



GREAT MASSINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016

Welcome to our new children Freddie, Tori, Taylor, Ellie-Mai, Darcy, Jemima, Daniel, Ella-Grace, Lola, Jake and Luke and to our new Class 2 teacher, Mrs Mari Cross. Congratulations to Mrs Cross following her marriage in July. We also welcome Mrs Kathryn Burgess, our temporary assistant headteacher across the Federation for the autumn term. She will primarily be supporting Mrs Beardall with Leadership and Management and will generally be at Massingham on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings.

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

Monday	Afternoon
Tuesday	Afternoon
Wednesday	All day
Friday	Morning



Mrs B can also be contacted on the headteacher's phone 07825104854 or at Harpley 01485 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.

### 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 an unauthorised absence.

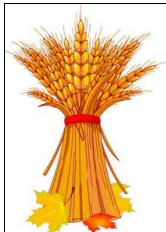
### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target for the new school year is  
96%.



## HARVEST

We will be collecting for the Food Bank again this year. Dave Pearson from Mid-Norfolk Food bank will come into school on Tuesday 13th September to talk with the children.



Our Harvest Assembly will be at St Mary's Church, Great Massingham at 9.30am on Thursday 6th October. All welcome.

Rev Judith will be taking assemblies on Wednesday mornings once a month during this academic year.

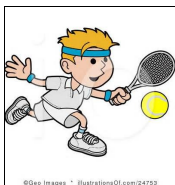
## SWIMMING



Our first swimming session this term will be on Thursday 15th 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 Constructions Skills pool in Bircham Newton at 1.30pm and will return to school between 3.20pm and 3.30pm. If you are able to help with our swimming sessions on a Thursday afternoon please contact the school office. Thank you.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Multisports — Andrea Glover from Finish Line Sports will be running an after school Multisports club on a Tuesday after school from 3.30-4.30pm for Years 1-6. The sessions will begin with tennis. **If your child would like to take part in this after school club please complete the attached reply slip.** There will be a charge of £1.50 per child per week. This can be paid to Mrs Smith on a Tuesday morning. The first session will be on, Tuesday 13th September and the final session on Tuesday 18th October.



Dance Club — details to follow.

## STAFFING FROM SEPTEMBER 2016



### Class 1

Mrs Hall — all week

(Mrs Hall will not be in class on Thursday afternoons)

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

### Class 2

Mrs Cross — all week (Mrs Cross will not be in class on Thursday mornings)

Mr Watling — Thursday all day

Mrs Frost — Monday to Friday all week

Mr Lilley — every morning

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.

Mrs Smith will be in the school office on Monday and Thursday all day and on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

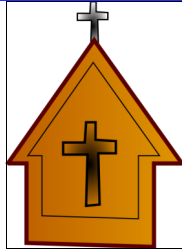
Mrs Burgess, Assistant Headteacher — Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings.

## INDEPENDENCE

Please continue to encourage your child/ children to come into school by themselves if they are above Year R. We really want to develop independence skills but please remember you are always welcome to 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.

## KEY STAGE 2 VISIT TO NORWICH CATHEDRAL

We have arranged a visit to Norwich Cathedral with Harpley Primary School for our Key Stage 2 children, for our first Federation Day of the school year, on Friday 21st October 2016 – this year the children will be exploring Christian beliefs about The Trinity. The day will consist of a mix of art, dance, craft and music workshops. Further details to follow.



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will be taken by Tempest on Friday 4th November from 2-3pm. If you would like to include younger siblings in the family photograph please come to school at 2pm.



## GREAT MASSINGHAM AND HARPLEY SCHOOL SWAP DAYS

We will be continuing the Science/ Languages Swap Day with Harpley for Key Stage 2 every Monday afternoon. Our Year 5/6 children will be transported to and from Harpley by the Houghton minibus. The first swap session will be on Monday 12th September.



## MUSIC LESSONS

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

Guitar and drum lessons with Stef Judd will continue from Friday 16th September. Please contact the school office if your child/children are interested in guitar or drum lessons.

## 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.

## SCHOOL MEALS

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals or UIFSM.



This means that Class 1 children may have a free hot meal or packed lunch every lunchtime. The kitchen will provide a choice of hot meal, a vegetarian option 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 £2.20 per meal.



## 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.

## 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 older pupils safely along Weasenham Road 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.



## NO DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND

Please remember dogs are not allowed on the playground.

## FEDERATION DAY

We will be arranging a visit for the Reception and Key Stage 1 children from Great Massingham and Harpley Primary Schools on Friday 21st October when our Key Stage 2 children visit the Cathedral in Norwich with Harpley. Further details to follow.

## 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.**



**GRESHAM'S PREP SCHOOL CROSS  
COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR YEARS  
3-6 — 30th September 2016**

GM and Harpley Federation of Schools are sending a team of children to compete in the Cross Country Championship on 30th September. Julie Austin will be training the children before the event.



**PARENTS' EVENINGS**

**RECEPTION AND KEY STAGE 1**

**Monday 3rd October** from 3.00-3.30pm .  
This will be an early opportunity for Class 1 parents to see how the children have settled in to school.

**CLASS 1 AND 2**

**Wednesday 2nd November** — Parents' Evening for all parents to look at children's work and discuss progress.

**3.30pm-5.00pm** — drop in no appointments needed.

**PE KITS**



PE kits should be in school all week — please bring kits into school on Monday mornings and take home on Fridays for washing.

**PFA — FUNDRAISING ONLINE**

If you go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

everytime you shop online this will raise money for the PFA.

**WEEKLY BULLETINS AND T2Parents**

All parents should receive a weekly bulletin by email on a Thursday and texts from the school to a mobile phone. Please let Mrs Smith know if you are not receiving emails or texts from school. Thank you.

**AFTER SCHOOL AND BREAKFAST CLUB**

We are not yet in a position to start our After School and Breakfast Club but are not ruling it out. We are still investigating how to obtain additional funding. The response was good but not quite enough to make it viable at present. Anyone interested in registering

**TERM DATES 2016/2017**

**TERM**  
AUTUMN  
SPRING  
SUMMER

**SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON**  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
5<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
18<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**CLOSES ON**  
16<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2017  
21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

**HALF TERM**

AUTUMN  
SPRING  
SUMMER

**SCHOOL CLOSES ON**  
**(at 3.20pm)**  
21<sup>st</sup> October 2016  
10<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**RE-OPENS ON**  
**(at 8.45am)**  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2016  
20<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## **Autumn Term 2016**

### **Monday 5th September 2016**

School Opens

### **Monday 12th September**

First swap day with Harpley Primary School. Years 5/6 to Harpley and Years 3/4 at Great Massingham.

### **Tuesday 13th September**

3.30pm-4.30pm First After School Multisports Club for Years 1-6.

### **Thursday 15th September**

First swimming session for whole school.

### **Wednesday 21st September**

Macmillan Non-Uniform Day

### **Friday 30th September**

Macmillan Coffee Morning at school at playtime for children.  
Gresham's Prep Cross-Country Championship

### **Monday 3rd October**

Parents' Evening for Reception and Key Stage 1.

### **Tuesday 18th October**

Last After School Multisports Club.

### **Wednesday 19th October**

GENR8 — Lost and Found.

### **Friday 21st October**

#### **Federation Day**

Key Stage visit to Norwich Cathedral with Harpley Primary School.  
Visit for Class 1 children to be arranged with Reception and Key Stage 1 children from Harpley Primary School.  
School closes for half term.

### **Monday 31st October**

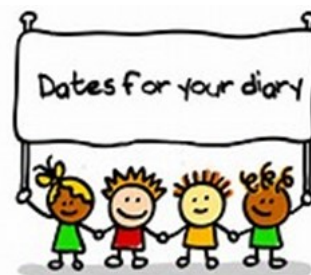
School reopens after the half term holiday

### **Wednesday 2nd November**

Parents' Evening for all parents.

### **Friday 4th November**

2-3pm School Photographs



#### **Wear something green for Macmillan**

Children are invited to leave their uniform at home and wear something green. We ask for a donation of 50p to join in with this event.

All proceeds will go to Macmillan.



**We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning for the children at morning break on Friday 30th September. £1 will buy a drink, a cake and a raffle ticket. Our Year 6 children will take our donation to the coffee morning at the Village Hall with Mrs Frost before lunch. Donations of small raffle prizes (for children) would be very welcome.**

**Permission slip - Please return to school before Friday 9th September 2016**



**Multisports After School Club — Years 1 to 6**

I wish my child ..... to take part in the after school Multisports Club for the Autumn Term from Tuesday 13th September 2016 to Tuesday 18th October 2016.

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 £1.50 into school per child per week towards the cost of the Multisports Club.

Signed ..... Date .....

Parent/Carer