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Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. The children have settled into their new classes beautifully and we have seen countless examples of everyone being ready, respectful, safe and kind!

New Starters

A big welcome to the children who have joined us this year – they have all made a brilliant start to their time at Masham and we are thoroughly enjoying getting to know them. Miss Lawton has worked tirelessly over the holidays to refresh the Swinney environment and all staff and governors (and builders and painters) have pitched in to get school looking really fab ready for the new year. A huge thanks to everyone for all their hard work, we're looking forward to a fun packed and productive year!

Quiddich Day!

There was a surprise in store for the children yesterday when they arrived at school to find Quiddich rings in the playground ready for a day of magical fun! The day started with a special assembly where four of our Year 6 children took up the mantle of being a house captain for Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff, Gryffindor or Slytherin team (chosen by THE Sorting Hat) before the Quiddich tournament commenced! For those who may not know, Quiddich (from the Harry Potter series of stories) is a fast-paced team game where players compete for points and ultimately to catch the Golden Snitch. At the end of the day the points were compiled and the winning team revealed to be ... Hufflepuff! A great way to start the term and fabulous team work from everyone!



Summer Reading Challenge and Masham Show

Don't forget, the final day to complete the Summer Reading Challenge is Saturday 9th September! The lovely ladies from Masham Library will be coming in to present the certificates in school shortly so we're hoping for a bumper crop! On a tenuously related note (crop ...) we'd be thrilled to see any photographs of children and their entries for The Masham show this weekend and of course any rosettes or trophies should they be awarded!

Have a super weekend.

F. Lawson-Ross

Mrs Lawson-Ross, Head teacher



Dates for your diary

(These are by no means exhaustive but indicate some of the key dates throughout the year, there will be a weekly reminder on the newsletter too for upcoming visits/events etc)

Blue text indicates occasions where parents and carers are warmly welcomed to attend.

Saturday	30.09.23	All	Bishop Blaize Parade. Meet 1.30pm at Maple Creek
Sunday	01.10.23	All	Bishop Blaize Parade. Meet 1.30pm at Maple Creek
Friday	06.10.23	All	Harvest Festival 9am @ St Mary's Church
Friday	20.10.23	All	Showcase afternoon 2.30pm onwards
Wednesday	25.10.23	All	Skip 2B Fit day
Thursday	26.10.23	All	Firework Disco (after school) KS1 3.30-4.30pm. KS2 4.45-5.45pm
Friday	27.10.23	All	Colour Run
Friday	27.10.23	All	School closes for half term @ 3.30pm
Monday	06.11.23	All	Children return to school
Friday	10.11.23	Laver	Celebration Assembly
Monday	13.11.23	All	Parents Evening
Thursday	16.11.23	All	Parents Evening
Friday	17.11.23	All	Children in Need Day
Friday	24.11.23	Cover	Celebration Assembly
Thursday	30.11.23	All	Pantomime
Friday	01.12.23	Burn	Celebration Assembly
Thursday	07.12.23	All	Christmas Crafts and Dinner Day
TBC	TBC	KS1	Nativity 6pm in the Town Hall
Friday	22.12.23	All	Christmas Service 1.15pm @ St Mary's Church
Friday	22.12.23	All	School close for Christmas @ 2pm
Monday	08.01.24	Staff	Training Day
Tuesday	09.01.24	All	Children return to school
Friday	01.02.24	All	Skip 2B Fit Day
Wednesday	TBC	All	Musical Extravaganza
Friday	09.02.24	All	School Closes for half term @ 3.30pm
Monday	19.02.24	All	Children return to school
Thursday	22.02.24	All	World Thinking Day – Children in Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Squirrels, Beavers and Scouts are welcome to wear to their uniforms to school.
Monday	26.02.24	All	Parents Evening
Thursday	29.02.24	All	Parents Evening
Thursday	07.03.24	All	World Book Day

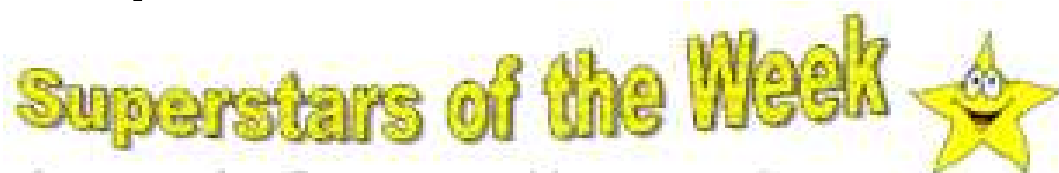


Friday	22.03.24	All	Easter Service 1.15pm @ St Mary's Church
Friday	22.03.24	All	School closes for Easter @ 2pm
Monday	08.04.24	Staff	Training Day
Tuesday	09.04.24	All	Children return to school
Monday	06.05.24	All	School closed for May Day
Wednesday	08.05.24	All	Skip 2B Fit Day
Tuesday	21.05.24	All	Sports Day Afternoon (Weather Dependent)
Thursday	23.05.24	All	Alternative Sports Morning
Friday	24.05.24	All	School closes for Half Term @ 3.30pm
Monday	04.06.24	Staff	Training Day
Tuesday	05.06.24	All	Children return to school
Wednesday	11.07.24	KS2	Summer Performance
Thursday	12.07.24	Ks2	Summer Performance
Thursday	18.07.24	Year 6	Leavers celebration
Friday	19.07.24	All	Leavers Service 1.15pm @ St Mary's Church
Friday	19.07.24	All	School closes for summer @ 2pm

Other trips, visits and exciting activities will be added as the year goes on.

Attendance

Swinney – 97.32% Laver – 98.86% Burn – 92.65% Cover – 97.50%



Swinney New Starters – Jack, Jacob, Isaac, Nancy, Iliza, Olivia & Jessica
for an absolutely fabulous first week at school.

Laver – Isaac for a fabulous first week at school

Esme for always being ready to learn

Burn – Wilbur for a fantastic attitude towards learning, an excellent start
to the year

Cover – Dan and Nela for a fantastic first week