



Headteacher
Miss K Greenway

11th November 2022

Dear Parents

It is lovely to have all the children back after half term and it is hard to believe that two weeks have gone by already. I think this half term will fly past!

Thank you to everyone who has given their child money to buy a poppy – this all goes to a very good cause. Each class stopped for 1 minute silence at 11am today.

Please can I remind you to send your child with a coat EVERY day as the british weather is very changeable – the children are often outside and get caught in the downpour!

School Grounds Working Party

Saturday 26th November

9am – 12pm

Please can you help?

As I am sure you will have noticed, the leaves have rapidly started falling off the trees and everywhere is becoming slippery. Unfortunately the job of clearing these up falls on the school and it is too much for one person – the caretaker. If we don't clear them, the car park, playground and paths will become dangerous.

So please can you spare a little time on Saturday 26th November to come and help – if everyone could spare half an hour or an hour, we could achieve so much!!

The main job will be leaf clearing, but if there are lots of people helping, we will also be able to tidy the allotment ready for winter, plant some pots, and general tidying and clearing up around all parts of the school grounds – Mrs Whittaker has written me a long list of jobs that need doing!!

So please come and help. You can bring your children as long as you take responsibility for them. Everyone can help tidy and make our school grounds safe and look better again ready for the Winter. The more people we get, the less time it takes.

If you can bring a wheelbarrow, shovel, leaf blower or any other useful tools that would be great, but coming to help is the most important.

There will be tea, coffee, juice and CAKES for everyone who helps!!

Please email the admin office if you can help. If you can only come for part of the morning, that's fine too. Or if you forget to email, just come to the playground and help. Thank you.

Phonics Workshop

Thursday 10th November

7-8pm

It was lovely to see lots of parents at our Phonics Workshop. I hope you all found it useful and it helped you understand a little more about phonics – a very complicated subject. We will be adding the powerpoint to the school website (Parental Support/Parent Meeting Information).

Go Ape Christmas Card Competition

Go Ape are seeking your help to find an exciting Christmas design for their 2022 Christmas e-card. They are calling all 4-11-year-olds to showcase their artistic skills and passion for adventure to be in with the chance of winning an action-packed class trip to Go Ape for their school AND a Go Ape family ticket for any national Go Ape site for themselves! The winning design will be featured on their Digital Christmas E-card with the winner's name, age and school included. If your child is interested in entering, please can they complete their design on a piece of white A4 paper (either portrait or landscape) and return to school by Wednesday 30th November. Colouring pencils, paint, crayons and felt tips may be used, but please do not stick added material onto the entry. The design should not feature any text.

We look forward to seeing your wonderful designs. Please hand them to your child's class teacher who will pass them onto Mrs Powell, our Art leader.

Road Safety

You will have received an email from Mrs Gray about our Road Safety Day on Friday 18th November (part of Road Safety Week). We are asking the children to come to school and dress as brightly as possible to highlight the need to be seen when walking in the dark.

Here is the link to the website for more information: <https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week/rsw-for-schools-2022>

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Just a reminder please to keep your child off school for a full 48 hours (2 days) from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. I am aware that often the children are only sick once but we have to protect everyone in the school – young children spread germs very quickly both to each other and to the staff.

Mobile Phones

Just a reminder please don't use your mobile phones while picking up and dropping off your child. The school building is a mobile free zone, and this is a time when your child needs your undivided attention. If you are using your phone while waiting to collect your child, a member of staff will speak to you.

Science Week article

Many of you will remember back in May, Mrs Whittaker organised a Science Week for all children, culminating in an open day on Saturday 14th May. Now that Mrs Whittaker has a little more time (as she has taken early retirement!!), she has written an article for Hampshire Schools Science Publications – showcasing the event. The article will be on our school website for you to see (News and Events/Other news). She is also busy writing an article for Hampshire Wildlife Blog so I may be asking you for permission to use a photo of your child.

Tissues and Soap

Thank you for your generous donations of tissues and soap – this really is appreciated. You can bring these in at any time.

Thank you too for other donations that you often make – this could be spare clothes, books etc.

Requests

With this in mind, we do have a few requests if anybody can help please?

If your child comes home in a change of clothes from school, please could you wash these and return them to school.

Nappy sacks – we use these to put wet/dirty clothes in, so a box of these would be great as we no longer have a supply of carrier bags.

If you have any spare socks – boys or girls – any ages – these would be much appreciated.

Slightly bigger requests and possibly something your child might have grown out/no longer use – to help develop children’s core strength.

- A trampet



- A peanut shaped yoga ball

And finally

Daisies would love an easel.

If you can help with the last three things, please email daisies@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk

Thank you.

Christmas

You will have received an email last week with some dates for Christmas events. There will be more information about these nearer the time but I have listed as many dates as possible at the end of this newsletter.

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

Take care.

Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

Friday 18 th Nov	Road Safety Day – children can come dressed in bright colours
Wed 23 rd Nov	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 2 nd Dec	Elf Run – in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell 2.30pm Golden Rabbit Assembly
Sat 3 rd Dec	7pm FOPs Christmas Market
Tues 6 th Dec	9.15am Year R Christmas Performance 2pm Year 1 Christmas Performance
Wed 7 th Dec	9.15am Year 2 Christmas Performance
Thurs 8 th Dec	9.15am Year 1 Christmas Performance 2pm Daisies Christmas Performance
Fri 9 th Dec	2pm Year 2 Christmas Performance
Mon 12 th Dec	9.15am Daisies Christmas Performance 2pm Year R Christmas Performance

Tues 13 th Dec	pm Christmas Parties
Wed 14 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
	2.30pm Year 2 Listen2Me Concert (Samba) for parents
Fri 16 th Dec	1.15pm Finish – last day of term