



Headteacher
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Dear Parents

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and managed to spend quality time with their families – although I know sadly some families were poorly and plans had to change. It has been lovely to see all the children back this week – happy and smiling and ready to start the term. It was a little more of a shock for us as staff, getting back into the swing of things!! But we are ready for this term – and whatever it may bring!!

Please help us to keep each other safe, by playing your part in these COVID times, wearing a face mask if you need to come in the building and keeping your child at home if they are not well/testing them if they are showing any symptoms. We will still be having doors and windows open as much as possible, as ventilation seems to be the key thing in reducing transmission rates.

Unfortunately, I have now succumbed to the germs so am isolating and working from home – luckily I am not feeling too poorly.

Elf Run

Thank you for your extremely generous support for the Elf Run which raised an amazing £2904.34 for Phyllis Tuckwell.

Curriculum Workshops for Parents

We are very aware that normally we would run a variety of curriculum workshops for parents – around Phonics, Reading, Maths etc – or other areas that you have requested. We have not been able to do these face to face over the last term and feel that as we can still not do these face to face at the moment, we would like to try and offer some virtual sessions. We thought we would start with a Maths workshop as many parents have spoken to staff and are worried about being able to support their child with maths. We have decided that we will send a questionnaire first, to understand what support is needed. Then we will be able to plan it accordingly. We will aim to run this week beginning 31st January. We will then aim to run a Phonics workshop next half term. Please could you complete the questionnaire using the link below by Friday 21st January. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/r/V8bnPwUc8J>

Tissues and Soap

Thank you for the kind donations of hand soap and tissues many of you have given us. We welcome donations of these things at any time. Thank you.

Attendance

I will be contacting parents next week if their child's attendance was significantly below 95% last term for reasons other than illness. We will then have a discussion about how we can improve attendance this term.

Lateness

Please be aware that if your child is continually late arriving at school, this is recorded as an absence. School starts at 9am and your child ideally needs to be in class by 8.50/8.55am so that they can chat with their friends and then be ready to sit on the carpet at 9am.

Since we have returned this term, there have been quite a significant number of children dropped at the office after 9am when the gates are locked and this is including Nursery children for the morning session. Please can you all try really hard to get your child to school on time. Thank you.

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 8th February

Safer Internet Day 2022 will be celebrated globally on 8th February with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'

Paul Hay, an Internet Safety Trainer, will be in school working with the children that day. He will also provide training for us as staff after school and for you as parents during the afternoon. The session for parents may need to be virtual but I will confirm nearer the time.

FOPS

FOPS are busy planning a variety of events/activities for the children this term. More information to follow.

Daisies parents and Year 2 parents

Please don't forget that you need to apply for a Year R or a Year 3 place for your child before January 15th 2022. This is all completed online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions.

Year group photographs

Each newsletter will contain a collection of photographs from a different year group, showcasing all the wonderful learning that takes place. This week it is Daisies who are sharing their photographs. You can see these on the last page of the newsletter.

Please take care and keep safe.

Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

Sat 15 th Jan	Deadline for Year R and Year 3 applications
Wed 26 th Jan	Yr 2 Trip to Glive
Tues 8 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 16 th Feb	Parents Evening
Thurs 17 th Feb	Parents Evening
Mon 21 st – Fri 25 th Feb	Half Term
Mon 28 th Feb – Fri 4 th March	Book Week
Thurs 3 rd March	World Book Day
Tues 22 nd March	Yr 2 Trip – 'The Giant Sing' – The Anvil, Basingstoke

More information about these events nearer the time and more dates to follow as things are arranged. Also, whether events will be able to be virtual or face to face – dependent on Government guidance.



This fortnight in Daisies



Daisies have settled back into school life really well and we have enjoyed seeing friendships develop and become secure since returning from Christmas.

We are learning our values in class and thinking about how we can demonstrate these values in our play. Lots of us have earned a sticker for demonstrating the values.

We have also started doing yoga each day. This not only develops our physical strength, balance and control but is a way of including some mindfulness each day. It has been lovely to watch the children challenge themselves to do each pose and spend some time being peaceful and mindful.

Look at our super bird feeders we made and hung out on our winter welly walk.

