



GREAT MASSINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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# NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2016



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO  
YOU ALL FROM THE  
STAFF AND  
GOVERNORS OF  
GREAT MASSINGHAM  
AND HARPLEY  
CHURCH OF  
ENGLAND SCHOOLS  
FEDERATION

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. The start of a new term and a New Year is always full of anticipation and hope – we hope for and anticipate a happy and busy year full of learning and fun!



### TERM DATES



#### 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

### TOPICS THIS TERM

Class 2's Topics this term will be:-

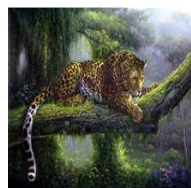
**History:** Iron Age (Celtic)

Britain and the Invasion and Settlement of the Romans.



**RE:** Sacred Places

**Science:** The focus will be on Biology, especially the World of Animals.



Class 1's Topics this term will be Space and Fairgrounds.



### SAMARITAN'S PURSE

16 boxes were sent to the Samaritan's Purse

(Operation Christmas Child) from the Great Massingham and Harpley C of E Schools Federation. These were included in the total of 136 boxes sent from

St Mary's Church.

Thank you for your donations.



### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance was for the Autumn Term was 94.2%.

Well below our target of 96%.

## SWIMMING HELPERS

We desperately need more helpers with swimming, especially helpers who are willing to go in the water with our youngest children. If you would be able to go on our rota or be willing to help when our regular helpers are unwell we would be most grateful. A DBS check will be required.



## PFA

The PFA raised £424.92 at the Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone for helping, donating and supporting the event. The school's stall raised £95. Thank you to the PFA for their contribution towards the children's Christmas treat — a visit to The Pantomime, The Adventures of Robin Hood at The Corn Exchange in King's Lynn on 16th December 2015.



## BRING AND BUY SALE

Mr Watling is organizing a Bring and Buy Sale — including a cake sale and raffle — in school at 2.45pm on Friday 15th

January. Key Stage 2 will put the money raised towards an educational visit to the Castle Museum in February. Reception and Key Stage 1 will put the money raised towards developing the outdoor area. Please do not throw away old toys and games and other unwanted items — bring them to school during the week of January 11-15th, so we can raise lots of money towards that exciting Castle Museum visit where the Key Stage 2 children will be meeting the Celts and Romans.

Further details to follow about the trip to Norwich Castle on Thursday 25th February.



## PHOTO ORDERS



Thank you to all parents who ordered photographs.

The commission received by school was £68.75. This will be used to pay for resources and visits for the children.

## PARENTS' EVENING

Parent Consultations will be held on Wednesday 13th January 2016 (for Years 5/6 with Mrs Frere-Smith and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with Mrs Hall) and on Thursday 14th January 2016 (for Years 3 and 4 with Mr Watling). Appointment times were sent home during the week ending 11th December 2015 — please contact the school office if you have not received your parents' evening appointment. Thank you.



## WELL DONE

Mrs Frere-Smith will be organising a treat afternoon for the children in Class 2, during this half term, as they collected all their good behaviour marbles before the end of the Autumn Term. Class 1 also collected all their good behaviour marbles and will have their treat afternoon on Friday 8th January.



## SCHOOL MEALS

The cost of a school meal will increase to £2.20 per day (£11.00 per week) from 1st April 2016.

## SCHOOL MENU CHANGE

### THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY

Chicken Fillet in a Homemade Roll  
Garlic or Tomato Mayo Dip  
(v) Quorn Fillet in a Homemade Roll  
Chipped potatoes Salad and Coleslaw  
Pudding: Toffee Cream Tart



## DANCE CLUB

Dance Club will commence on Wednesday 20th January, for Year 2 to Year 6 pupils, for 8 weeks. The Club will run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm at Harpley's school hall. The final session will be on Wednesday 16th March 2016. There is a charge of £2.50 per week, £20 for the 8 weeks. If your child is interested in taking part in the Dance Club please contact the school office.



## 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)

## BOOK BAGS AND READING BOOKS

### CLASS 1

Please make sure book bags and reading books are brought to school **everyday** so we can listen to the children read regularly to ensure good progress in reading. **Library books** should be returned to school every **WEDNESDAY** – please note change of day.

## D & V OUTBREAKS

Tummy bugs, sickness and flu spread very easily at this time of year. Public Health Advice states "Children who fall ill with sickness and diarrhoea **should not return to school until 48 hours after they were last sick or had diarrhoea.**" Our aim, with this advice, is to prevent illness spreading within schools and causing more families distress.

Please also remember if you have a well child with a sick sibling the well child should attend school. If you have difficulties getting a child to school please let us know and we will do all we can to help.



## CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

If you have concerns about something in school please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible. Mrs Smith and Mrs Griffin will be at the cloakroom/classroom 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 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:-

**Speak to the class teacher.**

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of this meeting

**Speak to the Headteacher.**

If you feel the problem has still not been resolved

**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

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

If you feel something is bothering you or your child, whatever it may be, PLEASE come in and speak to us. You are welcome to talk to **any member of staff** if you have concerns. We don't mind listening to grumbles! **Remember if we don't know about something we can't put it right!**

It's also lovely to hear if there is something we have done well. A thank you is always appreciated.



## **SPRING/SUMMER MENU 2016**

Please find attached sample copy of new menu due to start after February half term.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all parents for providing Christmas party lunch food. We feel this worked really well – the children really enjoyed it.

Non Uniform Day on 17th December raised £30.

## **FLU VACCINATIONS**

This year, the flu vaccine is being offered to children in school years 1 and 2. Letters and consent forms were sent home to parents on 7th January. The date of the vaccination session at Great Massingham School is Monday 18th January 2016.

## **DIARY DATES**

### **JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016**

**Tuesday 5th January 2016**

School opens

**Thursday 7th January 2016**

Swimming – first session this term

**Monday 11th January 2016**

Harpley/Gt Massingham Swap Day begins

**Wednesday 13th January 2016**

Road Safety Seatbelt Presentation

Parent Consultations for Years 5 to 6 and

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

**Thursday 14th January 2016**

Parent Consultations for Years 3 and 4

**Friday 15th January**

2.45pm – Bring and Buy Sale, Cake Sale and Raffle at Great Massingham School

**Wednesday 20th January**

Dance Club begins

**Thursday 25th February**

Key Stage 2 trip to Norwich Castle Museum. Coach leaving school at 8.30am. Returning to school for home time.

## **CLASS 2 – HOMEWORK**

Mr Watling will be setting Class 2's homework this term - homework will come home on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday.

Mrs Frere-Smith will be sending spellings and tables home on a Monday – children will be tested on Wednesday.

### **PE**

**Please make sure children bring outdoor gear to school for PE – a tracksuit/joggers and sweat-shirt and a change of shoes and socks.**

### **DVDs from CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**for sale**

A DVD of the Christmas Carol Service will cost £5.00.

Also DVD for Class 2 of SING will be available for £3.00.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to buy new reading books for the school library. These DVDs are for home use only and must not be uploaded onto Facebook or U Tube.

**Order forms will be out soon.**

### **FEEDBACK**

Please let us have your feedback on the Autumn Term and Christmas arrangements



What could we do better? What are the good things we do?

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.

# FEEDBACK FORM

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR VIEWS ON:-

The Autumn Term and Christmas arrangements

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OR ANY OTHER SCHOOL ISSUE

Signed: .....

Print Name: .....

Date: .....

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