



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

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the lovely weather over the Easter break. The children have settled very well back into the routines of school and we are excited about the term ahead!

As always, please let me know if there is anything you would like to discuss with regard to your child(ren)- either catch me on the playground or phone/email to make an appointment. Mrs Stibbon.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are asking for volunteers to help with our school gardening club, run at lunchtime on Mondays. If you think you could spare some time, please get in touch with the school office.



Our school library is in need of some TLC - if you have any spare time and would be prepared to help look after and tidy up our library on a regular basis please contact the school office and we can arrange this.



DRUM TEACHER

We are pleased to say that we have found a new drum teacher, Tom Relihan, who will be coming into school on Tuesdays. Tom will be starting with us on Tuesday 4th June. If you are interested in your child/ren having drum lessons please contact Tom to arrange this. A flyer with his details is at the end of the newsletter.

If any parents play a musical instrument or know of a local resident who does and would like to join us in a Collective Worship to play a piece of music (or two!) for the children, we would be delighted to welcome you. Please speak to Mrs Stibbon about arranging this. Many thanks.

Week beginning 15th April 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

What a fantastic start to the summer term in the infants! Our children have returned to learn through our new theme *Roots, Shoot and Juicy Fruits.*'

What a wonderful first week back we've had, it's been so lovely to see the children (even if our return did start with every type of weather possible!) The children have been buzzing about their Easter holidays, keen to share all their news with their friends and enthusiastic about getting stuck into our new theme by getting outdoors in all weather conditions!

They've enjoyed some changes in their classroom and outdoor area as they've been playing in their new market role play and have got outdoors to explore the plants growing around us. You may have spotted a new shed in our outside area which will become a new child initiated outdoor learning area. A special thanks go to one Infant grandad and dad team who helped put this together over Easter.

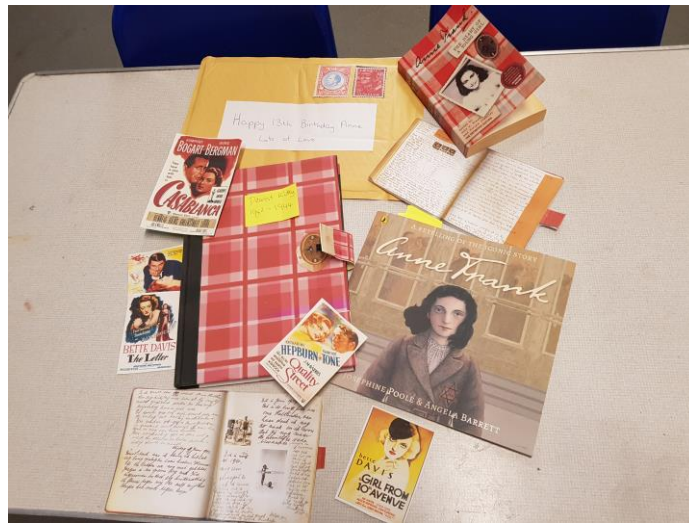
In Maths, the children have been completing challenges on fractions by exploring finding $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ within shapes or amounts. The Infants have loved their new text 'The Tiny Seed' and have explored new vocabulary, punctuation and retelling the story. The class are really excited about their new theme and are looking forward to learning as much as possible about growing, plants and food with Mrs Ridgwell kindly developing our new potting station with the children.



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

Bring on the Summer Term! We have had an exciting 1st week including a visit from Floss's pet stick insects. Thank you Floss for bringing them in.

Also a strange package arrived this week with Dutch stamps on it. The children were soon to realise it contained a diary dating back to 1942 and film posters from that era. Looking at the value of diaries from long ago we have begun to draw our attention to the life of Anne Frank, discussing her feelings and thoughts at the time she wrote it. We are currently writing letters to Anne as if she was our pen pal.



In Maths Y6 have been converting measurement, investigating miles to kilometers and comparing speed limits on Europe's motorways (km) to the UK (in miles).

In Year 3 and 4 this week we have been searching for treasure in our reading book, 'Mr Penguin and lost treasure,' and our writing book 'The Thames and tide club.' In Maths we have been adding and subtracting money.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Infants: Bella for her enthusiasm in her independent writing.

Juniors: Scarlet for showing a 'can do' attitude and perseverance in Maths this week.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

25th April 3.30pm - Horstead Residential parent & pupil meeting in the school hall.

20th - 22nd May - Horstead Residential Trip, Years 4-6

21st May - Horstead Day Trip, Year 3

26th June 1.15pm - Sports Day (3rd July 1.15pm - Sports Day reserve)

REGULAR DATES

Monday: Music with Estelle from the Music Service

Thursday: **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 - 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)

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
March	95%	95%	95%



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



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP: VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - JUSTICE

This week in Collective Worship, we have started to think about our new theme, Justice. We have thought about Justice as a way of making sure that everyone is fairly treated.

Our 5 Core Values:



Family Church Services at St Mary's Church.

APRIL 28TH

MAY 26TH

JUNE 23RD

JULY 28TH

AUGUST 25TH

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.

Race NIGHT



SATURDAY, 11TH MAY AT HARPLEY VILLAGE HALL:

**DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM
FIRST RACE STARTS AT 7.30 PM.**

- Eight big screen races
- Raffle prizes will be offered during the event
- Betting stake is £1 per horse
- Horse ownership costs £3 per horse
- Bring your own beverages
- Snacks and soft drinks will be provided

ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY - £5

To book, simply scan the QR Code.

For horse ownership enquiries or ticket bookings contact Corynn on 07810 145263 or email harpleypfa@gmail.com



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DRUM LESSONS

Dear Parents



We are excited to announce that we are offering drum lessons at school!

We are pleased to say that we can offer weekly individual lessons at £12 a week. This will be during the school day, every Tuesday and a drum kit and all other equipment will be provided for your child to use.

Teaching these lessons will be professional drummer, Tom Relihan. Not only has Tom toured globally as a session drummer, he has also appeared on chart topping singles and albums.

To sign up please contact Tom via email on tomrelihan@gmx.com

Or visit his website at www.tomrelihan.com

Fitness Pilates

Class times: FRIDAY 9AM

Venue: HARPLEY VILLAGE HALL

What is Fitness Pilates?

Fitness Pilates was created by Rachel Holmes in 2002 as a fitness/group exercise version of traditional Pilates delivered in a contemporary style for qualified Fitness Professionals.

It began as a workshop called Equilibrium which fused Pilates with Stretch and Yoga and transformed into Fitness Pilates in 2002/2003.

Rachel began running workshops and training course around the UK, Europe and North America from 2003.

The training updates annually and incorporates new exercise and movement science but has its roots firmly in traditional Pilates and Controlology.

Fitness Pilates is a group exercise class that focuses on the body as a human kinetic chain. By applying the fundamental Pilates technique and exercises Fitness Pilates aims to offset musculoskeletal imbalances, improve posture, movement quality, mobility, flexibility, mental cognition, core strength, form and function in a non-intimidating, highly accessible and enjoyable way.



FITNESS PILATES STARTING FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 9AM @ HARPLEY VILLAGE HALL

Fitness Pilates aims to improve posture, movement quality, mobility, core strength and offset musculoskeletal imbalances.
Low impact, fun and suitable for all levels of fitness.

Special offer on the 19th April - Bring a friend for free!!
Classes £7 pay as you go.

For more information or to book a space please text or call Jules on
07721 774198