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Dear Parents

Girls Football Triumph!

It is often true in life that the bald statistics do not tell the whole story! So an official result of **0-0** in our girls football match against Holmer Green does not even begin to describe the event. An observer wrote: "The girls played a great football match last night against Holmer Green. The final 0-0 score belied a gripping match with much screaming and shouting from (very embarrassing) Great Missenden parents (the opposition seemed to have very little support). They had at least 6 shots on target. We are all amazed at how much they seemed to have improved since they played Gateway. Mr Carter has done amazing things with them – he should be congratulated!"

Mufti Day – Friday 3rd February

A slight change to plan – children are invited to come in mufti on 3rd February in exchange for either:

- ✓ A packet of seeds **OR**
- ✓ Something to sell at the Farmers' Market, which may contain seeds (maybe flapjacks, seed cakes , biscuits etc)

PLEASE COULD THESE BE BROUGHT IN ON THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY – or the day before, as they need to be fresh!

Year 2 are running the Farmers Market on their own and would really appreciate your contributions.

CRB Validation – Message from Mrs North

Please could I remind parent volunteers who hold a CRB to help in school that these will not remain valid if there has been a break in helping of three months. We have around 80 parents who have CRB checks and we have requested helping rotas from Class Reps to monitor the regularity of volunteer helpers, as well as the signing in book.

If you have not been in to school for some time, please contact me or your class rep to arrange a time to come in to school and maintain your CRB check.

Parent Governor Election Results

The votes were counted last Friday and the new Parent Governor is Greg Nicholls. Congratulations to him. As our Governing Body is keen not to turn away eager recruits, Stephen May has been appointed as Associate Governor. Julie Gannon, Chair of the PTA, is also ex-officio an Associate Governor. Mrs Wilson is the new Teacher Governor, Mrs Bowden and Miss Cartwright are new Associate Governors.

Tutti- Frutti

Please step forward if you possibly can to help Tutti-Frutti - we need a volunteer for Mondays and alternate Thursdays. You can drop your child at school and the helpers are usually finished before 10am.

Parents' Midsummer Night Out – Saturday 23rd June

It would be great if you are planning a Summer get together with other parents, to come to the PTA evening on 23rd June. Food – drink – music – fun times.

Amersham Music Centre note

Please see attached message from the Amersham Music services and contact them direct if this is of interest to you.

Art Cards – Hidden and Revealed

Please see attached letter from Mrs Wilson – promises to be good fun and for a good cause.

Personal Note from Me....

I have worked at Great Missenden School for 14 years now – as Year 6 teacher, Deputy and now Head. This term, I have been challenged by the Governors in charge of my 'Performance Management' to take study leave, to experience a contrasting educational system. It could be anywhere in the world... . So I have chosen Australia!

I am going to look at their inclusion policy and practice, how they provide challenge and support, their curriculum and their methods of behaviour management. I am also interested in their school dinners (of course!). They have a programme similar to Food for Life, and I will be able to see how that works.

I will be there for two weeks between 12th and 23rd March.

There is a slim possibility that OFSTED may call while I am away – but I have absolute confidence that Mrs Addis, our Senior Management Team and all the staff would take that in their stride, and show the school off with pride.

I am taking my son Louis on this visit, and he will attend the school that I am linked with in Sydney. He will find out what school life is like in Australia and will present an assembly to us on our return. We are very excited (and just a little scared!) about this great opportunity and adventure.

All the very best,

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