



Newsletter



Great Massingham
Cof E Primary School

January—February
2013

Welcome to our January—February Newsletter

On behalf of the staff and Governors
may I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Curriculum

Our whole school topic theme for the spring term is 'habitats'. This will include visits to the school pond and exploring both the weather and the natural world.

Maths is a school priority this coming year and in order to cater for the needs of all children we have reorganised the timetable to allow the teaching of maths across both Key stages at the same time. We anticipate this approach will enable us to challenge every child's learning knowledge and improve their understanding.

Assembly times : Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays will be 9:05am.
Thursdays and Fridays 3:00pm

Staffing

Mrs Frere-Smith will be teaching on Mondays and Wednesdays for the spring and summer terms and Mr Watling continues on Fridays. Mr Etheridge is back in the KS2 classroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as sharing the teaching with Mrs. Frere-Smith on Wednesday mornings.

Mrs Heley continues with FS and KS1 as well as one session with the y2/3 maths group. Our teaching assistant team of Mrs Frost, Mrs Brown and Mrs Calderbank enables us to have LSA support in each class across the week.

Kitchen Roof update

Not much to say other than it was finished on time (a first !) and the slate tiling merges well with the existing roof. Great Job !

Half term diary and School Timetable

Several parents have requested a school timetable. This should help you when you ask your child about what they have done during the day and they answer, 'Nothing!' There is also a diary attached to this newsletter that you might like to pin on a home notice board as a summary of events.

SPORT

PE:

Wednesday Afternoons

Both classes will have a PE session every week. These sessions will be taken by Ricky from Gill Sports.

Gymnastics: Lynnsport WHOLE SCHOOL

Thursday mornings

10th January 2013
to
21st March 2013

MUSIC

Violin

Every Friday morning.

Ukulele and singing

Every Monday afternoon.

Piano

Every Monday afternoon.

Please contact the school if your child would like to learn to play the violin or the piano.



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We publish this newsletter every half term. It is also uploaded to the schools website.

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

SPRING TERM begins Tuesday 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.

All other staff training days will take place in the holidays.

Events

Thursday 10th January:

Our first Gymnastics session at Lynnsport.

Children should come to school in a school (grey) jog suit with PE kit . We leave for Lynn at 10 am and will be back just on lunchtime.

Friday 25th January:

Parents Special Mentions assembly: 2:45pm

Wednesday 6th February:

Year 6 begin 4 afternoon sessions of science at the high school. The high school are providing transport. As well as experiencing some "proper" science, it will be a good opportunity for our Y6's to meet other children who will transfer with them in September.

Tuesday 12th February : Pancake day

Every child will experience cooking (and eating) a pancake during the day: Any volunteer mums to help us gratefully accepted !

Thursday 14th February :

Lent Service @ St Marys .

Details to be confirmed

Advanced Notice

Our annual parent consultations will be held week beginning 4th March.

A detailed letter will follow at the beginning of February.