



# Great Missenden Church of England Combined School

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations! You have successfully completed your children's "Six Week Summer School" and they have learned so much! The children are bursting with stories about holidays, adventures and activities. We are spending time exploring the world this year, learning the countries and capital cities, learning the counties and regions of the UK. A huge world map in the main hall will record some of your travels! Thank you for the fun and learning you have shared with your children this summer, giving them precious memories. They are lucky indeed.

## Meet the Teacher Evening 15<sup>th</sup> September

The first date for your diary is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm in the dining room. This will start with the PTA AGM. Come and enjoy a glass of wine and find out what the PTA have achieved, and what they will be working on this year.

Then meet the teachers and have a look around your child's classroom. I do hope you are able to come. A full list of diary dates will be with you shortly.

## Parent Helpers

Enormous thanks to the parents and children who have been coming in during the holidays to water plants. This has been hugely appreciated by all of us.

We always welcome parents' help with gardening, cooking, reading, accompanying trips etc.

If you would like to help, please come to a meeting on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9.00am** in the Staff Room. We will explain more about the type of help needed and how to get a CRB check.

## Parent Representatives (Class Reps)

This is an excellent way to get involved in school. We meet once every half term and Reps bring parents' ideas and suggestions to each meeting for discussion.

Please contact Mrs Tomlin in Reception if you would like to be a Class Rep.

Most of the current Reps have said they are happy to continue, but most classes need a second Rep, so please do put your name forward.

A confirmed list of Class Reps will be sent out by 23<sup>rd</sup> September. All Reps are then invited to a **LOVELY LUNCH** on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm**, followed by our first meeting.



## **Email Addresses**

You will notice that this is a paper letter! We usually email letters but wanted to make sure we have your email address correct. If you do not also receive this letter by email today, please contact the office (by email) and update or correct your address. Many thanks.

## **AD HOC Bus Journeys**

Please note that bus tickets are now £2 per journey.

## **New Charges for Extended Services (wef 1.9.11)**

- Morning Club: £3
- After School Club first hour: £4
- Full Session to 6pm: £9

## **Absences**

Absences should be reported to school as early as possible if your child is unwell. Please telephone the school and select option 5 or 9 and leave a message, or email [attendance@grtmissenden.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@grtmissenden.bucks.sch.uk). **“Every School Day Matters”**. Please do not request absences during term time **except in exceptional circumstances**. In these instances, please ask your child to collect an absence form from the school office and give as much notice as possible.

## **Safety of Our Children**

- **Please remember how precious our children are.**
- **Cars and walking children do not mix.**
- **Please avoid driving down Church Street if you possibly can**
- **Please walk/ cycle/ car share/ use the school buses if possible.**
- **Please do not UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES drive down Buryfield Lane at pick up or drop off times.**
- **Please take the number plates of any parents you see driving down Buryfield Lane at these times. I have been asked to pass these on to the Police.**
- **Buryfield Lane must be kept clear for emergency access to the school at all times.**
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**Thank you for your help in keeping all our children safe.**