



GREAT MASSINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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## NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2016



'All the Fun of The Fair' - Class 1 had great fun visiting Lynn Museum and the Mart in King's Lynn on Friday 26th February. They enjoyed learning about local engineer Frederick Savage who owned an ironworks in King's Lynn in 1850 – steam driven carousels were built at the ironworks. This visit linked to Class 1's history and art topics.



Our Key Stage 2 children had an excellent day at the Castle Museum in Norwich, engaging in a variety of Celtic and Roman activities.

Both sides tried to persuade the children that

their style of life was the best but nothing the Romans said could change Key Stage 2 from being anything other than true Celts!

### TOPICS SUMMER TERM 2016

#### Class 2

For the first half of term Class 2's topic will be 'Geography of Europe' to get ready for the Soccer Euro 2016 tournament.



For the second half of term the topic will be 'History of Ancient Greece' to get ready for the Olympics 2016.



Class 1's summer term topic will be - 'Food Glorious Food'.

### SATS WEEK

9th-13th May is SATs week - all Year 6 children must be at school this week unless they have significant health issues or illness.

Y1 Phonics Screening will take place week commencing Monday 13th June.



#### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance for the Spring Term is **95.5%** – an improvement on our Autumn Term attendance. Our target is 96%.

*Let's hope the better spring weather will see an end to all the viruses, colds and nasty bugs!*

## LITERACY WORKSHOP AND SUMMER TERM PARENTS' OPEN EVENINGS

On Tuesday 12th April at 3.30pm we will be holding a Literacy Workshop followed by an informal parents' evening. Following the workshop there will be an opportunity to look at children's work and talk with the teachers.

### Y6 PARENTS' MEETING

On Wednesday 20th April at 3.30pm we will be holding a Year 6 parents' evening. There will be an explanation of the new curriculum expectations and arrangements and to voice any concerns. There will also be an opportunity to speak with both Mrs Frere-Smith and Mrs Beardall.

### GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Club will begin on Tuesday 12th April – at lunchtimes for Class 2 volunteers and during the afternoon for Class 1. Class 1 children will need their Wellington boots and waterproof trousers (or a pair of old jogging bottoms).

Thanks to Liz Foster and her team for organising and running this activity for the children.



### SPECIAL MENTIONS ASSEMBLY

There will be a Special Mentions Assembly for parents at 2.45pm on Friday 15th April at school. Refreshments will be provided by the PFA after the assembly.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

### DANCE CLUB

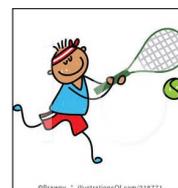
Dance Club will commence on Wednesday 13th April for Year 2 to Year 6 pupils, for 10 weeks.



The Club will run from 3.30pm-4.30 pm and will be held at Harpley Primary School. The final session will be on Wednesday 22nd June 2016. The cost will be £2.50 per week, £25.00 for the 10 weeks.

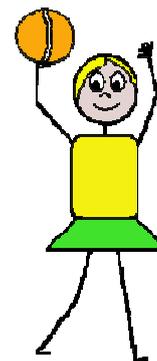
### TENNIS CLUB

We are currently trying to arrange an after school Tennis Club at Great Massingham Village Hall. Details to follow.



### MULTISPORTS CLUB

Andrea Glover will be running an After School Multisports Club on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm to 4.30pm from Tuesday 19th April to Tuesday 21st June for Year 1 to Year 6 children. Cost; £1.50 per week – the remainder of the cost will be met from the government PE grant.



### SPORTS DAY

Our Sports Day this year will be held on Friday 24th June on the school field at 1.15pm. Reserve date is Monday 27th June 2016.

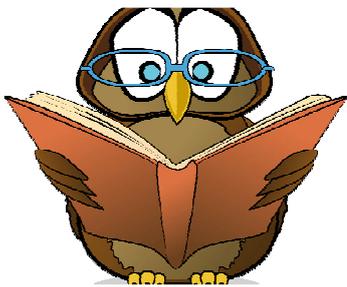
### LEAVERS' SERVICE

Our Leavers' Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Great Massingham on **Wednesday 29th June at 2.00pm**. Please join us to say goodbye to Charlotte, Elana-Rose, Daisy, Josh and Mason (and Mrs F-S!) Refreshments will be provided at school after the service by the PFA. Our Year 6 children will be leaving us on Friday 1st July - the children transfer to High School on **Monday 4th July**.

## 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 the Parents' Evenings. The questionnaires will be in the school hall. There will also be a box for completed questionnaires. Thank you for your help with this - and let us know what you think!



## READ-A-THON CHALLENGE

To try and encourage and develop good reading habits we are launching a Read-a-thon challenge. The aim is for children to read EVERY day for blocks of 7 consecutive days until they have a total of 28 days. Children will bring home a reading record which should be completed in pencil — in case a day is missed and the 7 day count has to re-start.

After 7 consecutive days the record should be brought into school to be signed off.

After 28 days reading is completed, children will receive a certificate and book.

Reading is a crucial skill and we really want the children to become regular readers — please help by supporting this initiative.

## OPEN DOOR

Please remember the school door is always open for parents. We do encourage the children to come into school independently - but we also want to know about concerns, queries or information that you feel we should know regarding your child. Our open door policy is important to us - we believe parents should be able to access the school as necessary. If you have an urgent issue, e.g. if a child is off-colour please pop in and brief a member of staff at 8.45. The mornings are very busy times for staff and pupils so please only use this time for matters of immediate concern. Any other issues should be brought up at the end of a school day when staff have time to deal with issues properly and give you the time you may need. We really do want to know about any concerns you or your child may have.



**Please remember we are not able to sort things out if we don't know about them!**

## ST GEORGE'S DAY LUNCH

FRIDAY 22ND APRIL

**Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet**

**(v) Hand-made Vegemince Pasty**

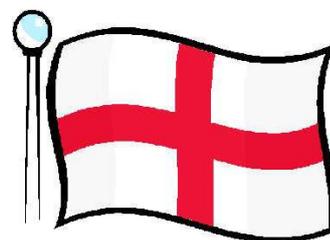
**Chips**

**Mushy Peas**

**Tomato Sauce**

**Pudding: Classic Victoria Sponge**

**Meals can be ordered on the day.**



**FEDERATION SCIENCE  
& LANGUAGES SWAP  
DAYS**



We will be continuing the Science/  
Languages Swap Day with Harpley for Key  
Stage 2, every Monday from Monday 11th  
April to Monday 20th June.

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

**MUSIC LESSONS**

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



**DRUM AND GUITAR LESSONS**

Lessons with Stef Judd  
will move to a Friday  
morning from April  
onwards.



Children currently having lessons gave a  
concert on Wednesday 23rd March. All  
performances were very impressive  
showing how hard they have worked – well  
done to **Josh, Cody, Danny, Charlie P  
Sam, and Harvey** and well done to Stef  
for his fantastic teaching!

**BISHOP OF LYNN VISIT**

The Bishop of King's Lynn,  
Jonathan Meyrick,  
will be visiting  
Great Massingham School  
with  
Rev Judith Pollard on Friday  
27th May. The Bishop will be joining  
our children for Collective Worship at  
the end of our morning session.



**Crucial Crew at King's Lynn Fire Station**

Our Year 6 children have been invited to  
the Crucial Crew event at the Fire Station  
in King's Lynn on Friday 29th April. Crucial  
Crew is a national scheme aimed at Year 6  
pupils. It teaches children how to tackle  
the personal dangers they face in the home  
and on the streets and helps prevent  
children becoming involved in crime.  
Children should arrive at school at 8.30am.  
We will travel to and from Kings Lynn by  
minibus. We will return to school in time for  
lunch.

**THANK YOU**

Mrs Hall would like to thank all parents for the  
donations that have been made to Class I's  
outdoor area and for help that has been  
offered. She will be organising a day for  
parents to work on improving the outdoor area  
during the Summer Term.

**SWIMMING**

Swimming has finished for this academic year.  
The children have all made great progress.  
**Thank you to all our parent helpers who  
make the swimming sessions such a success  
– we couldn't do it without you!**  
Swimming will resume in September.

*Please contact Mrs Smith if you are able to  
help with swimming during the Autumn Term.  
A DBS check will be required.*

**FEDERATION DAY**

Our Federation Day, with author Stuart Reid,  
was a great success. The children really  
engaged with him and we saw an increased  
enthusiasm for reading and writing as a result.  
There will be a Summer Term Federation Day.  
Dates and details to be confirmed .

## TERM DATES 2016

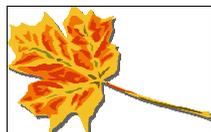


### SUMMER TERM

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Bank Holiday - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Half term Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

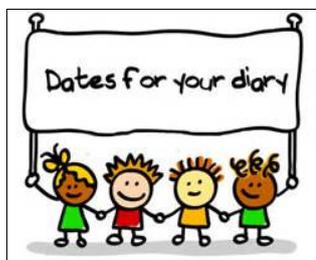


### AUTUMN TERM

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Half Term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October



### Every Monday from 11<sup>th</sup> April – 20<sup>th</sup> June

Science/Languages swap day with Harpley

### Every Tuesday from 12<sup>th</sup> April

Gardening Club

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Literacy Workshop and Parents' Evening for

Reception and Years 1-5

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Dance Club - 1<sup>st</sup> session of term

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Multisports After School Club—1<sup>st</sup> session

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

St George's Day Lunch

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Crucial Crew Event—Year 6

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Year 6 Parents' Evening

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Bishop of Lynn visit

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Reserve date – Sports Day

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Leavers' Service



Sainsbury's  
**Active Kids**  
Eat well • Move well • Live well

## SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2016

We are still collecting Sainsbury vouchers  
Please send any vouchers you have at home  
into school. Thank you.

### SCHOOL MEALS

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

### FOREST SCHOOLS AT HOUGHTON HALL

We plan to run a series of Forest Schools  
sessions at Houghton Hall for YR and KS1 with  
Harpley. We will be asking for volunteers – so  
get your wellies ready!

### HALL FLOORING

The repair to the hall floor will be carried out  
during the Easter holidays.

Once the repair is completed the old vinyl  
flooring will be replaced  
with new.

### FEEDBACK

Please let us have your  
feedback on **The Spring  
Term.**



What has gone well? What good things we do?  
What do you feel we could improve?

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 Spring Term

What has gone well? What do you feel we could improve?

OR ANY OTHER SCHOOL ISSUE

Signed: .....

Print Name: .....

Date: .....