



## Newsletter 25.10.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy half term everyone. We have finally made it to the end of the longest half term of the year!

It has been an amazing start to the year and the children have been a credit to the school with the way that they have settled into their new classes and this is evident from some of the amazing work that I have seen this week. In Swinney Class, the children have created a fantastic information text about Octopuses, which they were all thrilled to show me this morning. They included some fantastic vocabulary, amazing sub-headings and were presented with beautiful handwriting and some lovely illustrations. We have also had a visitor from the diocese this week, who was very complimentary of the pupils of Masham and the staff at Masham Primary. This was a fabulous end to the half term and is recognition of all the hard work that is being done by pupils and staff.

### Scholastic Book Fair

In the first week after half term, I am pleased to announce that we will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair. The fair will be open from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 3:30pm. During that week it is also Parents' Evenings so the book fair will be open throughout the evening of parents' evening (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November). We are aiming to have the book fair in the playground (weather permitting) but on the nights of parents' evenings, the book fair will be in the library.

The book fair is **cashless** and payments will be received using a QR Code, which means parents/carers/adults will need a mobile phone to be able to purchase an item.

There are some promotional materials that have been delivered with the book fair. For every item that is purchased, the children will receive a raffle ticket. This raffle will then be drawn on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November and there will be 5 winners. Each winner will receive a £5 book token that can be used to spend on books or equipment at the book fair. The winners will be announced in the newsletter and on Facebook.

Also, from November, Scholastic are giving away a free Dogman comic with every purchase (not every item). There are a limited amount of the Dogman comics that the school have received so they are on a first come, first served basis.

There are posters up around school to promote the book fair and a promotional leaflet will be sent out with the newsletter. Unfortunately, they do not send out paper brochures anymore but that just adds the element of surprise when you visit the book fair.



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**£5.00**  
**£5 PRIZE VOUCHER**



### **St Mary's Church Activity Day beginning**

Half-term **Thursday 31st October** - Age 7 to 11 - Fancy a pizza for lunch and activities to do such as games, painting, crafts, snacks. Come to church from 11 am to 2.00 pm. Your mum or dad is welcome to stay for lunch, if you are coming on your own, your parent will need to sign a permission form. For more information call Lesley Hunter on 07857 443568.

### **Weekly safeguarding update - Online Safety: Scams in Games**

Due to more and more children playing online games and interacting with people in 'real-time', they are becoming more and more vulnerable. One of the new risks that our children face are scams in games. Therefore, I have attached some more information and guidance regarding to scams within online games that are children are playing.

#### **Scams in Games**

"Scammers are always looking for new ways to trick people out of their money, and the world of video games is no exception. These are often organised criminal gangs who don't care about who they are defrauding and will happily groom young players to gain their trust and access their personal information."

- Gaming is an environment where interacting with and trusting strangers has been somewhat normalised
- Fraudsters trick people into downloading malware on to their device, often through advertising add-ons to a game at a cheaper price than the official channels are charging
- Phishing exercises, where players are persuaded to give away valuable personal details, are also common, using emails and in-game chats
- Gamers see an advert on a social media site saying that if they followed a link and submitted some information they would get free in-game currency. The details were used to log in to the game and run up charges

For more information, please visit the Ask About Games website by using the link below:

<https://www.askaboutgames.com/>

Have a lovely half term everyone and I look forward to seeing everyone in November.

Matthew Boyle  
Head of School  
Masham Church of England Primary School



## ‘Dates for your diary’

**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.

Friday	25.10.24	All	School closes for half term @ 3.30pm
Monday	04.11.24	All	Children return to school
Monday	04.11.24	All	Parents Evening
Thursday	07.11.24	All	Parents Evening
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



## Attendance

		Attendance Percentage	Days missed over a school year
Swinney –	93.91%		
Burn –	<b>98.95%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0 days</b>
		<b>95%</b>	<b>10 days</b>
Cover –	97.65%	<b>90%</b>	<b>20 days</b>
		<b>85%</b>	<b>30 days</b>
		<b>80%</b>	<b>40 days</b>

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

## Superstars of the Week

- Swinney - **Isaac** – for some fabulous tens & ones work in maths this week  
**Oliver** – for working really hard on developing his fluency when reading
- Burn - **Ellie** – for always being so helpful, kind and positive  
**William** – for keeping going with his character description showing great perseverance
- Cover - **Ben N** – for amazing attitude in his writing fabulous exaggeration and arguments  
**Poppy** – for showing perseverance in practising her times table and for keeping going in her writing activities

**Writer of the Week** - Luna

### Dojo Winners

- Swinney - Martha  
 Burn - Isaac  
 Cover - Ethan