



GREAT MASSINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER JUNE/JULY 2016



CONGRATULATIONS JOSH!

Josh started playing basketball nearly two years ago with the local club King's Lynn Fury. Josh was selected at County selection this year to represent not only the U11s but also the U13s. He attended an inter county tournament in St Albans on 1st May where Norfolk won all four of their matches. At the end of the day, coaches from Basketball England selected the top 20 boys to join the Initial East Region boys squad. Josh was the only boy from the Norfolk team to be selected.

This is a fantastic achievement as he was up against competition from Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. He now has two training camps with the other 20 boys and then a team of 10 will be selected. Well done Josh!

Everyone at Great Massingham School is proud of your achievement.

Sadly, It's Time to Say Goodbye

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Frere-Smith and Ms Drake at the end of term. We wish both of them all the best for the future. The PFA have organised a lunchtime picnic to say 'cheerio' to them both on Monday 18th July. Parents are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and join us at 12.00. Children should bring a packed lunch on this day or, alternatively, they may order a school packed lunch. Year 6's last day at primary school will be on Friday 1st July as they take part in early transition days at High School from Monday 4th July. We wish them all every success in the future.



School will close for the summer holiday on Wednesday 20th July at 2.30pm and reopen at 8.45am on Monday 5th September.

SCHOOL TASTER SESSIONS FOR OUR NEW ENTRANTS AND MOVE UP DAY

Our new September Reception children will be visiting school for taster sessions on Friday 8th July from 9.15am to 11.45am and on Monday 11th July from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. The Parents' Meeting for new parents will be held at school on Tuesday 5th July at 5.30pm.

Home visits will be arranged at this meeting.

Year 2 children will move into Class 2 for these sessions. Miss Evans will be spending the day with us on Friday 8th July and will be available for a 'Meet the Teacher' session after school on this date.

ATTENDANCE

Our target is 96%.

Our attendance for the first half of the Summer Term is 95%. Children will be awarded a GOOD ATTENDANCE wristband for 96% attendance or above at the Leavers' Service on 29th June.



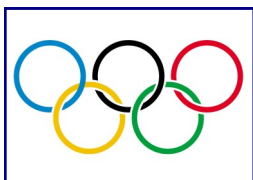


QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We will be celebrating the Queen's birthday on Wednesday 8th June (a day early so Mrs Frere-Smith and Mrs Hall can be involved). Children should wear red, white and blue clothing. Please remember to send 'street party' food items into school in the morning – many thanks for this.

FEDERATION DAY

This term's Federation Day will be held at Great Massingham School on Wednesday 15th June. The day will have an Olympic theme with a focus on Geography, History and PE/Sport. The day will conclude with a One Mile Fun Run on Massingham Airfield at 2.30pm, for children and parents. All children will need a packed lunch on this day - packed lunches can be ordered from school – cost £2.20 unless entitled to free/universal infant free school meals. Please let Mrs Smith know, before Friday 10th June, if you would like to order a packed lunch for your child/children on this day.

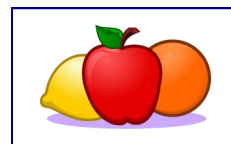


UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Children in Class 1 will continue to be eligible for a free school meal each day. They can order a hot meal, a jacket potato or a packed lunch. The packed lunch menu for the Summer Term is attached.

HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCHES

School meals are now prepared in line with new DfE Food Standards for Schools.



To support this legislation schools are expected to encourage healthy eating in packed lunches brought in by pupils not taking a hot midday meal.

Packed lunches may include sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, yoghurts, cheese, salad, etc but should NOT include sweets or chocolate bars or fizzy drinks. (A chocolate biscuit or cake is acceptable).

If you have any concerns about this issue please come in and speak to a member of staff. Obviously it is important that children eat well at lunchtime so packed lunches should contain things children enjoy eating but we ask that you help us meet Food Standards expectations. 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. Thank you.

STAFFING FROM SEPTEMBER 2016

Class 1

Mrs Hall – all week

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

Class 2

Miss Evans – all week

Mr Watling – Thursday all day

Mrs Frost – all 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. Denise, Liz and Sarah will share the MSA duties across the week.

E-SAFETY

We have attached a new Parental E-safety agreement. Please read it and return the unstapled copy to school. The other copy is for you to keep for reference.



VISIT TO HUNSTANTON

The PFA are organising a visit to Old Hunstanton on Friday 1st July. Letter to follow with permission slip.

HOLIDAY DATES

We have attached the Norfolk County Council Schools' Term Dates Calendar for 2016-17 academic year.

CLASS 1 VISIT

Mrs Hall is currently trying to arrange a visit for Class 1 to support their work on Food Glorious Food. Details to follow.

LEAVERS' SERVICE

There will be a Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church, Great Massingham on Wednesday 29th June at 2.00pm where we will say goodbye to our Year 6 children. All Welcome. Refreshments back at school afterwards.



SPECIAL MENTIONS ASSEMBLY

There will be a Special Mentions Assembly for parents at 9.00am on Friday 17th June at school. Everyone welcome.



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' TREAT

The PFA have kindly arranged a treat for the Year 6 pupils. They will be visiting Strikes for tea followed by bowling on Tuesday 28th June.

SPORTS DAY

Don't forget Sports Day is on Friday 24th June at 1.00 pm.



The PFA will be selling ice creams at the end of the event.

CYCLING PROFICIENCY

Cycling Proficiency for our Year 6 children will take place on



Monday 20th June, Tuesday 21st June, Tuesday 28th June and Thursday 30th June. Training will take place in the playground and on the road. Thank you to Julian Thompson for offering to help Tracey, from Norfolk County Council, with this training.

EMERGENCY UPDATE FORMS AND PERMISSIONS SLIPS FOR

SEPTEMBER 2016

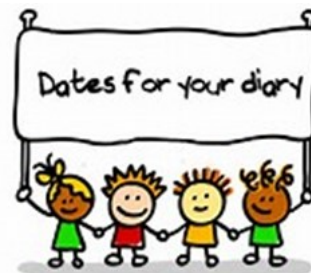
We would be grateful if you could update and return the enclosed Emergency Data Sheet to school as soon as possible as Mrs Smith would like to update our school management system before the end of term. Please also sign and return the permission slips to school before Friday 8th July. Thank you.

Monday 6th June

School reopens after half term

Tuesday 7th June

PFA AGM at school at 3.30pm
Multisports Club



Wednesday 8th June

Celebrations for Queen Elizabeth's official birthday (9th June 2016).
Children should wear red, white and blue clothing. Please remember to send items of food into school this morning.

Thursday 9th June

Year 6 Photograph for EDP Top Class Supplement

Friday 10th June

Reception to Houghton Hall – Forest Schools morning
Big Maths Morning at Litcham High School - we are sending a team of four children.

Monday 13th June

Rounders Club match at 4.00pm at Beeston Primary School.

Tuesday 14th June

9.30am-12.30am – Team of four to Litcham High School for Book/Literacy Quiz.
Multisports Club

Wednesday 15th June

Federation Day – both schools at Great Massingham School for day.
2.30pm - One Mile Fun Run on Massingham airfield for children and parents.

Thursday 16th June

1.00pm—Year 5 to Litcham School for Science Experiment — making batteries from fruits and metals.

Friday 17th June

9.00am Special Mentions Assembly at school. Everyone welcome.

Monday 20th June

Cycling Proficiency for Year 6 from 9.00-10.30am.
Last Science/Languages Swap Day with Harpley.
Rounders Club.

Tuesday 21st June

Cycling Proficiency for Year 6 from 10.30am -12.00pm.
Last Multisports Club.

Wednesday 22nd June - Assembly: GENR8 - "Respect"

Last after school Dance Club for this term.

Friday 24th June

Sports Day -1.00pm on School Field. PFA will provide refreshments and ice-creams.
There will also be a cake raffle.

Monday 27th June

Reserve date — Sports Day at 1.00pm

Last Rounders Club - if parents can take and collect children from Harpley.

Tuesday 28th June

Cycling Proficiency Training for Year 6 from 9.00am-10.30am

Year 6 Leavers' party at Strikes in King's Lynn at 5.30pm

Wednesday 29th June

Leavers' Service at 2pm in St Mary's Church. Back to school afterwards for refreshments.

Thursday 30th June

Cycling Proficiency Training for Year 6 from 9.00-10.00am

Friday 1st July

Whole school visit to Hunstanton. Year 6's last day at GM School.

Monday 4th July

Year 6 first day at Litcham High School

1.30pm-2.30pm Messy Transition Event for new Reception children at Great Massingham Village Hall.

Tuesday 5th July

5.30pm New Reception Parents' Evening with Mrs Hall and Mrs Beardall.

Friday 8th July

New Reception children visiting from 9.15am to 11.45am in Class 1.

Year 2 will move up to Class 2 for the day.

Miss Evans (Class 2 teacher from Sept) visiting for day.

Monday 11th July

New Reception children visiting from 1.00pm to 3.00pm in Class 1.

Monday 18th July

Assembly: Bridget Morton from the Library Service to talk to the children about the Summer Reading Challenge.

Farewell Picnic at 12.00pm to say goodbye to Mrs Frere-Smith and Ms Drake. Everyone welcome. Please bring a picnic lunch — children will also need a picnic lunch from home today (packed lunches can be ordered from the kitchen at cost of £2.20 - unless entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals or Free School Meals).

Wednesday 20th July

Last day of term. School closes at 2.30pm.

School reopens on Monday 5th September 2016 at 8.45am.