



Masham CE (VA) Primary School

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Newsletter 1

7th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new year at Masham CE Primary School. We've had a super first week with lots of exciting learning going on! This half term we will be focusing on the values of Generosity and Compassion.

New Starters

A huge welcome to all who have joined us this year – the children have settled in beautifully and have impressed us with the wide range of interests and talents they have brought from home. One thing that the staff have been super impressed with is the care shown to the new children by our older children in school – they certainly embrace our school motto! We hope all the children, and staff, who have joined school this week really enjoy their time as part of the Masham family.



Week of Inspirational Maths

Lessons began with a bang this week in Year 1 upwards with the children taking part in a week of inspirational maths. Designed by Jo Boaler, Professor of Mathematics Education at Stanford (complete maths guru and a bit of an idol for us teachers!) the sessions have focused on open, visual, creative mathematics accompanied by Growth Mindset reminders and messages. For those who don't know, Growth Mindset is at the core of our ethos here at Masham – the belief that abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work; brains and talent are just the starting point. Listen out for the children saying "I can't do that ... yet!"



Catering

As you will know from Twitter, the samples on the playground, and no doubt the children, our school meals have changed this term as we have a new catering provider. So far the changes have been a resounding success with excellent feedback from the children (my favourite – "you said they were going to improve – you didn't say they would be this good!") A menu will be emailed out later today – as you will see there are two cooked meal options plus jacket potatoes and sandwiches; the children select from a range of toppings/fillings each day as opposed to the old system of one set choice per day and we have the most amazing salad bar which has been a big hit!



Don't forget to choose us as your Co-op local cause - **£803.99** raised so far! Thank you!

Clubs

A letter will go out next week detailing the extra-curricular provision we are able to offer this term. We have tried to keep a balance of external providers that parents or school pay for and clubs which the staff voluntarily provide for free. If any parents have any ideas for future clubs or contacts they think might be useful (or have a hidden/not so hidden talent they would like to share with the children) please let me know.



Easy Funding

Every now and then we do a push for Easyfundraising.org. This is a fantastic website/App that you can use for free to help raise money for school funds! All you need to do is download the App or visit the website to register, choose Masham CE Primary School as your chosen charity and then every time you shop online through the site a percentage of your spending is donated to the school. There are no twists or hidden costs. Companies that support this fundraising idea include Amazon, Argos, Thomas Cook holidays, M&S, Boots and many more.



A message from St Mary's Church

Sunday 9th September at 10.45am at St Mary's church

PET SERVICE hopefully outside but inside if wet or too cold.

All creatures great and small and their owners will be very welcome to come along.

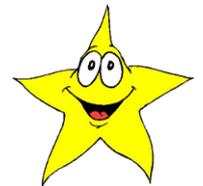
Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

F. Lawson-Ross

Fiona Lawson-Ross
Head teacher

Superstars of the Week



Class 1 – Luke for being so kind and helpful all week.

Class 2 – Noah for the THE most brilliant maths! Wilf M for excellent attitude and effort all round.

Class 3 – Ryley for hard work and perseverance, Wilf V for excellent Year 4 effort and listening.

Class 4 – Charlie for being the most amazing Year 6 role model. Harry D for being so kind to the younger children.

Hot Choc Friday!



Save the date... Harvest Service Thursday 27th September @ 6pm. All children involved.

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