



Headteacher
Miss K Greenway

6th May 2022

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a good Easter break and were able to enjoy some family time and get out and about. The weather was generally quite kind to us.

This half term is only 5 weeks so will go very quickly and we have lots of things to fit in – starting with Science Week next week and celebrating the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee the week before half term.

Parsonage Farm Team Wilder Science Project

Message from Mrs Whittaker

Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May followed by a Showcase on Saturday 14th May.

Your children will be busy all next week discovering what lies beneath our grounds...under the leaves...amongst the petals and in our pond...to mention just a few activities. We have the evenings covered too, as Year R will be looking at the night cameras and Year 2 will be hoping to get some prints of mammal tracks.

Each day after each class has made their observations, I will be collating the information and displaying it in the hall. This will be on display all week for the children to look at and talk about. I will also be writing a Blog each day so that you can also hear about our findings. Please go to the school website (News and Events/Other news) to read the Blog.

But that’s not all - we would love to hear about the wildlife in your garden too! Please could you help your child to make a record of the insects, birds, mammals etc that they see at home. If you don’t have a garden, you could record the animals you see while sitting in the park or from your window. Please bring your findings to the Showcase on Saturday.

Saturday 14th May Science Project Showcase 11am -2pm

Please do come along to support your child’s learning on that day; you don’t need to stay for the whole time, just drop in and out as you like. There will be practical activities led by a representative from Hampshire Wildlife, an opportunity for your child to show you where they found their animals, a chance to learn about how to recognise different bird songs, and ideas for encouraging wildlife in your garden ...and lots more. There will be refreshments too, but maybe you would like to bring a picnic to enjoy on the school field? You will also be able to find out more about Hampshire Wildlife and the amazing work that they do – they are responsible for many of the green spaces in Hampshire, which are open to the public. You may even fancy joining Hampshire Wildlife?

If you are interested in helping out on the day or if you are free to set up, please contact me either through your class teacher or by emailing a.whittaker@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk.

During Science week, we will be taking lots of photos to put up around school and on the website. If you do not want your child included on any photos on the website, please tell their class teacher by Monday 9th May.

Easter Egg Colouring Competition

Thank you to FOPs for organising the Easter Egg Colouring Competition. There were lots of entries and it was very hard to choose a winner and runner up in each year group. Well done to all the children who took part.

	Winner	Runner Up
Daisies	Matthew	Ava
Year R	Miki	Lucas
Year 1	Brodie	Molly
Year 2	Pip	Maxim

FOPs Meeting

A big thank you to all the parents who came to the meeting last week. The good news is that we now have a greater number of parents who are willing to help plan and organise events. If you weren't able to come to the meeting but would be interested in helping, please email

fopssecretary1@gmail.com

You will have seen the recent email about the next event planned – The Colour Run – on Sunday 26th June. Please save this date and look out for more information.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Week beginning 23rd May

I am sure that the children will be doing lots of things in their local community during half term to celebrate the platinum jubilee, but we wanted to celebrate with the children too in school, as I don't think any of us are likely to see another platinum jubilee during our lifetimes!!

Each year group will be having a street party (days to be confirmed) and I am hoping the school kitchen might make a cake for each year group. We will also be asking if you will all donate some food for these parties please. The children will be able to wear party clothes on this day.

On Friday 27th May, the children can wear red, white and blue clothes and at 2.30pm, parents will be invited to come to the playground and the children will sing some songs and show what they have made – possibly a little parade. More details to follow when we have planned everything.

Parents Evenings – Year R to Year 2

The dates for Parents Evenings are listed at the end of this letter. On Tuesday, you will receive an email with a link to the form to complete which day you would like to see your child's class teacher. These meetings will be face to face and you will be able to look at your child's books/learning journeys as well.

Aldershot Lido Competition

We have been invited again to take part in the Aldershot Lido poster competition! The theme this year is 'Summer fun at the Lido'. Children can draw their design on white A4 paper, ideally using felt tip pens. Please make sure that their name, class and our school name is written on the back. There are some lovely prizes, including a family season ticket and day passes! Please send your child's entry into school by Friday 13th May.

Reminders

Our school library is desperately in need of sorting and tidying – if you could spare some time to help with this, please let us know – either via your child's class teacher or via the school office.

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 Tulips and Sunflowers who are sharing their photographs. You can see these on the last page of the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend. Please take care and keep safe.

Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th May	Science Week
Thurs 12 th May	Class Photos
Sat 14 th May	11am – 2pm School Grounds Showcase
Mon 23 rd May	3.45 – 5.15pm Parents Evening
Tues 24 th May	3.45 – 5.15pm Parents Evening
Wed 25 th May	am Yr R Assembly
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Fri 27 th May	2.30pm Jubilee ‘parade’ and singing
Half term	Mon 30 th May – Fri 3 rd June
Tues 22 nd June	Yr R Trip to Birdworld
Fri 1 st July	Yr 2 Trip to Hilliers Arboretum
Tues 5 th July	Yr 1 Trip to Milestones Museum
Fri 8th July	INSET DAY
Fri 15 th July	am Sports Day
Tues 19 th July	am Yr 2 Leavers Assembly
Wed 20 th July	Yr 2 Leavers Disco
Thurs 21 st July	Last Day of term – Finish at 1.15pm



This fortnight in Yr 1..



The Summer term has set off to a good start! We have been making (and eating!) fruit kebabs as part of our SCARF lessons on healthy eating. This has linked well to our English Learning Journey on the story of 'Oliver's Vegetables' – we have learned the names of the vegetables from the book and made sure we know what they look like; we have discussed who likes eating them; and sequenced what Oliver found on each day of the week. We should all know now the days of the week in order and how to spell them!

In Maths we have been learning to count in fives – both inside and outside; and in Music we have started to play percussion instruments. In Geography we have made maps of the school and have used Google Earth to find where different countries we may have been to are. These are just a *few* of the things we have done! What a busy two weeks in Year 1!

