



Newsletter 20.09.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy week at Masham Primary School. All of the children have been enjoying the Lovely September sunshine. Also, this week all of the children in school watched a panto production of The Wizard of Oz in school. They all loved this event and were very enthusiastic with joining in.

Spelling:

At Masham School, we have high expectations in writing and believe that good spelling underpins a child's enjoyment, confidence and accuracy in writing. When a child lacks confidence and fluency in spelling, it can form a barrier when writing across the curriculum. It can also impact on self-confidence and can limit outcomes in writing at the end of KS2. Spelling is an essential skill which allows children to clearly communicate their understanding in writing.

Children will be taught ten spelling words each week within school which will be shared with home. We encourage you to support your child to learn these spellings through various activities suggested, including accessing the Purple Mash spelling quiz at home. Your child will have a Purple Mash Login in the reading record.

Although there will be no weekly spelling test, the children will be assessed through accessing the spelling quiz on Purple Mash each week. The spelling quizzes are a fantastic way of engaging the children with their spelling both during and out of school hours. Each quiz displays and says each word for a set time then the children input the correct spelling. This will build up a picture of your child's spelling skills across the year. Your child's Purple Mash password should be stuck inside their reading record.

Attached to this newsletter is a graphic of the different types of activities and lessons that will happen across the different classes.

Parent Forum:

Myself and Jonny would like to host a parent forum on Thursday 26th September at 5pm. The focus of the forum will be to discuss the new curriculum, homework and some of the other projects that are ongoing at school. This is also a fabulous opportunity for you to ask any questions.

Masham Sheep Fair

Children are invited to join in with the Bishop Blaize Parade on both the Saturday and Sunday of the sheep fair weekend. Please meet at Maple Creek at 1.30pm, they will parade from there into the Market Place.



Homework:

This year, homework will consist of spelling, reading and times-table practice. As of next week children will be able to access spelling at home through Purple Mash and can complete a quiz which will include the spelling words that they are learning that week. All the children in school have a home reading book. We encourage children to read at least three times a week and for parents to sign this in their reading diaries. Regarding multiplication homework, I will communicate later this half term to keep you up to date.

Masham Show

Thank you for all of the children entering in the Masham Show, we had a really good uptake and won a range of prizes. We will be in contact over the next week or so with prizes for the winners.

Attendance Policy:

The office have sent out an updated version of the Attendance Policy. This has been updated in accordance to the government guidelines around fixed penalty fines. These additions can be found on pages 5 and pages 8 of the policy.

Weekly safeguarding update – Child Exploitation

This week's safeguarding update is about Child Exploitation.

Child exploitation is form of **child abuse** and sadly it is happening here in North Yorkshire. Young people and the families around them are **victims** to this abuse.

The best way to **tackle** and **disrupt** this is with knowledge and information about what Child Exploitation is; What the signs are, what to do if you are worried and what support is available for families in North Yorkshire.

For more information on Child Exploitation , please click on the link which will take you to the North Yorkshire safeguarding Children Partnership website.

[NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](https://www.nyscp.org.uk/safeguardingchildren.co.uk)

Thank you and have a lovely weekend

Matthew Boyle
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Masham CE Primary School

Spelling Selection

Practise your spelling words by selecting two spelling activities to do each day.



Monday

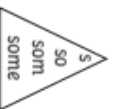
1 Upper and Lower
Write each of your words out two times. Write in uppercase the first time and lowercase the second time.

2 Curly Words
Write out your words in your neatest handwriting. Then, write them again in curly letters.



Tuesday

1 Pyramid Writing
Write each of your words inside a pyramid.



2 Fancy Letters
Write each of your words in fancy writing. Your letters could be curly, dotty, or whatever you decide!



Wednesday

1 Upper and Lower
Write each of your words out two times. Write in uppercase the first time and lowercase the second time.

2 Rainbow Words
Write out your words with a pencil. Next, draw around each letter five more times using different coloured pencils.



Thursday

1 Air Writing
Write each of your words in the air with your finger. Ask someone to read your words as you write.

2 Blue Vowels
Write out each of your words. Then, go over the vowels in each word using a blue pencil.

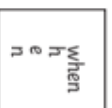


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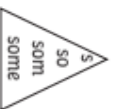
1 Blue Vowels
Write out each of your words. Then, go over the vowels in each word using a blue pencil.

2 Tell a Story
Use all of your words to tell a short story. Underline each spelling word with a ruler and pencil.

3 Across and Down
Write your words across and down, sharing the same first letter.



4 Pyramid Writing
Write each of your words inside a pyramid.



4 Curly Words
Write out your words in your neatest handwriting. Then, write them again in curly letters.

4 Join the Dots
Write each of your words using dots. Then, join the dots with a coloured pencil to make your word.

4 Backwards Words
Write each of your words out forwards. Then, write them all backwards.

4 ABC Order
Write your words in alphabetical order.



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.

Saturday	28.09.24	All	Bishop Blaize Parade. Meet 1.30pm at Maple Creek
Sunday	29.09.24	All	Bishop Blaize Parade. Meet 1.30pm at Maple Creek
Friday	04.10.24	All	Harvest Festival 2.15pm @ St Mary's Church
Friday	04.10.24	All	Individual School Photos
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



Swinney – 98.7%
 Burn – 99%
 Cover – 96.84%

Attendance Percentage	Days missed over a school year
100%	0 days
95%	10 days
90%	20 days
85%	30 days
80%	40 days

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

Superstars of the Week

- Swinney - **Jack** – for persevering with some tricky maths this week
Iliza – for fabulous effort with some wonderful reading this week
- Burn - **Izzy** – for always having a go even when she finds things tricky
Laila – for always being on task & a brilliant member of the class
Maddie – for excellent behaviour in every lesson.
- Cover - **Dan** – for persevering with your piece of narrative writing
Ben T – for an amazing setting description in our narrative writing

Dojo Winners

- Swinney - Luna
- Burn - Esme
- Cover - Lewis