



Great Massingham  
Church of England Primary School  
**PARENTS' WEEKLY BULLETIN**



'I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.' Psalm 32:8

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**Week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**



**STAR OF THE WEEK:**

Reception: Harvey for super steps of learning in phonics activities and for massive improvements in forming his letters. Fantastic!

Years 1/2: Theo for some great independent learning.

Years 3/4: Martha for working hard to gain a distinction in her piano exam!  
Congratulations Martha.

Years 5/6: Harriet for writing an amazing narrative filled with vibrant description that showed the characters perspective through dialogue and emotion. A brilliant read.

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have made it! What a term it has been. We are extremely grateful for everything you have done to help keep our staff and families safe throughout this challenging time. We are delighted we haven't had any bubble closures across the Federation and thank you for the massive part you have played in this.

We would like to send a huge thanks to our fabulous staff who have gone above and beyond this term to provide our children with the education they deserve. We feel very blessed to work with such a dedicated team.

Wishing you a very safe and merry Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2021.

All our festive thanks,

Kirsten and Sophie

## SWIMMING

As part of the PE curriculum Juniors and Infants will be swimming at Alive Oasis in Hunstanton every other Wednesday starting 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We will be leaving school at 9.30am, travelling by coach and returning in time for lunch. Please make sure your child has the following:

- one piece swimming costume/trunks (not Bermuda style shorts)
- towel
- in a waterproof bag
- armbands (if needed)

If your child needs to swim with armbands they should be sent with their swimming kit, **inflated and ready to use** to avoid wasting swimming time.

Children need to come to school ready to swim - sweatshirts and track suit bottoms would be the most suitable clothes for a Wednesday. Please name all items of clothing including underwear and shoes!

Class 2 will be swimming on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Class I will be swimming on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

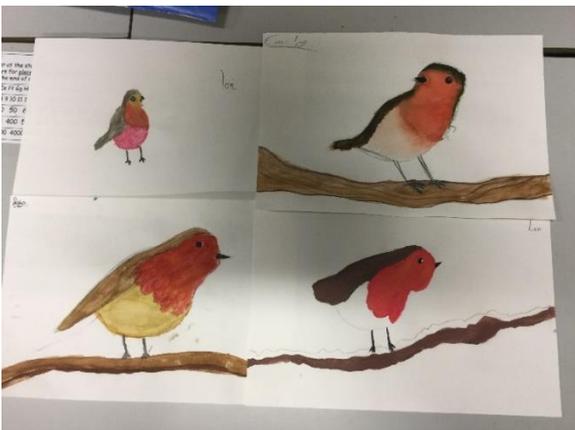
## THIS WEEK'S LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



### Infants

This week we have enjoyed our Christmas celebrations. We have loved our Christmas party lunch, playing Christmas board games, joining in with party games and party dances!

### Juniors



This week, pupils in KS2 have soaked up the Christmas spirit, enjoying their Christmas dinner in class. They developed their sketching techniques on Monday and used hatching and cross-hatching to show shade and light. Using these skills they produced a realistic robin, and later painted these in watercolour. On Wednesday morning they enjoyed Christmas themed games successfully using team and cooperation skills.



WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Remember - send dinner money into school this morning for paid meals.

PM: Class 2 music with Estelle Furnell.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Class 2 swimming at Alive Oasis, Hunstanton.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Class 2 children to come into school in PE kit today (warm tracksuit tops and bottoms).

Benjamin Howell - piano lessons after school.

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

PE with Rob from ICS Coaching - Infants and Juniors to come to school in PE kits.

Juniors: 9.00am-10.00am

Infants: 10.15am-11.15am

Drum and Guitar lessons with Stef Judd (pm)

### **Chilly fingers**

The weather, you will have noticed, is extremely cold at the moment! Some children are getting very chilly fingers; please make sure children have warm gloves and woolly hats to help keep them as warm as possible. Thank you.

### **Water bottles**

Please remember to send children in with water in their bottles. We have noticed some children bringing in juice or squash. It is very important that children have fresh water in their bottles as we continue to encourage them to make healthy choices. Many thanks.

### **Infant Class Cover**

We are hoping that Mrs Hall will be well enough to return to work during the Spring Term. For the time being, the Infant Class will continue to be covered in January 2021 by Mrs Stuart on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Nash on a Thursday and Friday. We are very grateful to all members of the Infant staff for their hard work during Mrs Hall's absence.

### **TERM DATES**

2020 AUTUMN TERM	2021 SPRING TERM	2021 SUMMER TERM
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December (Half term - Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October)	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March (Half term - Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February)	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April - Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (Half term - Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June)

### **SALT ON PLAYGROUND**

On icy days a pathway from the school gate to the pupils' entrances 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) You will also receive a text from us confirming that the school is closed.

*Polite reminder: Government advice is that only one adult drops off/collects Children from school and that households avoid travelling to school together where possible. Please respect Social distancing measures at all times.*

Please be aware that by sending your child into school, you are confirming that they do not have symptoms of Covid-19.

**If anyone in your household has a symptom of Covid-19:**

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)**
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).**
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal then please go online at [111.nhs.uk](https://111.nhs.uk).**

**If the whole family is advised to isolate until the symptomatic person has been tested and the results are known, please follow this advice and let us know that this is what you have been advised to do.**

**As part of our Safeguarding procedures we need to know a reason for absence before 9.30am. If we don't hear, we will try everyone on the child's contacts list, on the original application form, in turn, until we get a response.**

The weekly bulletin is also available on the school website.

#### HEADTEACHERS' MOBILE

If you need to speak to Mrs Stibbon or Mrs Stephens urgently, please ring: 07825 104 854

Many thanks, keep warm and have a lovely end to the week,

Happy Christmas

The Great Massingham Team

