



Headteacher
Miss K Greenway

25th November 2022

Dear Parents

Don't forget – this Saturday 9am – 12pm School Grounds Working Party
Come along for half an hour and help to pick up leaves/tidy our school grounds!!

I can't believe that it is very nearly December and as you can imagine, we are busy getting excited by Christmassy things at school!! It is a really lovely time in school, but also hard work. Some children find it tricky as routines change, tiredness kicks in and emotionally some children become overwhelmed. But I am sure we will all manage and keep smiling!!

We are noticing at the moment that there are lots of horrid bugs going around – sickness and diarrhoea, high temperatures, ear aches and general coughs and very snotty noses. These germs spread so easily with young children so please do not send your child to school if they are not themselves and not well.

I am aware that there is going to be lots of information in this letter about Christmas events over the few weeks. Please do ask if you do not understand anything.

Elf Run Friday 2nd December

We are looking forward to The Elf Run next Friday afternoon. You are welcome to come and stand on the playground and watch your child and their year group running round. When your child's year group has finished, please can you leave the playground so that the next year group parents can come onto the playground. FOPs will be serving tea and coffee in Cherry Blossom Hall during the afternoon. The approximate timings will be:

- 1.10 – 1.30 Yr 2 (Daffodils and Bluebells)
- 1.30 – 1.50 Yr 1 (Sunflowers and Tulips)
- 1.50 – 2.10 Yr R (Poppies and Snowdrops)
- 2.10 – 2.25 Nursery (Daisies)

Your child will have already brought their sponsor form home so let's see how much we can raise for Phyllis Tuckwell.

Golden Rabbit Assembly Friday 2nd December 2.30pm

This is a special assembly once a term, when three children from each class (not Daisies) are presented with a Golden Rabbit Certificate for exceptional academic progress. If your child is receiving a certificate, their class teacher will speak to you the week before. Everyone is welcome to the assembly even if their child is not receiving a certificate.

Christmas Post box

There will be a Christmas post box in the hall and the children can bring in cards for their friends from Monday 5th December. Please make sure you put the child's name and their class on the

envelope. We are always asked whether we can send lists of names home - we have sought advice from the data protection team and we can send a class list home (first names only) if you would like one. If anybody does not want their child's name on a list that will be sent home, then please let your child's class teacher know by Wed 30th November – either verbally or email the year group email. We will organise these lists over the next few days and they will be available from Friday 2nd December.

Christmas Performances Year R, Year 1 and Year 2

As you will have seen from the dates on the last newsletter, each year group will be doing a Christmas performance in the hall for parents to come and watch – one morning performance and one afternoon performance.

You can have a maximum of 4 'tickets' for each child – but you can only use 2 per performance – for example, if your child is in Year 1, two family members can watch the Year 1 morning performance and two family members can watch the Year 1 afternoon performance. If you have a toddler and they need a seat (rather than sitting on your lap) you will need to get a ticket for them (within your 4 tickets).

This year, you will need to use Arbor to book your tickets – go onto Arbor/School Shop and you will see the different performances listed (but you do not need to pay anything!!)

You will be able to book tickets from Monday 28th November until Friday 2nd December. If all tickets have not been allocated at this point, we will let you know and you may be able to book another ticket if you need/would like one.

This is the first time we have tried using Arbor for this, so please bear with us if there are teething issues. But it should save a lot of work for everyone – you will not be given a ticket, but we will have a list of everyone who has booked a seat for each performance.

Daisies

Miss Petty will have a class list outside Daisies, where you can sign up for which performance you can come to, depending on when your child is in – either Thursday 8th December at 2pm or Monday 12th December at 9.15am. Please ask Miss Petty if you are unsure.

Christmas Parties Tuesday 13th December

Each class will have a Christmas Party in their classroom and these will be on Tuesday 13th December. The children can wear party clothes – but sensible clothes as they will still go out to play. This year, we are asking if parents could please donate one item of food for these parties - each class or year group will have a list of food (outside their classroom from 5th December) that they would like and you can sign to say what you could donate.

Daisies will be enjoying a week of festive games during the last week of term, to ensure that everyone has a chance to be involved in the festive fun. Thank you

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 14th December.

We will have Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 14th December. The children can wear Christmas jumpers/Christmas clothes on this day. There will be roast turkey or vegetable wellington – the menu has already been emailed to you and you need to sign up on Arbor/school trip if you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch - it would be brilliant if every child had Christmas Lunch!! Daisies – you need to email Mrs Attwood please if your child is in Daisies for lunch on a Wednesday, stating which option they would like and then pay online.

The children can then wear their own clothes on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December, as you will have washed their school uniform by then!! We finish at 1.15pm on Friday 16th December. If your child is in Daisies and attends an afternoon only session, there will be no afternoon session on Friday 16th December.

Go Ape Christmas Card Competition

Don't forget if your child wants to enter this competition, their entry needs to be handed to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 30th November.

They could 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.

I think that's everything about Christmas for now!!

Road Safety

Thank you for helping your child wear bright clothes to school for our Road Safety Day last Friday. The children had a great day.

Linked with being safe near the roads, I have been made aware that some children are looking at/watching things on their parents phone while they are walking home – which means they are not concentrating on where they are walking and not being safe. Please help to teach your child how to be safe when walking home. Thank you.

Year R/Year 3 Applications

Please remember applications for Year R and Year 3 places close on Sunday 15th January. Please do not miss this deadline, or your application will not be processed and will be considered a late application. If anyone needs help with the process, please ask Mrs Attwood in the School Office.

Community Governors

Do you know anyone in the local community who may be interested in becoming a school Governor? We need someone to join our committed team of Governors to help be responsible for our school. If you know anyone, please get them to contact the school or chair.governors@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk

Farnborough Library

I have been told by one of my staff that Farnborough Library are running a coat exchange, hopefully until Christmas. They have lots of good quality second hand children's and adults coats. You can take a coat to exchange but if you do not have one to exchange, you can still go and get one. Please go along and have a look.

Tip Run

You may have noticed that there is a collection of rubbish near the bin compound that needs to go to the tip. If you are able to help, please speak to the school office. Thank you.

Gutters

Does anyone use a ladder for their work and would be able to bring it to school and clear one of the gutters near the back of the Community Hall/Year R outside area please. Unfortunately, there is a plant growing in the gutter which is now overflowing!! For someone with a ladder, this will be a very quick job and can be done at a time to suit you – but we do not have ladders at school! If you can help, please let Mrs Attwood know. Thank you.

Requests

Thank you so much to the kind parents who donated a trampet and an easel. These are really appreciated.

Thank you too for all the donations of tissues and hand soap.

Thank you for reading this long newsletter – hopefully it has given you all the information you need for the next few weeks!!

Have a good weekend and hope to see some of you on Saturday at our School Ground Working Party.

Take care.

Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

Sat 26 th Nov	9am – 12pm School Grounds Working Party
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