



# Newsletter:

## Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February



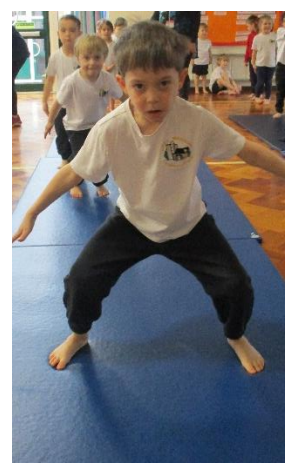
Dear Parents

### Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Claudia and her team who smashed the World Record for kettlebell swings! "Unity bands" are still available in the office for anyone who still wishes to donate to Cancer Research.

### Sports Partnership Festivals

Last week it was the turn of Robin Class to attend a Gym Festival! They had a great time learning new PE skills, and getting the opportunity to meet peers from other schools.



### Little Missenden Festival



Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms, if you haven't yet done so, please return them by Tuesday at the latest. Tickets for the Festival are still available, if you have ordered but not paid yet, please could we ask that you pay as soon as possible.

We cannot take any children to the Festival without the appropriate consent.



### Film Night

We are pleased to say that Film Night is back again this term! We will be showing **Alvin and the Chipmunks, "The Road Chip"** on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**. The children will stay on after school, so no need to pick them up until 4.30pm. They will be given a snack of popcorn during the film. Letters went home on Friday, if you did not receive one, please contact the office.

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## **LUNCH FORMS**

**Please ensure all lunch forms are returned to the office by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February.**

## **Mix 96 Visit**

This week Year 2 had a visit from Ben Moseby, Breakfast Show host on Mix 96. He interviewed the children for a special feature called "Small Talk". The children were divided into 2 groups, the first group interview will be aired the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> March on the Breakfast Show at 7.50am and again on the drivetime show at 3.20pm. The second group will be aired week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> April.



## **KIT AID**

**This term we will be supporting the charity KitAid,** KitAid is a charity set up by, Derrick Williams MBE, who visited Tanzania on a WaterAid supporters' trip in 1998. Derrick, being a mad footie fan, was amazed at the reception he received from children and adults in remote villages just because he wearing his favourite football shirt (Watford, Chesham Utd, Liverpool FC to name a few), so he decided to set up a charity to provide sports equipment to these children.



You can donate any type of football kit, a single shirt from any club, or a whole team kit or more (although it **MUST** be clean). We also send out boots, trophies and spare Match Attax cards. **Bring your donations to school any time during the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February. For more information about the charity visit the [website](#)**

## **Wellbeing Afternoons**

**Our Well-being Afternoons will start again on the last day of half term, 14<sup>th</sup> February. This is to allow all pupils to have a full block of their activity as next half term is short.**

**The first sessions will be as follows:**

**Year 2 – FOREST SCHOOL (Forest School clothing required)**

**YEAR 1 – CONNECT & KEEP ACTIVE (Sporting Activities – PE kit required in school)**

**RECEPTION – MINDFULNESS & CREATIVITY**

## **Attendance**

It is with regret that I have to bring up the subject of attendance again. Since the beginning of this term we have had 20% of pupils request leave of absence during term time. This is at the highest level it has ever been since I have been Head of the school.

Parents/Guardians have a statutory duty to ensure that their child attends school regularly once they have reached school age. The reason for this is set out in the DFE school attendance guidance which states: ***'pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school'***.

The expected attendance is at least 96%. The academic year comprises only 38 weeks and during the school year there is a demanding curriculum whatever the child's age. When setting the school term dates, we do give consideration to the pressures on families booking during the main school holiday season. For

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that reason, we have allocated our inset days so that the summer 2020 term will end 2 days earlier than that scheduled for other schools in Buckinghamshire.

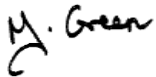
### **NITS IN SCHOOL**

**We have been informed that there are several cases of nits in the school. We would therefore urge you to check your child's hair as soon as possible.**

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	LM Festival Performance at Great Missenden Church
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	NO FOOTBALL
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentines Cake Sale
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term (3pm)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Class Photos
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport Relief
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Owl Class Football festival, Holmer Green Senior School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	PSALMS School Disco
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Travelling Book Fair
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Robin & Owl Class Trip to The Science Museum, Oxford
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Robin Class Multiskills Festival
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Cake Sale
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Break up for Easter at 1.30pm

Warm regards



Mrs Green, Head Teacher

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