



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

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy half term and the final week was as hectic as ever!

Federation day held on both school sites was great. It is always so good to see our Federation Family together. Staff and children alike enjoyed the day at both sites. A big thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to make the day a success.

The visit by Sean Rose, Paralympian on Tuesday 17th was very inspirational and children and staff joined in with exercise sessions and heard about Sean's story with the message of don't give up when the road bumps of life get in the way. We hope your donations will result in some funding for the school to buy playtime or sports equipment.

POLITE REMINDER

We have reminded children to not ride their bikes or scooters across the playground at the end of the school day. Many people congregate, including much younger siblings, on the playground, and we would hate there to be an accident.

It would be appreciated if families could reiterate and reinforce this message so we are giving consistent instructions to the children.

WELLIES!

We will be using school field at break times throughout the school year. As the weather is beginning to get more autumnal it is vital that children have a change of shoes. Please send in named wellies for your child/ren to use at break times. If children do not bring a change of shoes they will be asked to take muddy shoes off when coming back into school.



Week beginning 16th October 2023

This week's learning highlights:

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

This week has been full of fun, adventure and reflection! The children started the week with the most incredible day of learning around the theme of Autumn, at Harpley, for our Federation Day. The children had a wonderful time with the other children, building and consolidating old and new friendships. They immersed themselves in several seasonal activities including cooking apple crumble, making clay animals and leaf rubbings, a great time was had by all!



In addition to all their fantastic learning this week we were joined by papralympian, Sean Rose who told the children all about his sporting journey, setbacks and successes, the children were totally inspired by his courage and resilience. They also took part in a timed circuits PE session, this got all our heart rates up and our muscles working hard! We've had such a great start to the school year with the new Infants, we appreciate all your support and we hope you can all have a well deserved rest for the half term break.



News from the Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

The juniors have had a great week with lots of fun activities. On Monday we had our federation day and hosted Harpley, it was lovely to see all the children catching up with friends they had previously made at a federation day or with those they see outside of school. They had a busy day with lots of tasks including looking at the Maya's writing system, which they found was similar to the Ancient Egyptians hieroglyphics, they then looked at different glyphs and made some from salt dough, these look amazing! We had a go at making and playing some different Maya board games. We also made a replica of Maya hot chocolate with chilli powder and cinnamon to flavour it, we had mixed reactions from " This is AMAZING!!, Can you give my mum the recipe?" to " This is disgusting!!!". We also played the Maya sport Pok-a-Tok, in this game you have to score a goal, through a hoop, without using your hands or feet, only your knees, shoulders and legs could be used. This was a challenge but we soon got the hang of it.



We also had a visit on Tuesday from GB Athlete Sean Rose, the children enjoyed listening to him and completing sponsored circuits to raise money. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children, they worked so hard!



ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
September	95%	96%	95.5%

A good start to the school year - well done everyone, keep up the good work. Fingers crossed we don't get too many winter bugs to lay us low!

STARS OF THE WEEK



Infants: Layla for her wonderful attitude and effort towards her learning

Juniors: for being the top scorers in Dojo's for this half term: **Bethany in Y4** and **Floss in Y6** for exhibiting consistent exemplary behaviours for learning and being good role models for others.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our theme in Collective Worship is courage. This week we have been thinking about standing up for what we believe is right. This has included links with Black History Month and has provoked some lively discussion and thoughtful contributions from the children!

Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

Our 5 Core Values:



REGULAR DATES

Monday: Music with Estelle from the Music Service

Thursday: drum and guitar lessons with our new teacher, Josh Simpson

Thursday: Infants go to Lynn Sport. **All children to come to school in PE kit.**

Friday: PE with ICS Coaching. **All Children to come to school in PE Kit.**

FUTURE DATES

Monday 30th October School reopens after the October Half Term Holiday

3rd November school photographer

W/C 6th November parents consultations

28th November Flu vaccinations

Xmas dates


Friday 1st December - Decorating Day

Wednesday 13th December - Xmas lunch

Tuesday 19th December - Performance / Carol service at St Mary's TBC

Wednesday 20th December - Party Day and end of term.

TERM DATES

2023 AUTUMN TERM 	2024 SPRING TERM 	2024 SUMMER TERM 
Wednesday 6 th September - Wednesday 20 th December (Half term - Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October)	Wednesday 4 th January - Wednesday 27 th March (Half term - Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd February)	Monday 15 th April - Friday 19 th July (Half term - Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May)

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Would you like to be a parent governor? We currently have a vacancy on the Governing Body. Please email head@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk to find out more.

[Harpley Holiday Activity Days](#)

We are delighted to announce Holiday Club Days @Harpley Primary

School a perfect solution to keep your children active in a fun, safe and engaging environment.

Monday 23rd October & Tuesday 24th

October - Multi-Sports Activity Days Children will have the opportunity to participate in a number of different sports and activities including dodgeball, football, team-building activities, and a selection of other sports plus Arts and Crafts these days will cater for all. Details

9AM - 2PM £15.00 Ages - 5 - 11 Outdoors and Indoors Please bring

Lunch and Drink

BACS Details Pay via 20-17-20 20146943 ICS Coaching LTD

CASH ONLY in a named envelope

Harpley CE Primary School, School Lane, Harpley, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE31 6DY

Any questions please contact us on 07765601690

<https://forms.gle/brZNxpRvsQCunNMu7>

FIRST ADMISSIONS - SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25

Parents of children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk (website open between 25th September 2023 and 14th January 2024)

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

Kind regards and have a lovely half term break
from all the Great Massingham team.



Dabbling Duck Halloween Event

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION
AT THE DABBLING DUCK PUB



**Bring your family's creation to
The Dabbling Duck Pub
by 2pm on 31st October.**

**1st Prize Sunday lunch for 6
2nd Prize takeaway pizza for 6
3rd Sweetie Box for the family**

**Pumpkins will be displayed at the front of
the pub for Halloween.**

**The winner will be announced by 8pm.
To enter bring your pumpkin to the pub,
where we will give you a form to fill out.**

**Remember this is a family affair for
everyone to join in ! Good Luck !**