



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

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mrs Stibbon is now on sick leave - we all wish her well.

Mrs Beardall and Mr Walker are now acting as temporary head teachers until Mrs Stibbon is well enough to return. This is not expected to be before December at the earliest.

Mrs Beardall will be in school on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mr Walker on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The email address and head's phone number remain the same and are being 'manned' by Mrs Beardall and Mr Walker.



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.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR COVER NEEDED

We are looking for a temporary Midday Supervisor to cover Natalie's maternity leave next year (from January - December 2024). Natalie works every lunchtime for 1 ½ hours, supporting pupils whilst they eat their lunch and then outside when they have their break time. If you would be interested in this temporary post for one year, please email head@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk Thank you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We look forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Festival on Thursday 12th October at 1.45 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church. **Donations for the Kings Lynn Foodbank Please.**

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **96%**.

	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
September	95%	95%	95%

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!

Week beginning 2nd October 2023

This week's learning highlights:

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



Oh wow, we have had an amazing week wondering what our new class book might be about. We have been teased with only the title, blurb and snippets of text to help us make predictions and bring about some awe and wonder with our fantastic 'wonderings' Reception have wowed us with their fantastic segmenting and blending skills this for reading and for spelling too and have written their own predictions on the content. 'Send For A Superhero' has brought about some brilliant learning this week. We have also counted in 10s, 2s and 5s this week... you may have heard us shouting them out!!

The KS1 children have enjoyed learning how to develop their skills using a mouse accurately to perform actions. The reception children went on a technology hunt around school and found many different devices that help us to learn. They then enjoyed using iPads to enhance their own phonics learning.



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

We have been very busy this week in the juniors. Year 3 and 4 have been getting to grips with a new book Arthur and the Golden Rope we were all surprised to find out that it was set in a Viking village and that Arthur was would be visiting the gods! So far, he has unleashed a wild beast and must ask Thor to help him relight the great fire of the village! Stay tuned to find out more next week! Year 3 had a great time playing a football match with Rob this week while year 4/5/6 were at Wisbech Grammar school for their hockey festival! They had a great time and loved learning more about hockey. Photos will be in the newsletter next week! Year 5 and 6 have been looking more at the Three Little Pigs

A note from Mrs Steele:

The following link might be useful to parents

Click the link to read September's edition of the SENDIASS Scoop, the redesigned and renamed newsletter from SENDIASS: <https://us19.campaign-archive.com/?u=32e34d30559c96493a4986ddf&id=4be66a3162>

Dabbling Duck Halloween Event



PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION
AT THE DABBLING DUCK PUB


THE DABBLING DUCK

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!

Girls Football club and Dodgeball club at Swaffham Leisure Centre.
Links below for anyone interested

Swaffham Dodgeball

<https://forms.gle/69cSHbY49iheKRAc8>

Swaffham Wildcats

<https://forms.gle/knBM1GWPAHbjhYzR9>

STARS OF THE WEEK



Infants: Audrie for her enthusiasm and eagerness to join in with all activities

Juniors: Year 3 and 4 - Ava for showing kindness to her classmates.

Year 5 and 6 - Henry for a great diary entry this week

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our theme in Collective Worship is courage. This week we learned about how Christians believe that God said not to be afraid for He is with them.

Isiah 41:10

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand.

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: Juniors 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

Thursday 12th October 1.45pm Harvest Festival, St Mary's Church, Great Massingham. All Families welcome. Please donate boxes, tins packets for the village food bank. Children can bring these in to school anytime from Monday 9th October onwards. Many thanks.

Tuesday 17th October: PLEASE CAN ALL CHILDREN WEAR PE KIT. We have a special visitor in school and will be doing extra PE activities.

Friday 20th October: School breaks up for the October Half Term holiday. We return to school on Monday 30th October 2023.

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 weekend, from all the Great Massingham team.