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,

Miss Warner will be leaving us at the end of this term. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her well for the future. We will be welcoming Mr Kemp to the team in September.

Staffing for September
Reception, year 1 and year 2 - Teacher Mrs Nash. Mrs Lambert (leading Thursday and Friday), Mrs Martin and Mrs Ridgwell supporting.
Year 3&4 - Teacher Mrs Stuart. Mrs Lambert (leading Tuesday). Mrs Foster supporting.
Year 5&6 - Teacher Mr Kemp. Mrs Moogan and Mrs Roe supporting.

We have registered the school on Free School Clothes – an online clothes swap. Please click on the link below to join.
https://freeschoolclothes.com/how-it-works

Attendance
Just a reminder that Norfolk County Council has increased the focus on attendance. There is also a greater focus as part of the government's regional improvement for standards and excellence initiative (RISE), under universal service and national priorities. Every school receives a targeted attendance support meeting from the local authority and actions for schools are issued. As a result, attendance letters will be routinely sent to families where a child/children's attendance has fallen below the local authority's target (96%), detailing missed learning data. Children who arrive late after the register has closed count towards absence figures as well as unauthorised absence.

Staff recognition scheme:
We all like to feel we are noticed and valued for the things we do in life and the contributions we make. With this in mind on our school website we have a link to a staff recognition scheme. If you feel you've had good service from a staff member and want to celebrate it please complete the online form. I've attached it here as well - see below. The form is linked to our school visions and values. Staff receive a letter from our chair of governors and a special mention.
https://forms.gle/nzGEmrVk229TLD1JA

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 15th June - Year 6 pupils at Harpley
Friday 19th June - Feast on the Field. 1.00pm, families welcome.
Wednesday 24th June - School & Communities 'Zones of Regulation' session. 5-6pm. See attached information.
Tuesday 30th June – Sports Day
Friday 3rd July – Learning together & wellbeing event. St Mary's Church. Further details to follow.
Friday 10th July – KS2 Performance 1.30pm at Great Massingham Village Hall.
Thursday 16th July – Federated School Trip to Holkham Hall. Further details to follow.

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 Football Club, run by Active Education. https://activeeducation.info/
Wednesdays: *Year 3 & 4 Children to come to school in PE Kit.*
Thursdays: *Infant children to come into school in PE Kit,*
Fridays: *Year 5 & 6 children to come into school in PE Kit.*

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

ATENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 97%.			
Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
May	96%	96%	96%

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week children have been hearing stories about thankfulness involving miracles, those giving what they can and those helped in their hour of need. Their weekly mission has been to show your gratitude in school this week for everything that the staff, your friends and your families do to support your learning. 'Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!' 2 Corinthians 9:15

Our 5 Core Values:



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



Infants: Mia E for her impressive knowledge in geography on countries and capitals.

Years 3 & 4: Alice for a being a super role model and having a great learning attitude.

Years 5 & 6: Noah for great teamwork.

PE Stars of the Week: Elsie, Phoebe & Bethany.

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

Everyone in the infants has wowed us with their hard work, enthusiasm and eagerness as our theme has continued this week. 'Pizza' is the focus for our 'Come Dine With Me' theme and this has steered our learning to finding out about Italy. We have used the internet and search engines to research the country and origins of pizza too. Everyone has worked so hard to produce brilliant pieces of writing to sequence and recall our class book with a pizza theme and soon we'll be thinking about making our own pizzas to enjoy.

All this pizza talk has made us think we should make sure we are balanced in our meal options and so everyone worked with Mrs Ridgwell plant some vegetable seeds in our school garden. We will look after these seeds and soon we'll be able to add a mini salad to our pizza!

In geography, the children enjoyed using Google Earth to find out exactly where Italy is located, identifying neighbouring countries and exploring geographical features. The children were so inspired that some children created their own Leaning Towers of Pisa's.

In maths Year 1 and Year 2 have continued and consolidated their understanding of time and the mathematical concepts of it. We're really impressed with their perseverance to remember lots of time-related facts. Reception have been counting forwards and backwards and have made their own number lines too. Another really wonderful week together in the infants!








News from Years 3 & 4

This week we have continued applying our maths skills to handling money and we have been exchanging notes and finding change. We also been using compasses and telling our friends to do a dance move in a certain direction!

We have been meeting the characters and asking questions about our new writing book FarTHER by Grahame Baker-Smith. While in reading we have started a poetry focus with 'Sand' by Carol Ann Duffy.

In science we have discovered how coloured water moves through stems and leaves and begun learning about how flowers reproduce. We also had a visitor who gave us an incredibly informative talk about teeth and her advice was taken on board with one child in particular making a very positive step in the right direction (well done Maggie!)

All of the adults have been most impressed by the enthusiasm the children have shown at learning and singing the songs for our upcoming performance. The children are also doing so well at remembering to bring in their scripts. Keep learning those lines everyone!









News from Years 5 & 6

We have been busy rehearsing for our production this week. We have been taking time to learn both lines and songs and are getting there with remembering lines! We have also been preparing the backdrops for scenes, working in groups to draw and paint large displays.
In reading we have been exploring our book 'Real life mysteries' and have been researching Bigfoot and UFOs. We have debated reasons that we think bigfoot is real or not and have come up with questions we would like to find out about UFOs.
In writing we have been continuing looking at fairytales, this week focussing on Little Red Riding Hood and the key events in the story. In groups, the children have acted out key events and thought about how characters might be feeling at certain points.









GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

Build Your Own Burger Saturdays 4.00-9.00pm.
Bar open:
Wednesday – Friday 7.00 – 11.00pm
Saturday 4.00 – 11.00pm
Sunday 12 Noon – 6.00pm

Membership - £15 for the year and many of the events are then free.

Sunday 7th June – Auction 1.00pm
Thursday 11th June – Trefoil Guild 7.00pm
Tuesday 16th June – Lunch Bunch, arrive at 12.30 to eat at 1.00pm £9.00
Wednesday 17th June – Creative Arts. 1.00pm
Thursday 18th June – Film Club 7.00pm
Friday 19th June – History Society 7.00pm
Saturday 27th June - Football club presentation night and Disco 8.00pm
Tuesday 30th June – Coronation Club 2.00pm