invited to attend a performance of the dance club work on this date at 4.15 PM.





## CHRISTMAS 2015 DECORATION DAY

After last year's success, we want to repeat Decoration Day when the children spend the day, with adult helpers, in a glitter fest of activities, preparing for the season! This year, Decoration Day will be on Tuesday 1st December and we are asking for helpers, for all or half a day, to come and join in and help, either by running their own decorating activity (which can be given if you don't know what to do) or to support one of the other groups. Please could you let us know as soon as possible so that the rotas can be drawn and materials ordered. We had a great time last year and are looking forward to another this December. If you would like to help on this day please see Mrs Smith.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY Monday 14th December

The School Christmas Party (for both classes) will be on Monday 14th 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 thought it would be better to have a buffet party lunch for the children and 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 Junior 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 LUNCH

School Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 15th December. 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 Chicken Breast, Chipolata

Stuffing, gravy, Roast Potatoes, Carrot Batons, Garden Peas

Desert: Christmas Ice Cream and Shortbread Biscuit

Cost: £2.10 per meal, payable on Monday 14th December, unless entitled to Universal Infant Free School meals or Free School Meals.



## PFA Christmas Fair

The PFA will be holding their Christmas Fair in the Village Hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday 5th December. If anyone is able to help on this day please contact Suzi Overson.



**PLEASE support this event by helping, attending, donating or simply buying raffle tickets.**

**The PFA provide equipment, transport and activities which benefit all the children at Great Massingham School.**

**The more funds raised the more the PFA can do for the children.**

**PANTOMIME -**  
**WEDNESDAY 16TH**  
**DECEMBER**



Our whole school Christmas treat is on the morning of Wednesday 16<sup>h</sup> December to see the Pantomime - The Adventures of Robin Hood - at the King's Lynn Corn Exchange.

**THANK YOU TO THE PFA FOR FUNDING THE COST OF THE TICKETS**

We will travel to and from King's Lynn by coach and will leave school at 9.15am. We will not be back at school in time for hot lunches so ask for the children to bring a packed lunch to eat on our return to school. We would welcome a voluntary contribution of £2.00 per child towards the cost of the coach.

Please sign and return the permission slip attached to this newsletter to school to allow your child to take part in this school visit. Children entitled to free school meals/universal free school meals are able to order a packed lunch from the school kitchen. Please indicate this on the attached reply slip.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

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

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Norfolk County Council has changed banks and schools now bank with Barclays. Unfortunately, at this time, they do not support Post Office Banking. This has made depositing money more difficult and time consuming. If you pay for anything by cheque please be aware it may now take up to a month to be deposited.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Our Christmas Service will be held at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, at 2pm.

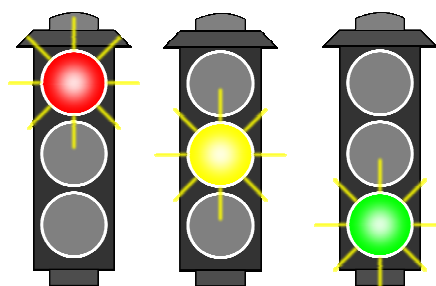


All the children will be taking part and Ducklings Pre - School will also be joining in with a Christmas item

Everyone is welcome to attend the service and come back to school afterwards to enjoy refreshments.

**The PTA will be organising the refreshments and there will also be a Christmas Raffle.**

Donations of raffle prizes would be most welcome - the PFA are asking for donations of RED, ORANGE and GREEN items for their 'Traffic Light Raffle'.



**FEEDBACK**

Please let us have your feedback on **The start of the school year.**

What do you like about how we prepare children for their new school/ new year group?

What could we do to make things better?

You can also let OFSTED and the wider world know what you think about the school by

logging on to the link below.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/user>

This is a simple questionnaire for parents to fill in and there is now also an opportunity to leave comments.



## TERM DATES 2015 – 2016



### **2015 AUTUMN TERM**

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



### **2016 SPRING TERM**

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



### **2016 SUMMER TERM**

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

## DIARY DATES — DECEMBER 2015

**Tuesday 1st December**

Decoration Day



**Saturday 5th December**

PFA Christmas Fair

**Monday 14th December**

11.15am Christmas GENR8—Puppet Show for children

Christmas Parties (Party Lunch)

**Tuesday 15th December**

Christmas Lunch

2.00pm Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Great Massingham

**Wednesday 16th December**

Pantomime at King's Lynn

Corn Exchange - packed lunch today

**Friday 18th December**

School Closes for the Christmas Holiday

**Tuesday 5th January 2016**

School Opens for Spring Term



Permission slip - Please return to school before  
Friday 20th November 2015



Visit to the The Corn Exchange in King's Lynn  
to see the Pantomime - The Adventures of Robin Hood

I give permission for ..... to travel to the Corn Exchange in King's Lynn by coach on Wednesday 16th December 2015 to see the Pantomime — The Adventures of Robin Hood.

\*I confirm the details on the Education Visits Consent form previously completed remains correct.

\*Please update the details on the Educational Visits Consent form previously completed as follows:-

I would like to order a packed lunch from school Yes/No  
Cost £2.10 unless entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals or Free School Meals

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £2.00 per child towards the cost of the coach.

Signed ..... Date .....  
Parent/Carer





# FEEDBACK FORM

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR VIEWS ON:-

The start of the school year. What do you like about how we prepare children for their new school/new year group. What could we do to make things better?

OR ANY OTHER SCHOOL ISSUE

Signed: .....

Print Name: .....

Date: .....

Or leave blank if you prefer your views to be anonymous.