

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

Friday 16th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

PARKING

Please be respectful to the neighbours of our school if you need to park near the school. There have been occasions where entrances have been blocked or partially blocked, this could cause problems if emergency vehicles require access.

LUNCHES

Please could lunches be ordered on Pupil Asset for your child/ren, and could you discuss with your child/ren the option chosen for them. This will help to avoid confusion or upset as the children will then know what to expect at lunchtime. Lunches can be ordered in advance by 6 weeks. Please ensure any lunch payments are settled promptly.

ICS COACHING ACTIVITY DAY

ICS Coaching are holding an activity day at Harpley School on Tuesday 20th February. The link to book a space is below:

Tue | Harpley Multi-Skills Activity Day

REQUEST FOR HELP

As you know, we take our children to Oasis Swimming pool on Thursday mornings. We are in need of a couple of parent helpers, to accompany the infant children on the coach and potentially in the water during the lessons. This would be on 7th March, 14th March & 21st March. If you think you would be available to help out please contact the school office.

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.

Week beginning 12th February 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

It has been a very busy week in the infants as we have brought our theme to a close. It was wonderful to welcome our special grown up into our classrooms to share all of the amazing learning from our theme and to work together to find even more facts about Frederick Savage. Pancakes were also on the menu for learning this week as we linked this occasion to our writing and mathematical skills. We hope you managed to make more pancakes at home using the children's mixture.

In computing, the children used their word processing skills to type a message and add a picture on the theme of Valentines, we hope you liked them.

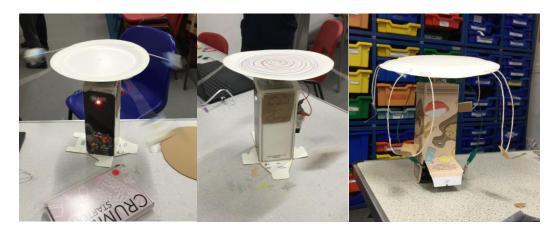
The children tried hard and had lots of fun in their first swimming session, we were so proud of all the children and we look forward to several more sessions after the half term. We do hope you have a wonderful restful, relaxing and fun half term and we can't wait to hear all about it soon.





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

For the final lesson on Physical Computing this week, pupils of Y5/6 applied their understanding of microcontrollers (crumbles) and selection by designing a real-world working 'chair-o-plane'. The results were amazing. They created programs connected to components to make it spin at the appropriate speed, light up and even change direction. They had time to test and debug their programs. With a lot of patience, co-operation and resilience, in the end we were all very pleased with the results.



In Year 3 and 4 this week we have started our topic of Fractions in Maths and have been learning about equivalent fractions. In English we have been reading about Earthquakes, Tsunamis and Volcanoes, learning how to retrieve information. In Writing we have been describing what a volcano looks like when it erupts. In Science we learnt about fossils and made some of our own.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Infants: Albie for his wonderful chatting and wowing us with his extended vocabulary.

Juniors:

Y3/4 George R for excellent effort in all subjects especially English writing about Mt Vesuvius.

Y5/6 Floss for exhibiting core values of compassion, forgiveness and also resilience in our Computing Project.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP: This week, we have started to think about Lent. Ash Wednesday serves as a time for Christians to reflect on their lives, confess their sins, ask forgiveness from God and prepare spiritually for the celebration of Easter.

Our 5 Core Values:



REGULAR DATES

Monday: Music with Estelle from the Music Service Thursday: drum and guitar lessons with Josh Simpson

Thursday: Infants 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.

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

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 97%.

Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
January	92%	94%	93%

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





FEBRUARY HALF TERM SCHEDULE



Creativity camps will run alongside our normal sports camps, same venue, same times, SAME PRICE!

If children wish to jump from creative to sports or vice versa at any point throughout the day, they are welcome to do so.

DATE	VENUE	ACTIVITY
Monday 19th February	Roughton St. Mary's Endowed	Dodgeball/Nerf & Creativity Camp
	Fakenham Junior School	Multi Sports & Creativity Camp
Tuesday 20th February	Lyng Village Hall	Dodgeball/Nerf & Creativity Camp
	Astley Primary School	Multi Sports & Creativity Camp
Wednesday 21st February	Roughton St. Mary's Endowed	Multi Sports & Creativity Camp
	Lyng Village Hall	Dodgeball/Nerf & Creativity Camp
Thursday 22nd February	Lyng Village Hall	Multi Sports & Creativity Camp
	Fakenham Junior School	Dodgeball/Nerf & Creativity Camp
Friday 23rd February	Roughton St. Mary's Endowed	Dodgeball/Nerf & Creativity Camp
	Astley Primary School	Dodgeball/Nerf & Creativity Camp