

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

Dear Parents and Carers

Moving on message from Mrs Stibbon

With a heavy heart, I have made the decision to leave the Federation at Christmas this year. By December 2024, I will have been in teaching for over twenty-six years and will have been in school leadership for ten years, the last seven of these having been spent at Great Massingham and Harpley. Changes in family circumstances next year provide me with the opportunity to embrace a career change and whilst this is an exciting prospect for me, it is not a decision I have made lightly and I know that I will miss you all very, very much. I have loved being your headteacher! The recruitment process for an Executive Headteacher for January 2025 will start in the next few weeks and we will inform you of any news as soon as we can. Mrs Stibbon xx

PE kits/trainers

Please can parents and carers make sure that children are wearing the correct PE kit: White t-shirt, plain grey/navy/black shorts/PE skirt/jogging bottoms and top with minimal print or logos. Trainers should also be plain and white/dark in compliance with uniform guidelines.

Week beginning 22nd April 2024

This week's learning highlights:

News from the Infants (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

Thank you to everyone who has brought in things for us to use in our Macdonald's role play area. We now have loads of resources to help us play and discover what happens in a fast food restaurant and how to buy and pay for your food. The children are having lots of fun! This week the Bees have been finding out about Australia. They have looked at the different parts of the country and are learning to name them. They have also learned about two of the main features of Australia, The Great Barrier reef, off the shores of Queensland and Uluru in the Northern territory. They made Anzac biscuits and talked about where the ingredients came from.

The Ladybirds have been continuing to watch their cress grow. They have also been getting very creative making a giant sunflower in the classroom! In maths they have been looking at rotating shapes. Jigsaw puzzles and shape games are a great way to practice this. Pics of cooking to follow.









SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:

Felicity for great imagination in her writing this week.

Martha for great concentration when writing.

Tillie - for great engagement when reading and reading more at home.

Juniors:

Romilly for her amazing hard work in science this week writing her experiment report.

Aiden for his brilliant questioning in History this week.

Matilda for her enthusiasm and compassion during science this week.

Sam for his super hard work with his spellings this week.

News from the Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6)

This week the children have been thinking about WW1 in our History topic. The year 3 and 4 thought about how rationing would be and how it would feel to be involved in this. Some of us did think it was fair to have rationing as everyone would get the same amount of things and no one would feel left out. Others thought it was not fair and that it would be annoying and hard to adapt to rationing and cooking in different ways. We found out that at the start of the war people went out bulk buying, some children likened it to the bulk buying that happened during the pandemic. Year 5 and 6 focused on why we remember WW1 and how it has had a lasting impact. We talked about how we remember it due to the loss of life but also to remind us what has happened. Year 3 and 4 have been looking at their new science topic of 'Plants', we talked about why plants are important and using different children's movie clips what would happen without plants and the wider impact plants would have. The children really enjoyed chatting and discussing what they saw in the movies and using this to predict and infer what might happen to our planet in the future.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP -

In collective worship this week, we have started to think about the importance of being truthful.

Our 5 Core Values:











From 15th April paid school meals will cost £2.58 per meal or £12.90 for the whole week.

REGULAR DATES

MONDAY - 29th April 2024 (Week 3 on the NEW NORSE menu)

3.20 PFA craft club - Annabelle, Maisie, Oliver P, Romilly, Maud, Oriel, Felicity, Teddie, Rose, Jacob, Esme, Florence, Thomas, Nojus, Ruby R & Aubrey

TUESDAY

Final Horstead payments due today for Juniors please

<u>ALL PUPILS</u> to come to school in their PE kit, they will remain in them all day. Please could children bring in spare socks and school shoes so that if they have been out on the field and their shoes and socks are wet, they have another pair to change in to.

8.30 Y6 maths booster session

PM Ten Step

WEDNESDAY

AM Y6 Crucial Crew visit

3.30-4.15 ICS Coaching after school football club https://forms.gle/eAiUJtXF9BJ2Dt9u8

THURSDAY

Junior library day

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3.30-4.30 Gardening Club - Edward, Matilda, Max, Romilly, Maud, Oriel, George O, Reggie O, Chloe P & Tillie

FRIDAY

Infant library day
PFA Tuck Shop after school - everything 50p

Future dates

20th-22nd Horstead Residential 25th June at 1.30pm Sports Day (Reserve Sports Day, Thursday 4th July at 1.30pm)

PFA 100 April winners

1st	59	Fiona Johnson
2nd	88	Vanessa Barton
3rd	99	Sam Wegg

TERM DATES

2024 AUTUMN TERM	2025 SPRING TERM	2024 SUMMER TERM
Wednesday 4 th September -	Tuesday 7 th January - Friday 4 th	Monday 15 th April - Friday 19 th
Friday 20 th December	April	July
(Half term - Friday 25th October	(Half term - Monday 17 th - Friday	(Half term - Monday 27th May -
- Friday 1st November)	21 st February)	Friday 31 st May)

SEND Spotlight:

Please click on the link to read the SENDIASS Spotlight for April 2024: https://www.norfolksendiass.org.uk/news/newsletters/spotlightapril24-2/



ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 97%.

March attendance:

Infants 93.29%
Juniors 93.35%
Whole school 93.33%



CLOTHES & TEXTILE RECYCLING

Planning a 'clear out'? Don't forget the school textile bank for unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding, curtains etc, in fact any material. From June 2023 - October 2023 this raised £32.10. The more we put in there the more we'll get, please support it - every little helps!

