



'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,

Have a wonderful and safe festive break.



GOODBYE MESSAGE FROM MRS STIBBON

It has been an emotional week this week! It has been hard to say goodbye to all the children, families, staff, governors and members of the community who I have enjoyed working with so much during my time here. Mrs Myhill is very lucky to be taking over as your new headteacher - I feel privileged to have done this job over the last few years. Thank you so much for all your lovely cards and gifts; I have been overwhelmed by your kindness and lovely messages and have often been moved to tears over the last few days! I will miss you all very much.

Best wishes for the future, Mrs Stibbon xxx

Thank you's

We wish to thank the village hall, Dabbling Duck & Heath Farm Shop for their generosity in making the children's festive activities possible. We would also like to say a big thank you to the organisers of Classics on the Green for their donation to the school. We are so lucky to live in such a generous and caring community.

Swimming

As from 9th January Juniors will be starting their 6 weeks swimming at Oasis swimming pool. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit & towel in a separate bag. If any parents are able to help us accompany the children to Oasis swimming pool please let the school office know.

CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S GREAT MASSINGHAM:

22 December 10.30-11.30 am Christmas Family Service - all welcome to come and choose their favourite Carol and to bring along their favourite Christmas decoration to "show and tell"

24 December 4.00pm Our village Christingle service - all are welcome to join in the celebration and receive their Christingle orange. All donations from this service go to the Children's Society

5 January 2025 10.30 - 11.30 am Family service - all welcome to our very informal service which always includes an activity for the children

PLEASE NOTE FROM 2025 THE FAMILY SERVICE WILL MOVE TO THE FIRST SUNDAY MORNING OF EACH MONTH

Readers

Help children learn to read so they can succeed, in school and beyond. We are seeking volunteers who would like to read with our KS2 children. Please contact the office for more details if you are interested.



REGULAR DATES

Mondays:

Guitar lessons with Toby Rideout. To sign up please contact Toby via email toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk

Wednesdays: Drum lessons with Tom Relihan. To sign up please contact Tom via email tomrelihan@gmx.com

Thursdays:

Juniors are swimming at Oasis Swimming Pool, please ensure they come with swimming costumes and a towel in a separate bag. All children to come to school in PE kit.

Fridays:

PE with ICS Coaching - All children to come to school in PE Kit.

3.30pm ICS Coaching after school football club. Book directly with ICS Coaching via

<https://icscoaching.pembee.app>

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship, we have thought about the fact that forgiveness is more than words. We have talked about feelings and actions which are linked with forgiveness.

Our School Vision is: " I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you" (Psalm 32:8).

Our 5 Core Values:



ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
December	96%	96%	96%



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

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Stibbon and the Great Massingham team



Infants: Eliza for always having a great attitude towards her learning and showing great kindness to her friends.

Years 3 & 4: Ava for her persistence and attention to detail when sewing her coin purse.

Years 5 & 6: Teddy for his perseverance in Maths to use the long division method.

The PFA School Disco - thank you to the PFA for all your hard work and thank you to our village community for supporting us.



Week beginning 16th December 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

What a brilliant last week it has been in the Infants, there's been so much going on but the children have still thrown themselves enthusiastically into all the fun, learning and festive opportunities!

The children were lucky enough to attend a 'virtual' pantomime of 'Beauty and the Beast' on Monday which was a special treat for us all. On Tuesday the children learnt about the significance of christingles and then made their own to take home.

In addition to learning in class we had a special visitor in the form of Mrs Frazer who took a special collective worship and invited us along to festive services at Great Massingham church too, it was so kind of her to give up her time to share her knowledge with us. The week was rounded off with fun in class with party games, music, dancing and food, we are now fully in the Christmas spirit!

We will wish you all a brilliant, safe and relaxing time with your families this Christmas and we look forward to seeing you back in the new year. Thank you for all your support this term, your kind Christmas wishes, cards and gifts, it is much appreciated.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

The Infant Team x



News from the Juniors

This week in Year 3 and 4 we have enjoyed finishing our Roman coin purses, our Science learning and completing a few Maths tests to see how much we remember from our learning this term! We loved wearing sparkles and having a party in class with games and much dancing on Thursday. The Christmas celebrations have been danced, drawn and our cards have been written, posted and delivered. We are looking forward to more learning fun in the New Year!

As the year draws to a close and the countdown of advent leads us to Christmas, Year 5/6 have had another busy week.

With the completion of 'Darwin's Voyage of Discovery' reading book, the children have been able to reflect on Charles Darwin's research and contemplate his theories.

Despite being a bit tricky maths this week, the children have shown resilience and perseverance to solve problems using the long division method.

In ICT they completed creating their own logos using Vector Drawings skills.

During PE lessons they have been honing their invasion and team work skills to play Handball. Now it's time for a well deserved Christmas break.

