



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

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a very warm welcome to our new members of staff:

Miss Tewksbury, our new teacher in the Junior class; Mrs Foster, our new Teaching Assistant working across both classes and Claire Moogan, our new MSA covering for Natalie whilst she is on maternity leave. We hope you are settling in well at Great Massingham!

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Would you like to be a parent governor? Do you care about education and want to make a positive contribution to the community?

Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. We currently have a vacancy on the Governing Body. Please email head@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk to find out more.

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

October attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
December	94%	94.5%	94.25%

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance>



PARKING

Polite reminder: please do not park at the junction on school road, just outside the playground. Please park further back on School Road or on the main road through the village. Many thanks.

Week beginning 8th January 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

The Infants have made a wonderful start to 2024 by eagerly kick starting their learning for the new term. In English, the children enjoyed their new text 'The Bear Under the Stairs' and wrote some fantastic letters to their friends about the bear, sharing their worries and seeking advice, they came up with some brilliant ideas. In maths, all the children have been exploring money, recognising coins, making amounts and enjoying role play experiences of shopping. They have worked hard on solving money problems and are looking forward to more real life experiences of using money in their home learning this week too! The Infants have enjoyed the start to their new theme of 'At the Fair' and were hooked into their learning by designing and creating some examples of different fairground rides. The children worked brilliantly in a cohesive and collaborative approach, great team skills and creativity was shown by all!



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

We have had a great first week back in the Juniors. The children are working very hard in all curriculum areas, including PE and swimming. We have been pleased with how they have responded to the new behaviour card system.

In Science this week, Mrs Robson set up a dark box and we took it in turns to look inside it with a torch. Mrs Robson had painted the inside of the box black so that it was really dark - we could only see the object she had placed inside because we had a torch.

Next week, we will be starting our new RE theme: What do Muslims believe about God? The children will be using the enquiry process to answer this question. They might consider the following:

Where do they worship? How do they worship? Do all Muslims worship in the same way? How does what they believe affect the way they live? How does it affect their daily lives? How do key figures influence Muslim life? What values are important to Muslims?

Everyone is enjoying our new Geography theme: Stateside - comparing an area in the UK to an area in the USA. Watch out for information on a special curriculum day on this happening later this term!

STARS OF THE WEEK



Infants: Rogan for his enthusiasm for writing!

Juniors: Finley B for his attitude to learning.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP: Our theme this half term is Creativity. Our soul grows and lives like a tree through devotion to God. Do you recognise this tree? Look at your school jumper!



Our 5 Core Values:



REGULAR DATES

Monday: Music with Estelle from the Music Service



Thursday: drum and guitar lessons with Josh Simpson

Thursday: Juniors go to Oasis Swimming Pool. **All children to come to school in PE kit.**

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

ANDREW BICKERTON - NEW WEBSITE!

Local author Andrew Bickerton has launched a new website where you can find out more about his books. Please see: childrenandnaturebooks.com

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)	Thursday 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)