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## Newsletter 21

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this month. It was lovely to see so many children in Scouting and Guiding uniforms last week for Thinking Day, they all looked super smart!



### Parent Teacher Communication

A letter will be sent out from the school office tomorrow with details on how to sign up for upcoming Parent Teacher meetings. We also wanted to let you know that if you ever have a something you would like to speak to a member of staff about or ask (however small), please feel free to come into the school office to see if the member of staff is free and they will always try their best to be available to speak with you, particularly after school when the children have gone home for the day. Alternatively, a message can be passed on via the member of staff on the school door in the morning or you can ask for a particular staff member to get in touch via phone or email which they will do as soon as they are free.

### Friends of Masham School

As Mr Dalton, our Chair of Governors, mentioned in his letter on Friday, the first meeting of the Friends of Masham School (FOMS) will take place this Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm at school and all parents and carers are invited. We hope to discuss suggestions for enhancing the school environment, resources and fundraising activities and hope to see lots of you there.

### School Council

The School Council will be reforming this half term after a short hiatus and we have asked any children interested in being part of this to let me know by Friday please. They will need to bring in a note with their name, year group and any ideas they have to make our school even better- we hope to hold our first meeting next week and we will let you know of their ideas.

### Safeguarding

We are aware that some parents and carers have had some concerns about behaviour recently, particularly at lunchtimes – we wanted to let you know that we have upped our lunchtime staff ratios to include senior staff, which is having a positive effect. We have also been looking at enhanced rewards with the children and how we can share these with you as parents at home – keep an eye out for postcards, stickers and certificates with the children and do take a look at our Twitter Page (you don't need to have an account) @mashamcep or via the school website to celebrate successes. As mentioned above, if you do have any concerns, queries or compliments please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Have a great week!

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## Dates for your diary

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

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|----------------|----------|-------|---|
| Thursday       | 02.03.23 | All   | World Book Day – What makes you smile out loud?       |
| Friday         | 03.03.23 | Cover | Cover Class celebration assembly 14:30 at church      |
| Week beginning | 06.03.23 | All   | Parent Teacher consultations                          |
| Wednesday      | 08.03.23 | All   | Yorkshire Cricket Board taster sessions               |
| Thursday       | 16.03.23 | All   | Science morning for British Science Week              |
| Friday         | 17.03.23 | Burn  | Burn Class celebration assembly 14:30 at church       |
| Friday         | 24.03.23 | Laver | Laver Class celebration assembly 14:30 at church      |
| Tuesday        | 28.03.23 | All   | R. E. Day   |
| Friday         | 31.03.23 | All   | Easter Service, St Mary's Church. 13:15               |
| Friday         | 31.03.23 | All   | School closes for Easter 14:00                        |
| Saturday       | 01.04.23 | All   | Easter activities in Church – more details to follow. |

## Attendance

Thank you to everyone for making an effort to be here and on time over the last week. It makes such a difference to the start of the day and the children's learning. Scores on the doors this week are:

Swinney – 96%

Laver – 95%

★ Burn – 100%

Cover - 99%

## A message from Mrs Clark

Thank you for the support you are giving your children on their fantastic homework. If they have work that they need to email in, this can be sent to [admin@masham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@masham.n-yorks.sch.uk). We have also already received some wonderful submissions for our world book day competition and started listening to some poems from our World Book Day book, 'Smile out Loud.' This resulted in a lot of laughter!! This week in Burn Class we will continue work on multiplication in maths. In English we are looking at descriptive writing and the effect it has. Last week we looked at metaphors and similes. We will be using prepositional fronted adverbials in our descriptive writing and write a persuasive advert for a house. In reading we will learn how to answer questions using relevant information from the text along with improving understanding of a text through asking and answering relevant questions. In design and technology we are starting a unit learning how fastenings are used in textiles and will be analysing products this week and in science we will start learning about forces and magnets.

## A message from Mr Scott

This week in Cover Class we're all excited for our trip to Catterick Racecourse on Tuesday! Please remember a packed lunch, suitable clothing and sensible shoes suited to the weather. In English we're continuing to read Holes and think about key reading skills of inference and retrieval. In maths we're multiplying fractions and looking at dividing fractions by integers - check out the links below if you'd like to work on these at home. In computing we're continuing to work on our database skills. Remember Thursday is World Book Day and if you'd like to enter the 'What Makes Me Smile' competition have your entries in by Wednesday - all the information is in Mrs Clark's letter which was sent last week.

**Superstars of the Week** ★

