



15<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Dear Parents

Summer term is just our favourite time of year and we have so much to look forward to at school:- Trips, Year 6 Production, sports day, sunshine – bring it on!



**Dates for your Diary** will be with you on Monday- but some immediate ones are:

**Bikeability** for Year 5 participants starts Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April

**PTA meeting** on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30am in the staff room – all welcome

**Class Photos** on morning of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Look smart!

**Animal Magic Show** (Choir/Gym and Dance/ Music) Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5pm – it will be amazing! (You will have already been informed if your child is taking part in this)

Active Gamerz (Paid) Club starts Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Clubs start from 25<sup>th</sup>** - Lists are up today and as some have been heavily oversubscribed, please speak to Mrs Warner or Mrs Martin to look at alternatives. The paid clubs still have some spaces so please refer to your previous emails about these.

## Governors

Belynda Cook stepped down before Easter, after a sterling 8 years as governor and 6 as chair. Our new Chair of Governors is Nick Hardy, whose daughters are in Year 3. Our new parent and community Governors will be announced next week.

## News

You will have received a letter from Nick Hardy via email about our extra Reception intake for September.

Please be assured that we have only agreed to take these additional children on the understanding that Bucks. C.C. will assist us in providing proper access and drop-off arrangements from the Buryfield.

We are very much aware of the difficulties currently faced by parents.

In the short term we have written to the Memorial Hall Committee asking them to remove the chain which is currently preventing parents from turning their cars.

Bucks have agreed to invest in our KS2 accommodation, providing a central entrance to the KS2 block, widening corridors and building two extra classrooms next to the current ICT room. Also, crucially, a toilet and hand washing block so KS2 can wash their hands more easily on their way to lunch.

The architects have met with us this week to draw up the designs for this very exciting project, which will be completed by September 2017.

It will be worth the short term inconvenience of building work to achieve the great improvements planned for KS2.

The Reception 'bulge' class will be in the current Year 1 classroom; Year 1 will move to Year 2 classroom and Year 2 will be in the current 4H, so all of KS1 are close together with easy access to the KS1 playground.

Both Reception classes will have a fully equipped outdoor area.

We will retain the mobile classroom for another year to be used by one of our KS2 classes.



### **Catering News**

Following our re-tender of the catering contract, we have chosen Aspens to work with us from September. Aspens have innovative ideas about food sourcing, our allotment and online menus/ordering – they are a Gold Award Food for Life organisation – like us!

### **New Academy Development Officer**

Following interviews before Easter, I am delighted to let you know that Jenny Laville is our new Academy Development Officer. Brilliant ideas for school improvement coming your way!

### **Tutti Frutti**

Please help if you can – we need more Tutti Frutti volunteers for Wednesdays and Thursdays – even this is just for occasional days – Lent is over, but this could be your act of outrageous kindness for today!!



### **Staff suffering for good causes!**

Mrs Taylor, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Steele and friends are doing the Moonwalk on 14<sup>th</sup> May. You can donate to <https://www.justgiving.com/greatmissendenmooners> if you would like to sponsor them.

Mrs Craig and several other crazy, ill-advised members of staff including me are doing the Pretty Muddy Race for Life challenge on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Our team page is 'Great Missenden School' if you would like to donate to Cancer Research.



### **Serious Whinge – name and shame**

Please could the car registration "C4 MBG" stop parking in the hatched area reserved for the coaches; you are annoying a lot of people and this is dangerous for the children.

### **Lost Property**

Has all been sorted and named items returned. Children have been asked to check this week for unnamed items. Please do check the yellow bin near the dining room as there are coats etc in there. Everything will be cleared to take to the charity shop after next Wednesday. Last chance!

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