Great Massingham CE Primary School
Living, Learning & Flourishing

WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we close a successful autumn term I wanted to thank you all for your continued support. Schools cannot do what they do without this important collaboration. Thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts that have been shared with staff. This is not expected but very kind and deeply appreciated. I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year on behalf of all the staff. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 6th January.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

22nd December – Active Education activity day at Harpley Primary School.
6th January – First day of term.

SCHOOL LUNCH ON TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY.

The school lunch options for the first day of term will be either margherita pizza, or plant balls in BBQ sauce (V). The school pack lunch will be cheese sandwich.
There will NOT be a jacket potato option.
The change in menu is due to deliveries to the kitchen.

REGULAR DATES

Mondays: Guitar lessons with Toby Rideout. To sign up please contact Toby via email toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk
Tuesdays: PE with Active Education – **All children to come to school in PE Kit.**
Afterschool Club, run by Active Education. https://activeeducation.info/
Wednesdays: Drum lessons with Tom Relihan. To sign up please contact Tom via email tomrelihan@gmx.com
Thursdays: Junior children swimming. **Please bring swimming kit in separate bag and name all items.** All children to come into school in PE kit,
Fridays: Afterschool Club, run by Active Education. https://activeeducation.info/

As we are now we are in the winter months please refer to the below link to see the NHS guidance on whether to send your child to school if they are unwell.
https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

All absences must be reported to the school office, for each day of absence.

ATENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 97%.			
Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
December	**98%**	**91%**	**94%**



VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week the children have been continuing their rhythm of life advent journey discussing the role of prayer in advent. "**Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." Luke 2:10-11**

Our School Vision is: " I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you" (Psalm 32:8).

Our 5 Core Values:





Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Myhill and the Great Massingham team

St Mary's Church Festive Events

21st December 3.00pm Carol Service in St Mary's Church. The miniature donkeys will be there. If any children wish to dress up in Nativity outfits, please do.
24th December 4.00pm. Christingle Service in St Mary's Church.



News from Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

What a brilliant final week in the Infant class we've had, we've maxed out the Christmas fun as much as possible! The children have loved reading lots of lovely Christmas themed stories including 'Stick Man' and 'The Christmasaurus and The Night Before Christmas.'
In maths, the children have wowed us with showing off their understanding by solving Christmas shape problems
All the children loved making their festive hats ready for a truly delicious Christmas dinner in the village hall, the children were certainly well fed, thank you to all the staff that made this possible.
In addition, the children have made some beautiful Christmas crafts and cards which I'm sure you will have the pleasure of seeing very soon.
It's been a fabulous week and wonderful to see how far they have come since September. We thank you for all your support this term and hope you have a really special and restful time off together.











News from Years 3 & 4

We've had a fabulous final week in the Year 3 and 4 class with lots of Christmas fun. The children have loved reading and responding to the final few chapters of the BFG, just in time to enjoy watching the film together, alongside some tasty popcorn to create our own real life cinema experience.

In maths, the children have shown great understanding of the concept of area by calculating and solving real life problems of areas by themselves.

All the children loved making their festive headgear ready for a scrumptious Christmas dinner in the village hall, the children walked with merriment and full stomachs all the way back to school.

In addition, the children were kindly gifted some lovely wooden decorations that the children were able to decorate for their trees at home.

Music with Mr Head was full of festive themed songs and the children really did get into full festive spirit, they may even share some singing at home with you!

It's been a really joyous week and the children have been kind, worked hard and been a pleasure to teach. We thank you for your support this term and wish you a really wonderful time off together.













Infants: Mia E for always working hard and showing a great attitude towards her learning.

Years 3 & 4: Belle for always showing a great attitude towards her work, beautiful presentation and brilliant problem solving.

Years 5 & 6: Cienna and Theo for their great effort and perseverance in writing.

Message from the PFA



The children had a fabulous time at the PFA school disco. Lots of dancing and games provided by Jonny Jaffa Cake entertainment topped off with hotdogs and ice cream. Huge thank you to our sponsor this year 'The Living Leader'. Happy Christmas from the PFA.

GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

Build Your Own Burger Saturdays 4.00-9.00pm. **Norfolk Pie Hole** First Monday of each month 7-9.30pm

Bar open:
Wednesday – Friday 7.00 – 11.00pm
Saturday 4.00 – 11.00pm
Sunday 12 Noon – 6.00pm

24th December. Two Hats. Free to members. £2.00 non members. 7.30pm
31st December. New Year's Eve Party in the Bar. Free to members. £2.00 non members. 7.30pm

News from Years 5 & 6

We have had a busy and exciting last week of term with lots of celebrations and fun activities!
We have completed both our reading and writing topics with the class writing their own stories based on 'The Arrival'. Some amazing stories have been produced and shared, displaying both writing skills and their creativity and imaginations.
A variety of celebrations have taken place with everyone getting in the Christmas spirit! On Thursday the whole school enjoyed Christmas lunch, with the year 6's particularly excited to be sitting at the top table! We then returned to school and enjoyed our Christmas party with an indoor snowball fight, biscuit decoration and lots of party food! Friday afternoon will be our class dojo celebration to mark the class reaching 1000 dojo points between them. We will be having a relaxing afternoon watching a film, and a special guest visit to see and sit in a race car!
Thank you all for your generosity with the class party and gifts for staff. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and get lots of well deserved rest!













Wraparound News

Wraparound costs - did you know that you may be able to receive cheaper wraparound if you register for tax free childcare.

How Tax-Free Childcare Works for Wraparound Care:

- **Government Top-Up:** For every £8 you deposit in your TFC account, the government adds £2, effectively giving you 20% off.
- **Payment:** You pay your childcare provider (e.g., breakfast club, after-school club) directly from your TFC account.
- **Eligibility:** You and your partner (if applicable) must be working, earning at least the National Minimum Wage for 16 hours a week but less than £100,000 adjusted net income.
- **Provider Requirement:** The wraparound care provider must be registered with Ofsted (or an equivalent) and accept Tax-Free Childcare payments.

How to Use It:

1. **Check Eligibility & Apply:** Visit GOV.UK to see if you qualify and open an account.
2. **Find a Provider:** Confirm your chosen wraparound club accepts TFC. **We do.**
3. **Deposit Funds:** Pay money into your TFC account.
4. **Pay Provider:** Use the funds in your account to pay your childcare provider.

https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare



