



Newsletter 08.11.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had a lovely half term and a well-deserved break. It has been lovely to see everyone this week and there has been lots going on in school. We have had visitors from the Local Authority this week to conduct monitoring visits of the school and these were very positive visits and both visitors commented on how well the pupils spoke and how keen they were to learn and share their experiences. I would like to thank all of the staff and children for all of their hard work this week and it is evidence that the school is going from strength to strength.

The fire brigade was in school this week to speak to all of the different classes regarding fire and firework safety as it was bonfire night this week. Once the children had been part of the fire safety talks, they all went outside and were able to explore the fire engine and use the hose. It was such a great day and they all loved being able to use the fire hose.



Goodbye

I have some sad (but also exciting) news. Ruth Booth will unfortunately be leaving us during this half term. Ruth has worked at Masham since January 2023 and has been an integral part of the Masham team. Ruth has been successful in securing a position at another school. Even though this is a sad time for us at Masham, it is a very exciting time for Ruth and I would like to thank her for her commitment to Masham CofE Primary School and wish her all the best for the future.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all pupils and parents who visited the book fair this week. The book fair was extremely popular and the school made an amazing £552, which means that school has earned an amazing £220 worth of books for the school library. Also, for every item that was bought, each pupil received a raffle ticket and 5 pupils had the opportunity to win a £5 voucher to spend at the book fair. The lucky winners were:

- Rory
- Aaron
- Jacob
- Esme
- Martha B



Weekly safeguarding update – PANTS

Have you talked PANTS yet?

Since 2013, Pantosaurus has helped over six million parents to Talk PANTS and help keep children safe from sexual abuse. Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

Tips and advice to help keep your kids safe

Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that they have a right to say no and if they need to speak out about something, someone will listen. We know that a simple conversation can make a BIG difference, and that's what Talk PANTS is all about.

For more information and to view the PANTS videos, please visit the PANTS website using the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Have a lovely weekend.

Matthew Boyle
Head of School
Masham Church of England Primary School



‘Dates for your diary’

Friday	15.11.24	All	Children in Need Day
Tuesday	10.12.24	KS1	Nativity at Town Hall at 6pm
Thursday	12.12.24	All	Pantomime
Tuesday	17.12.24	All	Christmas Crafts and Dinner Day
Friday	20.12.24	All	Christmas Service 1.15pm @ St Mary’s Church
Friday	20.12.24	All	School close for Christmas @ 2pm
Monday	06.01.25	Staff	Training Day
Tuesday	07.01.25	All	Children return to school
Friday	14.02.25	All	School Closes for half term @ 3.30pm
Monday	24.02.25	All	Children return to school
Thursday	06.03.25	All	World Book Day
Friday	14.03.25	All	Comic Relief
Friday	04.04.25	All	Easter Service 1.15pm @ St Mary’s Church
Friday	04.04.25	All	School closes for Easter @ 2pm
Tuesday	22.04.25	Staff	Training Day
Wednesday	23.04.25	All	Children return to school
Monday	28.04.25	All	Skip 2B Fit Day
Monday	05.05.25	All	School closed for May Day
Friday	23.05.25	All	School closes for Half Term @ 3.30pm
Monday	02.06.25	All	Children return to school
Monday	09.06.25	Year 6	Bewerley Park
Thursday	26.06.25	All	Sports Day AM
Thursday	10.07.25	All	Alternative Sports Day AM
Thursday	17.07.25	Year 6	Leavers celebration
Friday	18.07.25	All	Leavers Service 1.15pm @ St Mary’s Church
Friday	18.07.25	All	School closes for summer @ 2pm

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

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



Attendance

		Attendance Percentage	Days missed over a school year
Swinney –	96.96%		
Burn –	99%	100%	0 days
		95%	10 days
Cover –	98.24%	90%	20 days
		85%	30 days
		80%	40 days

Well done to Reception, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6 for 100% attendance this week

Whole school attendance is a fabulous 98%

Superstars of the Week

- Swinney - **Nancy** – for being really kind and helpful around our classroom
Martha – for always giving her very best in everything she does
- Burn - **Ellie** – for being kind to Mrs Smithson by helping Elliot in his first week.
Jessie – for having a super positive first week back
- Cover - **Martha B** – for being so helpful and thoughtful to everyone in our school
Nela – for always making the right choices and always trying her very best. Great effort in maths on fractions

Writer of the Week - Leela

Dojo Winners

- Swinney - Nancy
 Burn - Arthur
 Cover - Lewis