



14<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents

### **Growing Great Missenden Farmers' Market**

Well done to Pre-school, Reception children and their parents for running a fantastic Harvest Farmers' Market yesterday. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents attending! The children sold delicious baked goods and Growing Great Missenden Apple Juice and took in an amazing £981 yesterday, our best takings yet!!

A very special thank you to Mrs Martin who worked so hard on making 100 toffee apples and the Hoy family who donated some wonderful handmade gifts.

### **Walk to School Week**

The school is a sea of colour today as all the children celebrate a very successful Walk to School Week by wearing mufti. The total number of cars to drive down Church Street during the whole week was only 14! Mr Bastin and his eco-warriors have lots more exciting things planned for helping our school travel plan. So keep on walking, cycling & scooting.

### **Christmas Concert (for parents of instrumentalists, Dance Club, Choir)**

Please note that there has been a change of date for the Christmas Concert. This will now be held on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm** (not 9<sup>th</sup> as per Diary dates) Please amend this in your diaries.

### **After School Club Help Required**

We are looking for an enthusiastic person/s to assist in our successful and increasingly popular after school activity clubs. This would involve supervising and encouraging children (age 3-11) to play games, take part in craft activities, cookery, and all types of sport and ICT.

The start time can be 3.15pm or 4pm until 6.00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during term time only.

This is a fixed term contract running to the end of this Academic year (July 2017), with the possibility of additional hours during school holidays at holiday club if required.

All applicants (aged 16 and over) should be reliable, trustworthy, organised, and willing to become an active member of the team. The successful candidate/s will undergo relevant child protection induction training and will have a DBS check for this role.

This is an ideal opportunity for someone who would like to add practical paid work experience to their CV or personal statement.

If you know of anyone who may want to apply, please ask them to email the school office with a CV and covering letter and we can send an application form out.



### **Please check your child's hair!**

Head lice have been reported in several classes across the school so we would be very grateful if you could check your children's hair this weekend. We have attached further information.

### **School Gateway for Morning club and Jelly Beans bookings**

Bravo to the admin team who have set up the new School Gateway system which allows parents to book their children into Morning and After School Clubs online.

Information was sent to you yesterday outlining the new, simpler service.

Thank you for the positive feedback received so far. As with all new processes, there may be a few teething problems and we ask that you let us know so we can work together to resolve any possible issues .

### **Bags of Help needed!**

You may remember that our school was picked to be one of three local charities to benefit from Tesco's Bags of Help scheme. From 31<sup>st</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> November shoppers at Tesco stores (full list of participating stores available on the school website) will be given tokens in return for using their own bags. They can use the tokens to 'vote' for which of the three charities they would like to support.

**We need as many votes as possible to pay for our KS2 fitness trail for the children, so please do vote for us and encourage friends and relatives too!**

We made this fabulous video to explain how the charity works and also to get as many people voting for Great Missenden School as possible. Please do watch and share!

[https://youtu.be/bvBYMt0\\_jBA](https://youtu.be/bvBYMt0_jBA)

### **Apple Juice**

If you have paid for your apple juice online, please come to the office to collect this . Mrs Martin has a list. Due to popular demand, please note that the Parentpay facility has been amended to enable you to purchase more than one bottle.



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- Farmers Market – money for children. Whilst we love doing our very best not to disappoint children who have forgotten their Market money, we received over 40 sets of monies yesterday to try and distribute to classes around lunch and market times. This is a very busy time, when we receive calls, messages and sick children to the office. Please can we ask that parents note the market dates as we simply cannot guarantee distributing late monies to the children in time.
- **The date of the next Farmers Market is Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the hall led by Year 6.** We will remind you nearer the time on the school newsletter and Dates for your Diary is always available on the school website. Thank you.