

# 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,

#### **PAYMENTS**

Please could any outstanding payments for lunches or wraparound be settled. If you have any queries or require assistance do not hesitate to contact the school office.

#### **PHONES**

The school telephones are being upgraded on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. We hope this does not cause any disruption or inconvenience. However, if you do need to contact the school and the phone lines are temporarily unavailable, please email or, in the case of an emergency, call 07825 104854.

GENTLE REMINDER: Please can I remind parents and carers that school finishes at 3.20pm. Please ensure you are prompt for school collection. Many thanks for your help with this.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February Half Term 7<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April Easter Holidays. Term starts Wednesday 23rs April

#### REGULAR DATES

#### Mondays:

Guitar lessons with Toby Rideout. To sign up please contact Toby via email <a href="toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk">toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk</a> **Wednesdays:** Drum lessons with Tom Relihan. To sign up please contact Tom via email <a href="tomrelihan@gmx.com">tomrelihan@gmx.com</a>

# 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

The Family Service at St Mary's church in Great Massingham is moving to the <u>first</u> Sunday of each month at 10.30am. A warm welcome awaits you.

Family Service dates at St Mary's Church in Great Massingham:

2nd February

2nd March

6th April

4th May

1st June

6th July

# VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week the children have been thinking about how they could spread peace across our school community. They have been learning about peacemakers and peacemaking.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God," Matthew 5:9

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
January	97%	97%	97%

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



Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Myhill and the Great Massingham team



Infants: Elsie for your amazing reading and beautiful writing.

Years 3 & 4: Leo for his independence and responsible attitude to others and learning.

Years 5 & 6: Cabe for showing dedication to present his newspaper article with neat handwriting.

# Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

# This week's learning highlights:

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

We had the most wonderful visit to our village fire station earlier this week - the modern station this time! Watch Manager Molyneux and his colleagues showed us around their fire station and told us all about the importance of fire safety in our homes. We looked at a smoke alarm and found out that if we do not have one, we can ask the firefighters and they will help families to get one for their homes. During our visit we also inspected a fire fighter's uniform and noticed the colourings. We watched as Firefighter Tom and Mrs Martin raced to get the uniform on! Everyone had a turn at spraying the fire hose and climbing into the fire truck. We watched and listened to the sirens and were shown lots of different equipment used by firefighters. It was the most fantastic way to embed our learning on our theme of 'Emergency'. A huge thank you to Great Massingham fire station and the crew for welcoming us!

In science, we had a fantastic time using our knowledge of materials to predict, test and try out a range of materials to see which would be best for making a kite. We then had a brilliant time trying them out to see which would fly best.

In PE, we developed our team skills this week, playing a number of games that tested our speed, endurance and team work.



















#### News from the Juniors

This week in lower juniors we have enjoyed finishing our writing our stories based on the Pied Piper ready to write up next week. In Maths we have learnt about counting past 1 in fractions. In Science we enjoyed looking at the different lengths of shadows and how the length of the shadow can change depending on the distance of the light source from the object and the height of the light source. We have enjoyed numbers day, guessing the numbers in the jar, practising our French numbers and learning about ordering fractions.

This week's newsletter reporters are Finley and Noah A. Here's their take on what happened this week:

In science this week we tried to use coins and tinfoil to find out what would conduct electricity. And we tested if different components would make anything different if we added them to the circuit. We drew circuits correctly with our rulers.

In English lesson this week we peer-assessed each other's newspaper reports about April and the Polar Bear, to see if everything was right in their work and it made sense. The next day we finished publishing our newspaper articles. We were very proud of these.

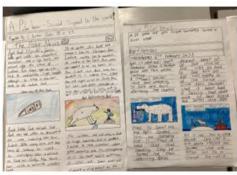
In maths we started the day with a warm up sheet of calculations. Example 1445x3 and some divisions too. We had 10minutes to figure it all out. After that we went through the sheet with the teacher. It was all mental but we still used methods to answer the questions. We were also multiplying a unit fraction by an integer, and multiplying a non-unit fraction by an integer. We then converted the fraction into a number sequence. Y6 have also been busy this week doing some maths, spellings and grammar practise SATS tests.

Collective Worship this week was about Peace and we were reminded how to bring kindness to our community and to treat others how we would like to be treated. We also learnt the difference between a peacemaker and a peacekeeper. A peacemaker makes peace and a peacekeeper keeps the peace. We sang some songs about peace and learnt the John Lennon song 'Imagine'.

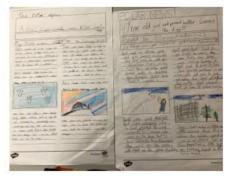
In Music we talked about pitch and what the 'Joyful, Joyful' song was all about. For swimming some of us tried butterfly kicks and backstroke but we had to paddle with our hands. We finished the week with Numbers Day. We have had a great week.

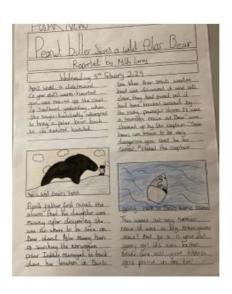
# Reported by Finley and Noah A











# GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

19th February. Community lunch. 12.30pm to eat at 1 pm. Bookings must be made by  $14^{\rm th}$  Feb. Contact 07493406501

27th February. Quiz in the bar, 7.30 pm start. Cost club members £2.00 non members £4.00.



Family Action's Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service