

NEWS



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News

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Goodbye

It is with great sadness that I start this week's letter with the news that Mrs Manktelow will be leaving us at the end of the term. She has been with the school for 9 years and has contributed greatly to every day school life, as well as accompanying us on many of the Y6 French visits. We wish her well in her new post as church administrator, and will miss her enormously.

Carol Concert Reminder

The KS2 Christmas Carol Concert on Wednesday 28th November at 6.30pm will be held as usual at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden.

Parking, as always, presents a problem. If it is not possible to park in Great Missenden, please drive slowly up towards the church and, as you see the church in front of you, take the first left hand fork in the road which will take you round in a circuit towards the church. Please park on this circular path and not on the grass.

The musicians and choir are to arrive at 6.10pm, the readers at 6.15pm and the remaining children by 6.20pm. The church doors will be closed to parents until 6.15pm. All pupils are to wear school uniform but leave their coats with parents. The service will commence at 6.30pm. There will be a collection for charity after the service. This year, we will be supporting the NSPCC and OK Our Kids.

If your child is unable to attend, please can you advise us as soon as possible, but no later than Monday 26th November at 12 noon.

Mrs Boyle

Please note that Mrs Boyle will not be at work from next Tuesday (27th November) for 2 weeks due to an operation. Please can we request that you ensure your children arrive on time and with everything they need for the day, in order to help us reduce traffic in the school office for the duration of her absence. I am delighted that Mrs Jeken will be returning to support us during this time, however please note that the office will close at 3.45. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Communication

Please note that we do understand we sometimes make mistakes communicating dates etc. If you become aware of an error in any communication, please feel free to call or email to advise us. This means that we can send a message rectifying any mistakes quickly, and it will help to minimise any widespread confusion.

Telephone numbers

Please note that the whole school is now on the main telephone number, 01494 863744 and Nursery do not have a separate line. The options are as follows:

- 1 – To report an absent child
- 2 – Main office
- 3 – Bursar
- 4 – Nursery
- 5 – Caretaker

Stamp Collection

We are now collecting stamps (new and used) in the office. These will be donated to the UK Air Ambulance Service, who are able to use stamps to raise funds. All you need to do is cut or carefully tear the stamped corner from any envelope or packet that you receive in the post and drop them in the box that we will put in reception.

Christmas Photographs

During the next two weeks Mr Fowler, a professional photographer and parent of former pupils of Little Kingshill Combined School, has offered to take photographs of the children in their costumes for the Christmas performances. These will be on Friday 30th December for EYFS and KS1 and Thursday 6th December for KS2. If you **do not wish** to have your child photographed, please put it in writing and leave it at the school office before **Wednesday 28th November**. Unfortunately if your child is sick on the day, they will miss having their photo taken.

The photographs will be on sale for £8 each at all the Christmas performances for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. If you wish to purchase a photograph, please bring cash or your cheque book with you as there is no facility to pay by card. There is no obligation to purchase these photos but they do provide lovely presents.

Christmas Fayre, Friday 30th November

As the Christmas Fayre draws closer we hope for a dry evening and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the night between 5.30 and 8.00pm.

Additional raffle tickets are still available from the office should you wish to buy more!

It should be a wonderful evening thanks to staff and FOLKS. In order for the event to run smoothly and **safely**, can I please draw your attention to the following points:

- Please observe the speed limit of 30mph on Windsor Lane as you approach the school
- Please do not park on pavements as this impedes access for wheelchair users, pushchairs etc *and is illegal*
- Please do not park on the grass verges and embankments as these are easily damaged
- Please park to ensure that access to driveways and turnings are not impeded
- Please show consideration to the needs of pedestrians, residents and other drivers no matter how pressed for time you may be
- Please try to be patient and courteous, no matter how difficult the circumstances
- Needless to say, never park on the entrance driveway of the school nor illegally on yellow lines or junctions
- If at all possible, park a little further from school and walk the rest of the way.

Christmas Productions

Tickets for the Christmas Productions are going fast. Please ensure you book your tickets through ParentMail by Tuesday 29th November to avoid disappointment. Remember to visit 'purchases' then 'shop' to view the available tickets.

Celebrations

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to James B, George H, Polly S and Megan S from Y6 who have made it to the next round of the Explore Learning Maths Challenge, this will take place on Wednesday 5th December.

School Visits

Year 3 made a trip to the Living Rainforest on Monday, they really enjoyed the day but still didn't find the sloth!

Year 2 had a fabulous day at the Milton Keynes Museum on Thursday. They had a lot of fun discovering this new venue.



Music Celebration

Congratulations to James B, Y6 for being awarded a distinction in his debut grade in drums.

Mini Enterprise

It was a pleasure to watch our Y6 mini enterprise team take part in the event on Wednesday evening at Cressex School. Their teamwork and resilience was a credit to them.

Cross Country

It was great to see so many children turn out for our inter-schools cross country event at Lowndes Park on Saturday. We were blessed with fine weather and far less mud than in previous years, too. Special congratulations go to Thea T. who was 9th in her race, while she was joined by Clara S. and Fleur M. who won the fourth place in the team competition. Meanwhile, at the end of the morning, Lily J-T. continued her winning streak with another gold medal.

Next Week ... at a glance

Monday	Wrapping night in the hall for the Christmas Fayre
Tuesday	No mindfulness club
Wednesday	Y4 Swimming
Thursday	
Friday	EYFS / KS1 Nativity photographs Christmas fayre
Saturday	

Yours sincerely



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