



'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,

What a fabulous start to the last half of the Summer Term. The Juniors had a wonderful trip on Thursday.

POLITE REMINDERS

- Please remember the school day starts at 08:55am. It is really important children arrive at school on time to ensure they do not miss any learning or disrupt others. Thank you for your support.
- Children should not bring in Prime bottles to school, thank you.

Week beginning 5th June 2023

This week's learning highlights:

News from Infants (Reception, Y1 and Y2)

The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm this week and have been particularly keen to begin our new theme exploring food as part of 'Come Dine With Me'. We are already looking forward to finding out about different types of food from around the world. During Maths this week we have been counting, counting and counting! We worked through a challenge together to find out how many cubes we had in our cube tray. We discovered that it was easier to group the cubes into towers of 10 and then count in tens to find a total. It was fantastic to see everyone work together to find the total of... 381 cubes!



The Year 2 children have got off to a flying start for the final half term by returning to school full of enthusiasm for a busy few weeks ahead. They are all excited for their new theme and we kicked off the new learning 'Come Dine with Me' by serving up and trying pizzas with the children. Consequently, they are very keen to start thinking of ideas of their own and are already getting their plans in motion....watch this space! In Maths, the children have been enjoying looking at how data is presented and can use tally charts and tables to present their data on food and other themes. In English, they have been busy fact finding on the subject of food.



In addition, the children visited the church to immerse themselves and their senses in the church environment, the sight of the candles and smell of the incense was particularly popular!



News from Juniors (Y3, Y4, Y5, and Y6)

Literacy this week has been all about RATS! Mrs Cross was very cross at the start of the week as SOMETHING had chewed and made a nest in one of her empty shoe boxes, stored outside in her shed. Most pupils guessed correctly that this was done by a cheeky rat! Pupils then had to make predictions from illustrations and determine what the title might be. Teddy was the closest with his guess!! We enjoyed reading the first chapter of "I was a Rat" by Phillip Pullman and up-levelled a diary written by a rat.

This week, we received the responses to our postcards from pupil over in Wales at Ysgol Llanfar Dyffryn Clwyd. Next week we look forward to reading our individual cards and thinking of responses.

KS2 have made a great start for DT this week, working hard to learn all about maintaining a healthy, balanced diet.

This week year 5 and 6 have been learning all about pie charts! They have had a great term learning about what they show and why. The children had a go at using compasses and protractors to accurately draw their pie charts, we had a lot of fun trying to work out how these worked. The children showed great perseverance and kept trying until they were able to do this.

Thank you to Floss for taking the time to come in to talk to the Year 3;s and 4's about her pet mice. We learnt all about how she cared for them as well as some interesting facts. We were surprised that pet mice only live for around 2 years.

Book Club

Book Club is an amazing place for you to have fun, read and gain information and a lot of new vocabulary.

The books we read this year (2023) are (in order from first to last):

Worst holiday ever,

Crater Lake,

Tiger Heart,

The Rollercoaster Boy,

When the Sky Falls,

The last Bear,

The boy who made Everyone Laugh,

Mrs Robson runs book club and tells us how much of the book to read each week. At Book Club we read a bit more and talk about any highlights or bits we didn't like of the book. Overall Book Club (along with the snacks) is a series of fun!

By Martha



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 16th June	Sports festival at Wisbech Grammar Y4-Y6
Monday 26th - Friday 30th June	Aerobics mornings 8:40am - 8:55am on the playground (Weather permitting but participation is encouraged... for all)
Wednesday 28th June	Sports Day at 1:15pm, children come to school in PE kit - families welcome
Wednesday 5th July	Sports day reserve - if weather conditions put a stop to 28 th June
Friday 14th July	Year 6 Leavers Service, 2pm at the church - families welcome
Monday 17th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Litcham
Tuesday 18th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Litcham
Friday 21st July	END OF TERM
AUTUMN TERM	Wednesday 6th September - Wednesday 20th December

SUMMER TERM DATES

Tuesday 18th April - Friday 26th May
Monday 5th June - Friday 21st July

REGULAR DATES

- Monday:** 1.00pm to 2.00pm Music with Estelle from the Music Service
- Tuesday:** 3.30pm onwards - Benjamin Howell, piano lessons
1.00pm onwards Stef Judd, piano and guitar lessons
- Thursday:** Juniors PE - Junior children to come to school in their PE kit.
- Friday:** PE (Juniors and Infants) with Rob from ICS Coaching - children to come to school in PE kit.

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

- Year R & 1:** Maggie for your growing confidence when reading
- Year 2:** Finley Allen for getting on with his work swiftly and working well independently
- Years 3/4:** Noah A for fantastic effort to learn his spelling over half term
- Years 5/6:** Keira for showing off her wonderful maths knowledge this week

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we learnt about sharing. We thought about what we share and how it feels, when we share and when others share with us. We listened to the bible story, Loaves and Fishes and heard how the young boy shared everything he had. Jesus performed a miracle and fed the thousands from five small loaves and two fish.

The children came up with a lovely weekly mission: To share, even if it is just a little, and be grateful for what you have.

We launched our Value for Life: **THANKFULNESS**

Our 5 Core Values:



Have a warm and wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stibbon, Mrs Stephens and the Great Massingham team

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