



# Newsletter:

## Friday 23 January



It's been a busy start to the year! As we move through the term, we're excited to share news, updates, and keep you connected with what's happening across our classrooms.

### Pick up and Drop off – Polite reminder

We kindly ask all parents and carers **not to park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school at any time**. These markings are there to keep the area clear so that children can see and be seen safely when arriving and leaving.

Keeping this space free helps us protect all pupils and visitors to the school and ensures a safer environment for everyone in our school community. Please park on the road away from the lines.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our children safe.

### The Importance of Arriving to School on time

We know mornings can be busy but arriving at school on time between 8.45am and 8.55am makes a real difference to your child's learning. Learning in the classroom begins every day at 9am prompt. In Reception the children have a Phonics session and in KS1 children begin Maths Mastery. Both of these are important parts of our curriculum that helps our children develop strong foundations and grow in confidence as learners. These sessions are short, focused parts of the morning, so when children arrive after this time, they miss key teaching and opportunities to learn alongside their peers, which can be difficult to catch up on later.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child start the day calmly, confidently, and ready to learn by arriving on time.

### Spring Census

A big thank you to everyone for your support on Census Day last week. We had full attendance and everyone took a hot meal, this will mean we should receive maximum funding from the DfE next year.



### Film Night

We are excited to be able to offer Film Nights again this term. Our first will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. We will be showing the brand-new film "Dog Man". The letter with all the details is attached.

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## Franks Coffee Truck

The forthcoming dates for Franks Coffee Truck are:

12th Feb  
12th March  
23rd April  
14th May



Thank you to everyone who buys hot drinks: Every hot drink sold raises money for the school, so it is a great way to start the day with a good coffee whilst raising money! Last year we raised £80.

## Curriculum Meetings

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our curriculum meetings this week. If you weren't able to come you should have received our latest letter via email. These letters will also be available on our website on the class pages.

# School News

## Gymnastics Festival

On 9 January Robin and Owl Class attended the Sports Partnership Gymnastics Festival at Holmer Green Junior School. It was a great opportunity for the children to meet peers from other schools and learn new PE skills and make use of gym equipment we don't have available at our small school.



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## Little Missenden Festival

Once again Owl Class will be taking part in the Little Missenden Festival this year. Workshops will start with the musicians next week and the final performance will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Musician and composer John Webb along with local musicians from the Bucks Learning Trust will work with the children to compose an entirely original song and then the children will have the opportunity to perform their song with the other schools at St Peter & St Paul Church, Great Missenden. More details will follow next week.

## Yoga and Forest School

Our Yoga and Forest School sessions are on Fridays this term.

Robin Class should come to school in their PE kit on Fridays. For Owl Class, this half term Year 2 will do Yoga so should come to school in their uniform (girls can bring shorts if they wear tights) and Year 1 will have Forest School. They should come to school in their Forest School clothes with wellies as well as a change of clothes.

In Forest School our children have been enjoying the outdoors and discovering how useful sticks are for construction. As a group, they created a campfire with much thought and detail. They hope to cook on it when the weather is dry. They also spent time in the hammock and creating small crafts.

The wellbeing sessions are a highlight of the week for our children. In Yoga last week our children practised using deep breaths to pick up pom poms and place them in the cups and used scratch art to create colourful mandalas.



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## PSALMS NOTICES



*We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and are looking forward to the term ahead.*

*We are very excited to announce our Valentine's Disco which will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, the day we break up for half term.*

*Letters will go out next week with more details.*

*We have a few bottles of our lovely apple juice left, so if you would like to purchase a bottle, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your class rep or the school office.*

## SUPPORT THE SCHOOL



### Instagram page

Don't forget that we now have an Instagram page! Find us here: [@littlemissenderschool](https://www.instagram.com/littlemissenderschool)

### Amazon Wishlist

If you have a few moments please have a look at our Amazon Wishlist. There is a huge variety of items on it, at a range of prices and we are super grateful for any items you are able to buy for us. They are all things that will enhance the school experience for the children.



It is very easy to purchase an item; simply click on the link below, which will take you to the list – choose your item and then it will automatically be sent to school. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like more information or need any help accessing it. <https://amzn.eu/abB8XdT>



Don't forget to use Easy Fundraising whenever you buy on-line. All you have to do is click on the link below, sign up, then next time you want to buy something on-line from one of the many shops and companies who are a member (for example, John Lewis, M&S and Tesco) go back to Easy Fundraising, log on and start shopping. The company you buy from will donate money to PSALMS.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/psalms/>



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Diary Dates for this term:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Owl Class Little Missenden festival rehearsal
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Drama4ALL workshop whole school
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Owl Class Little Missenden festival rehearsal
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Film Night
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	PSALMS Valentines Disco Break up for Half Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	School Re opens
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Owl Class Little Missenden festival rehearsal
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Owl Class Football Festival – Holmer Green Senior School
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Little Missenden Festival Performance – Owl Class
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Bucks Orchestra Visit & Workshop
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photos - Tempest
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's evening
Friday 27 March	Easter Service – all welcome School closes for Easter Break 1.15pm

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