



Dear Parents



5th February 2016

Great to see so many of you at the Growth Mindsets Evening on Monday. It is so powerful when parents get behind what we are trying to do in school and back it up at home.

If you weren't able to come and don't yet know what a Learning Pit is, this is crucial information – ask your child!

Thomas Ball Children's Cancer Charity

We had a visit from Elaine Ball, mother of Thomas Ball, on Tuesday, who spoke to the children about this great local cause. **We raised £468.56** with our Mufti Day – thank you to all who donated.

French Horn Fandango!

On Tuesday 25 children across Years 4 and 5 took part in an exciting French Horn Workshop run by Bucks Learning Trust Music. They had the opportunity to find out about this interesting instrument in a very hands on way. 30 French horns being played at once in the school hall was quite an experience but lots of fun! See lovely photo above! If your child is interested in taking up French horn lessons in school then please do contact Mrs Woodhall via the school office for more details.

Chinese New Year



The SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group) team and Miss Taylor presented a marvellous assembly on Wednesday this week, about the origins of the Chinese New Year animals. Great excitement as all the children got a fortune cookie at the end - Thank you SNAG team and thank you Truly Scrumptious for a delicious Chinese New Year lunch last Thursday.

Staff News

Keeping you up to date with our lovely staff:

Miss Collier (HLTA & SEN) is expecting a baby in the Summer – we are now looking forward to 3 staff babies – we love babies!

Mrs Morris (LSA working in Year5) has gained a place on a Schools Direct teacher training course at Chiltern Gate School, starting in September. Congratulations to Mrs Morris, a great achievement.

Mr Tang will undertake a secondment next academic year to Iver Village Junior School, with whom we are working in partnership. We will miss him MASSIVELY – but we know in our hearts he will come back! The work we have been doing with Iver Village has been very rewarding, and both our schools are benefitting a great deal from shared expertise and advice.



Half Term - Jellies Holiday Club

There are still places available over half term – 12th/15th/16th and 18th February please book as soon as possible if your child would like to come by emailing Mrs Rowlands on ampmclubs@greatmissendenschool.co.uk



- "Ground seedlings from Major Tim"!!



We have signed up to "Rocket Science". The RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) have teamed up with the UK Space Agency to turn our pupils into space biologists!

In September they worked with the UK Space Agency to send 2kg of rocket seed to the International Space Station with Tim Peake. When they return to Earth in March 2016, we will be one of up to 10,000 schools growing rocket seeds from space as part of our Rocket Science project.

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Jewellery

Jewellery, including earrings and bracelets are not part of school uniform and should not be worn in school.

Dogs on School site

Please do not bring dogs onto the school site for health and safety reasons – this includes the staff car park off Buryfield Lane. Many thanks

PTA – Urgent!

Our PTA is in peril! Please, if you are holding back, hoping others will volunteer, step into the light! We need a small team of dedicated friends to carry on the PTA's excellent work.

There will be an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) on 3rd March at 7.30pm in the school staff room. If you would like to be nominated to be on the committee, please complete and return the slip below – Your school needs you!

Rozalyn Thomson
Head Teacher

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"Office Matters"

The office will add reminders to the end of the newsletter for your help and information:

- Clubs continue as usual when it's half term so all on next week, with the exception of Tag Rugby (Due to staff training)
- School finishes at the usual time (3.15pm) on Thursday 11th and we return on Monday 22nd February.



PTA NOMINATIONS TO JOIN PTA COMMITTEE FROM SUMMER TERM 2016 (11th April)

I nominate (Parent of Class)

For the role of:

	Please Tick
CHAIR	
VICE CHAIR	
TREASURER	
SECRETARY	
COMMITTEE MEMBER	

on the Great Missenden School PTA.

Nominator..... (Please print)

Second..... (Please print)

Please return to the PTA box at school office by Wednesday 2nd March 2016