



Newsletter

December Updates



Great Massingham
Cof E Primary School

December 2012

We warmly welcome Jake and Daisy into our school and wish them well as they settle into their new classes and make new friends. Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraising for Children in Need. The children and Friends of the School raised £90.17.

Mrs Frere-Smith

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that Mrs Frere-Smith will remain with us next term. The governors' finance team have worked hard on our existing budget to enable us to fund two days for her over the Spring Term. This will ensure continuity of learning in Key Stage 2 as I rejoin the teaching team that also includes Mr Watling on Fridays.

The week beginning 3rd December

Our mid-year assessment week for all the children begins on Monday 3rd December. This will mean tests similar to the SATs held in May. It is important that the children are in school for the week. Thank you.

Roof Replacement

The roof that covers the kitchen, chair storage and office area is to be replaced over the Christmas holidays. These rooms need to be emptied before the work commences on Saturday 22nd. We intend to do this on the last day of term.

School Lunches

There will not be a hot meal available on Friday 21st December. We would ask that all pupils bring a packed lunch. We will not be able to serve hot food if the roof work is not completed by the time we return on Tuesday 8th January. We may need to have packed lunches for a few days. I have a site meeting on Friday 4th January. I will update parents using our text messaging service. Please let Mrs Smith know if you are not receiving our Teacher to Parents messages or if you have changed your mobile number.

Thursday 6th December - Swimming

Our last swimming session this term.

Wednesday 12th December - PE

Our last PE session with Ricky this term.

Thursday 13th December - School Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 13th December. Could you please place your school meal order as usual on Monday 10th December. The Christmas meal will be roast chicken, stuffing, roast potatoes, carrots and peas followed by chocolate ice-cream Christmas tree.

Monday 17th December - Christmas Party for Class 1

Mrs Heley's class party will be on Monday 17th December in the afternoon. Please look out for the PTA party food list which will be displayed on the classroom door.

There will not be Piano, Violin or Ukulele lessons during the final week of term.

Tuesday 18th December - Christmas Party for Class 2

Mrs Frere-Smith's class party will be on Tuesday 18th December in the afternoon. Please look out for the PTA party food list which will be displayed on the classroom door.



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This is our way of keeping you informed about what is happening in school.

Where necessary, detailed letters are sent out prior to an event.

SCHOOL YEAR 2012/13 TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM ends	Friday 21st December
SPRING TERM begins	Monday 8th January
Half Term	Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February
SPRING TERM ends	Wednesday 27th March
SUMMER TERM begins	Monday 15th April
Half Term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
SUMMER TERM ends	Wednesday 24th July
MAY DAY	Monday 6th May
Training Day	Thursday 27th June

All other training days are in the school holidays.

Wednesday 19th December - Visit to the Pantomime in King's Lynn

Our whole school Christmas treat on the morning of Wednesday 19th December is a visit to see the Pantomime Aladdin in King's Lynn. We will travel to and from the Corn Exchange in King's Lynn by coach with Mileham School. We will not be back at school in time for hot lunches, so can the children bring a packed lunch to eat on our return to school. The PTA have generously agreed to fund both the coach and ticket costs. Please sign and return the permission slip attached to this newsletter before Friday 7th December to allow your child to take part in this school trip.

Thursday 20th December - Christmas Service at St Mary's Church

Our Christmas Service will be held at St Mary's on Thursday 20th December, beginning at 1.30pm. This year our service is entitled "Christmas Rapping". Key Stage One will be taking part in the Nativity Scene as usual. The Key Stage Two children will need a bright, adult size t-shirt and a base ball cap for the performance. Please send these into school in a named bag as soon as possible. Everyone is welcome to attend the service and come back to school afterwards for refreshments.

Friday 21st December - End of Term

The last day of the Autumn Term is Friday 21st December. School will finish at 3.00pm.

Tuesday 8th January 2013 - First day of Spring Term

The first day of the Spring Term. School opens at 8.45am.

Advance Notices: Spring Term 2013

PE with Ricky: every Wednesday afternoon from 9th January to 20th March 2013.

Gymnastics: every Thursday morning at Lynnsport from 10th January to 21st March. Costs remain at £2 per child per week. It would extremely helpful if we could have parent helpers for these sessions - please contact Mr Etheridge as soon as possible if you are able to help.

*On behalf of the Staff and Governors
may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*



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