



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what superstars we have at *Great Massingham*. The children did a fantastic job at our nativity show and we were delighted to see so many of you there. We hope you enjoyed it and are beginning to feel festive. **Please remember, children need to bring in an orange on Monday to make a Christingle in school. Thank you.**



### Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

This week's learning highlights:

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



In maths, we are doing really well with our shape knowledge and vocabulary. We investigated 2D and 3D shapes and used features to help us identify them. We are working hard in phonics - we explored different ways to make the 'ee' sound. This week we produced some lovely Christmas writing. We even wrote information about Elves. We had a wonderful time sitting around the fire roasting apples and marshmallows on our whittled sticks. We are super proud of the children for the hard work they put into the Nativity show!

## News from the Juniors

We had an enjoyable Christmas decoration afternoon last week and would like to thank our parent/carer volunteers for helping make it successful. Year 4, 5 and 6 learnt new sewing skills: threading needles and using backstitch to create some impressive Christmas trees and stockings. Year 3 used their origami skills to create six cornered snowflakes and a cute Santa Clause.



This week the children have been busy researching Ancient Egypt and the farming practices that they undertook. They have learnt about how they used irrigation, how they farmed with only three seasons and the importance of farming to the ancient Egyptians. They researched and found interesting facts about food and farming, including how dried pomegranates were used as cups for drinking.

All this as well as learning all our lines, actions and songs for the Nativity show!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Infants FINAL session at Lynnsport and Forest School

**All children bring in an orange** - to make Christingles

3:20pm PFA Christmas Fayre at the church

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

5:30pm Christmas carols at the Dabbling Duck

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

All children come to school wearing school uniform with '**A Touch of Sparkle**' (E.g. A sparkly top, hairband, socks or face paint...)

Christmas Lunch at school

Christingle in school hall with Reverend Judith (for pupils).

Class Christmas party - Please bring in party food donations

## VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we lit our second candle (peace) on our advent wreath. In the bible, John the Baptist prepared people for the arrival of Christ. We thought about the wonderful things we do to prepare for Christmas.

Our 5 Core Values:



## STARS OF THE WEEK



**Year R & 1:** Duggy for growing in confidence in your learning.

**Year 2:** Cienna for great thinking skills

**Years 3/4:** Oscar G for his excellent work on his persuasive leaflet.

**Years 5/6:** James for remarkable improvement in his reading and showing obvious enjoyment in discussing the books he reads.

### Message from the PFA

The PFA would love a jar donation for the Christmas fayre. Take any empty jar i.e a jam jar and re fill it with sweets, chocolates, stickers or hair clips...anything that will fit and drop off at school.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the PFA Christmas Fayre. Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 3:20pm - 5pm in the church.

### REGULAR DATES

Monday: Infants to go to Lynnsport - Infant children to come to school in PE kit.

Monday: 1.00pm to 2.00pm Music with Estelle from the Music Service

Monday: 1.00pm **Forest School (INFANTS), named waterproofs to come into school in a bag. Wellies are also required if they are not kept in school.**

Monday: 3.00pm onwards - Benjamin Howell, piano lessons

Thursday: 1.00pm onwards Stef Judd, piano and guitar lessons

Friday (am): PE (Juniors and Infants) with Rob from ICS Coaching - children to come to school in PE kit.

### FIRST ADMISSIONS: SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24

Parents of children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online [www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk) (website open between 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023)

Or you can contact admissions on 0344 8008020. Applications received after 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 will be treated as late and will not be considered until places for all on time applications have been allocated.

Have a lovely weekend. Kind regards,  
Mrs Stibbon, Mrs Stephens and the Great Massingham team

