



16th December 2016

Dear Parents

Christmas Concert



Wednesday was an exciting day, with over 80 children involved in the Christmas concert 'Keep Calm and Christmas On!' The school was wowed by performances from the Gym and Dance Clubs, the Choirs, Boys' Dance, Rock Band and instrumentalists. The concert was repeated in the evening for parents, culminating in an enthusiastic rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. Many thanks to all the children and staff involved for their boundless energy and hard work this term.

Christmas Jumpers for Save the Children

Just a reminder that on **Monday 19th December** we will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day to raise funds for the charity Save the Children. We are asking the children to make a donation of (at least) **£1 to Save the Children** and in return they can wear a **Christmas JUMPER**. Mufti trousers/skirts can be worn with the jumper if you wish.

Last Tuesday the children found out about how the charity helps to overcome hunger and had the opportunity to reflect on how fortunate they are to have regular access to fruit and vegetables and enough to eat.



Lost Property

Please check the yellow lost property bin before we break up. All named items have been sorted and handed back to the classes, but there are still lots of unnamed coats, jumpers, PE kit and the odd shoe/ trainer in there! As the items are getting very damp, these will be either taken to the textile bank / charity shop or 2nd hand uniform shop over the holidays.

Year 6 Mini Enterprise and Farmers Market

A fabulous array of fantastic quality Christmas goods were sold yesterday at the market. Year 6 worked really hard and takings were over £1000! (monies are still being counted!) Well done and thank you to all who helped and contributed.

Year 3 Church Service

A huge thank you to everyone in Year 3 for a brilliant Christmas Service with wonderful singing and a very original telling of the Christmas Story! We loved it!



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Games in School - Tuesday 20th December

Children can bring in games to play on Tuesday 20th, but please do not bring electronic games or anything of any value.

Class Reps Meeting

A full meeting was held recently and the minutes are now available on the school website.

School finishes at **2.15pm** on Tuesday 20th December and we return to school on Thursday 5th January 2017.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



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Message from Academy Bursar – Mrs Tomlin

School Gateway, the online booking and paying system for before and after school club, now has 93 registered parents on the system and 50 using the app.

The app is a really intuitive and simple way to book sessions for your child

Thank you for your patience with the new system whilst it is settling in.

All bookings should now be made using the system, and for cancellations and changes only, please continue to e-mail ampmclubs@greatmissendenschool.co.uk, which the office are now collecting.

All Jellies and Early Morning Club sessions booked during this term will have created a negative balance on your School Gateway Account and this must be brought back to NIL by the end of the term please.

The School welcomes the use of Child Care Vouchers to settle AM / PM Invoices, and should parents wish to use their vouchers, please “draw them” in the usual way. Upon receipt of confirmation of the voucher amount we will apply the value of the voucher direct to the appropriate Gateway account.

Please add as much detail as possible to any direct payments, or child care vouchers, to assist with the reconciliation process.

For more information about the system please find link below

<http://www.greatmissendenschool.co.uk/attachments/article/256/School%20Gateway%20-%20Parent%20letter%2013.10.2016.pdf>

(or navigate to School Gateway via Extended Services on the School website)

Aspens – School lunches.

Please remember to book your child/ren’s lunches for next term. The portal closes at midnight the day before a lunch can be taken.