



Newsletter 11.10.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone. I am hoping that the nice weather will stay with us over the weekend.

It has been another busy and exciting week this week with lots going. Swinney Class have been making the most of the Autumnal weather and went on local walk to see the changes that are happening. This has led to some great art work, which they used a range of different leaves that they then used to create a fantastic piece of art. In Cover Class I have seen some lovely work where the children have created a Friendship Cake and they came up with all of the different ingredients that they believed make up a good friend. I was also very excited this week in Burn Class because during DEAR time the children were all immersed in their books and Mrs Smithson had created a lovely and calm atmosphere with lamps and fairy lights.

Next week continues to busy and exciting because Mrs Greensit and Mrs Smithson are learning how to drive a mini-bus. This is fantastic for the school as it will allow Masham Primary to access the Bedale mini-bus. This will open lots of doors for the school and will allow us to take part in learning outside of school. This then leads me onto the next exciting event of next week – Swinney’s class trip to Thorpe Perrow. Miss Lawton, who already has her mini-bus licence, will be taking Swinney class on a trip to Thorp Perrow linked to the topics ‘Understanding the World’ and ‘Seasonal Changes’. This is such a fantastic opportunity for the children and I look forward to hearing all about their trip when they return.

The library and reading Volunteers

This year, school have invested in a library organisation tool called Reading Cloud. This system will help us to level and organise all of our books in the library so that children are choosing suitable books for home reading. Each child will be allocated a login so that parents and children can record what books that they have read and it will also recommend books that the child may like based on their reading level and their book history.

Therefore, we are looking for volunteers to help us barcode all of our current books and organise our library. We are also looking for reading volunteers to read with the children in school. If you would like to volunteer in school, please contact Mrs Greensit in the office.

Weekly safeguarding update – Online Safety

We are all by now fully aware that the internet can be a great source of information and a place for our children to hang out and play games online with friends. However, as parents, we must be aware of the internet's dangers to children. This includes the potential for bullying from their peers and targeting by perpetrators of sexual and criminal exploitation.

We also know that too much time spent alone in a room staring at a screen, gaming, or online chatting in a digital environment is not healthy either.



Children are confident accessing the internet using their phones, laptops, PCs, Macs and game consoles. Yet, as parents, we can feel overwhelmed by technology and feel our children are more IT and tech savvy. Every parent will be familiar with the persuasive pressure children can exert on them to give more access to their devices, so it's an easy option to give in and allow unlimited access to avoid confrontation in our own busy lives.

However, as parents, we have a responsibility to take the time to follow some simple steps that will really help to protect our children. So, let's look at some strategies to overcome that pressure and how to implement age-appropriate restrictions effectively.

Please click on the link below to learn more about keeping our children safe online:

<https://ssslearning.co.uk/parentsandguardians/how-to-keep-children-safe-online>

Have a lovely weekend.

Matthew Boyle
Head of School
Masham CE 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.

Thursday	24.10.24	All	Flu Vaccinations
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
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 –	91.71%		
Burn –	99.5%	100%	0 days
		95%	10 days
Cover –	92.35%	90%	20 days
		85%	30 days
		80%	40 days

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

Superstars of the Week

- Swinney - **Luna** – for being really kind and helpful, showing a super example to younger children
Jack – for working really hard during phonics this week
- Burn - **Bella** – for her super positive attitude, working her socks off and being kind
Pippa – for being an excellent coach & support to her classmates
- Cover - **Freddie** – for a huge improvement in the quantity & quality of his learning
Martha A – for excellence in attitude, addition & subtraction. Also excellence in your writing, super effort

Writer of the week - Dan

Dojo Winners

- Swinney - Oliver
 Burn - Isabelle
 Cover - Varvara