



Newsletter:

Friday 10th January

Dear Parents

We'd like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year; it is good to see how well the children have settled back into the routines of school after the Christmas holiday.

Sports Partnership Festivals

Owl Class and Robin Class will be taking part in the Gymnastics Festivals over the next couple of weeks. These are a great opportunity for our children to meet with peers from other schools and learn new PE skills. Owl Class received their letter containing all the necessary information on Wednesday, please ensure the completed forms are returned as soon as possible and at the latest by Tuesday 14th January. Robin Class's letter will go home in book bags today.

Little Missenden Festival – Owl Class

Rehearsals are already underway for this year's music festival. Owl class will be working with the composer John Webb, as well as other musicians, to compose their own song following the theme of 'Seasons.' They will be performing it at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Great Missenden, alongside other schools, on the afternoon of Thursday 13th February. More information with regards tickets etc will be sent home in due course.



Nativity DVD

We are very pleased to say the DVD of the Inn-Spectors is now ready! Those that were prepaid will be distributed to the children. If you have not yet paid please collect your copy from the office. A huge thank you to Mr Daniels (Willows Grandad) and Mr Stockdale for putting it all together for us.

Census Day/Pupil Premium

We need your help!

Thursday 16th January is census day, one of 2 times in the year where information is taken about the school and affects our funding for the following year. We really need all children to be in school on that day, any child off sick for that day means less funding in the following year so PLEASE, where possible, can you send your child in on Thursday morning so that they are on the register for that day.

We would also like to make you aware of Pupil Premium: This is a scheme whereby the Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium', and means that the school will receive £1320 per child.

friendship, thankfulness, honesty, forgiveness, compassion and trust

You can register your child for Pupil Premium if you are in receipt of any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit except if you meet ANY of the following criteria –
 - i) entitled to working tax credit (regardless of income)
 - ii) have an annual income in excess of £16,190 (Please note that this figure is for April 2018 and that it changes in April each year).
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you would like to find out more about Pupil Premium, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. Any enquiries will be treated with the utmost confidence.

Moving up to Junior School/Reception class places

Just a reminder that the deadline for online applications for a Junior school or Reception place in September 2020 is early next week. Information is available from BCC admissions website:

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/school-admissions/starting-school-or-moving-up-to-junior-school/primary-timeline-for-entry-in-2020/>

Clubs

After school clubs will start next week, (with the exception of Dance which starts on 20th January). All the relevant information has been sent out by email. All clubs need to be re-registered for (except French), and payment made directly to the provider.

Flu Clinics – Final Opportunities

There will be two final opportunities for your child to receive the flu vaccination if they have not already been immunised. To book an appointment please ring 01296 567860

The clinics will be running from Amersham Hospital on: -

- Thursday 16 January
- Tuesday 28 January

Staff News

Ms Gale has been teaching Robin Class since the summer, covering Mrs Mellor's maternity leave, but sadly she will be leaving us at the beginning of February. We would like to congratulate her on her appointment as class teacher at Longwick School.

Mrs Mellor is expected to return from maternity leave in March, so in the short interim period Mrs Clifford will teach Monday and Tuesday, and Mrs Rippon the rest of the week. Mrs Clifford knows the children well as she works as our Connect & Keep Active wellbeing teacher and supply teacher.

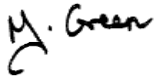
friendship, thankfulness, honesty, forgiveness, compassion and trust

We wish Ms Gale all the best in her new post.

Please take a moment to check the dates for your diary:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Friday 17 th January	Gymnastics Festival Owl Class, Holmer Green Junior School
Friday 24 th January	Gymnastics Festival Robin Class, Holmer Green Junior School
Tuesday 28 th January	Mix 96 recording of Year 2 children
Thursday 13 th February	LM Festival Performance at Great Missenden Church
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half term (3pm)
Monday 24 th February	Return to school
Tuesday 25 th February	Class Photos
Friday 13 th February	Owl Class Football festival, Holmer Green Senior School
Friday 3 rd April	Break up for Easter at 1.30pm

Warm regards



Mrs Green, Head Teacher

friendship, thankfulness, honesty, forgiveness, compassion and trust