



Headteacher
Miss K Greenway

7th October 2022

Dear Parents

This half term seems to be going so quickly already. The children are amazing as usual. We have been introducing the school values – a new one each week – and they are remembering these well and modelling them too. Well done, everyone.

Some of the Year 2 children have been chosen as Lunchtime Monitors, to help look after the younger children during lunchtimes. They are loving this responsibility and taking it very seriously. Across the school, over the next couple of weeks, the children will be voting for two school councillors in each class and two Team Wilder Reps in each class. Mrs Williams will be talking to the children in assembly about being a school councillor and Mrs Whittaker has already talked to the children about Team Wilder. You can get involved with Team Wilder too – please see note from Mrs Whittaker below.

Team Wilder

It's been great being back (in my new retired capacity) to tend to the grounds and see the children again!

Team Wilder is being run again this year in a slightly changed format so that more children can take part in the valuable work of looking after our grounds and wildlife. The new format will enable children from Year R, 1 and 2 to take part in Team Wilder activities (last year, in its initial year only 8 children from KS1 took part). For the moment I have been into Nursery to help plant some bulbs. Once the Nursery children are settled, we can plan some more ways of getting involved.

I led an assembly at the beginning of this week, and hopefully the children have remembered some of the details and have passed them onto you. There will be three parts to Team Wilder this year: Busy Bees, Little Bees and Big Bees and I will be in school once a month on a Team Wilder Day to lead it.

Busy Bees will be the elected group of children (2 from each year 1 and 2 class) who will meet with me on the Team Wilder Day to plan new ideas for the year. They will of course be getting their hands mucky too, which is always the best bit.

Little Bees will be any child who would like to work with me on the Team Wilder Day. This will take place mainly at the lunchtime. It's going to be very flexible, so your child may want to help out one time but not the next. I envisage lots of children will want to take part on our first meeting and we may need to remind children not to be disappointed if they didn't get a turn. I also intend to be in school after school on my day until 4.30pm. Children can come again to take part in Team Wilder activities but I will need them to be accompanied by an adult during that time.

Big Bees will be any adult who would like to take part, so this means YOU! You are most welcome to join me on my Team Wilder day each month and I would like to form a core group of parents who would be interested in helping to maintain our grounds throughout the year. There are always plenty of jobs that need doing, and it is very rewarding to be part of our beautiful and extensive grounds. In past years we had a small team who came when they could, and we set up a

WhatsApp group to keep in touch. If you would be interested in helping out as a Big Bee please email me gardening@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk. Regular help would be fantastic, but if you can only offer a short amount of time here and there, you would be most welcome too.

So, what's next? The children are currently voting for their class representative, and I will be back in school on **Thursday 13th October** for our first official Team Wilder day.

See you there!

Amanda Whittaker

Children's Experiences questionnaire

Thank you to the 90 parents who have completed the children's experiences questionnaire. The link will close this evening, so please complete the questions if you haven't already done so.

Thank you, Mrs Gray.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ADPFgtVi3P>

Nut Allergies

We have several children who are severely allergic to nuts and as you will know, we are a nut free school. If you are sending your child with a packed lunch, can you please help us by checking that none of the food you put in their packed lunch box contains nuts. By this, we mean please read the packaging. If **Nuts** is written in bold as part of the ingredients, it contains nuts and must not be brought into school. If the packaging says 'may contain nuts' or 'traces of nuts' then it is ok. But definitely no Peanut butter please. Thank you for your help with this to ensure we keep all our children safe.

Parents Evenings

Year R, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 19th October 3.40 – 6.30pm

Thursday 20th October 3.40 – 6.30pm

This will be an 10 minute opportunity to find out how your child has settled in their new class and ask any questions you may have. For those children in Daisies, parents will have an opportunity to meet with Miss Petty next half term. More information to follow.

We will be trialling a new signing up system for appointments using Arbor and the Arbor App. You will all have received an email (on 29/9/22 Guardian Log in details) from Mrs Attwood with a log in and how to set up your account. This could have gone to your junk folder if you have not received it. Lots of parents have already set up their account. If not, please use the link below to understand more.

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360004569518-Parent-Portal-and-the-Arbor-App>

Next week we will send more information and the signing up system will be live. You will be able to choose your 10 minute time slot for your child or children. Please bear with us as this is a new system but we think it will be much easier for parents and you will not be waiting for teachers to confirm your time slot.

Christmas Cards

I can't believe that I am talking about Christmas when it is only October!! The children have been busy making Christmas pictures in class, and these will come home next Friday so that you can choose whether you would like them made into Christmas Cards or other festive things. The company we use is a local company <https://www.iqcards.co.uk/> and the school does get a percentage of the money raised.

Toys from home

Lots of children seem to have started bringing little toys or things from home into school – to show or share with their friends. Please could you make sure that they do not bring things in as they get very distressed when they get lost or their friends want to keep them!! I am very aware that sometimes they do this without you knowing!!

Parking

Sadly there has already been one accident in the parent car park, where two cars reversed into each other. There was also a near miss in the Staff car park – there is a 5mph speed limit and this applies at all times – even when collecting from after school clubs.

Parking in the parent car park is still causing issues – please make sure you park so that there is room for a car to drive between cars parked either side of the car park – otherwise this causes traffic to back up onto Trunk Road.

Lastly, please respect our neighbours when parking. Several have complained about parents parking across drives and turning round in driveways. Please think how you would feel if you lived there.

Please remember if you are not sure about anything written in the newsletter, or you would like a paper copy, please just ask.

Have a good weekend.

Take care.

Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

Tues 11 th Oct	7.30pm FOPs AGM
Wed 19 th Oct	Parents Evening
Thurs 20 th Oct	Parents Evening
Fri 21st Oct	INSET DAY
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th Oct	Half Term
Mon 31st Oct	INSET DAY (SCL running)
Wed 23 rd Nov	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 2 nd Dec	Elf Run – in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell
Fri 16 th Dec	1.15pm Finish – last day of term