



**Headteacher**  
**Miss K Greenway**

13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all had a good Christmas and enjoyed some family time, although I know there was lots of illness around and many children and adults were poorly. It is lovely to have all the children back, happy and smiling. We have had a busy 2 weeks already, ending this morning with a visiting pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk – great fun.

Hopefully this newsletter will outline some of the things planned for this half term.

#### Elf Run

A huge thank you to everyone who came to support their child doing the Elf Run before Christmas and collected sponsorship money. I am pleased to tell you that we raised an amazing £1833.87. Thank you.

#### Curriculum

Please remember to look on the school website – Curriculum/class name – for information about what the children will be learning this term.

For Year R, click on Poppies and Snowdrops/Topics in Year R and find Spring 1.

For Year 1 and Year 2, we have changed things slightly – we have Knowledge Organisers for each half term for different subjects e.g history. Again, click on Curriculum/Class name/Topics in Year 1 or 2 and at the moment you will then see Autumn 1 and Autumn 2. Spring 1 will be added soon. Please ask if you need any help.

#### Book Viewing      Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February      9-9.30am/2.40 – 3.15pm

This will be an opportunity for the children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 to share their learning journeys or books with you so that you know what they have been learning in school. You will have the chance to sit quietly with your child in the hall and chat with them and celebrate their achievements. You will also be able to look at their books at Parents Evening the following week.

#### Parents Evenings      Year R, Year 1, Year 2      Mon 6<sup>th</sup> & Tues 7<sup>th</sup> February

As we did in October, you will be able to book your appointment time for your 10 minute slot on Arbor or the Arbor App which seemed to work well. Log on and click on Guardian Consultations. The system will ONLY be live from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Yr 2 SATs Information

In Year 2, the children complete Standard Assessment Tests in Reading and Maths during May to support our teacher assessment. These are nothing to worry about and the children will probably not know that they are doing them – as they will be part of their normal learning. Rather than having a specific meeting about these (which wouldn't be very exciting!), we thought we would have a powerpoint running in the hall during Parents Evenings (it will just keep running on a loop so you can join before or after your appointment) that explains everything and examples of the

booklets children complete will be out for you to look at. I will also be around to answer any questions you may have.

#### Yr 1 Phonics Meeting                      Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7-8pm

Some of you may be aware that children in Year 1 will do a Government Phonics Screening Check in June. This is nothing to worry about. Come to the meeting and you will find out what this entails, what phonics your children are learning in Year 1 and how you can support at home.

#### Current Financial Climate

We are all very aware how tricky things are for everyone at the moment, so as we did last term, I thought it might be useful to tell you any events that we may be asking for money if you would like to join in. The main one will be a sponsored 'something' (still to be decided) during Children's Mental Health Week.

For World Book Day, we are only asking your child to come in pyjamas, so no need to find or buy costumes.

FOPS may also be arranging things.

#### Children's Mental Health Week                      Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

More information to follow as we are still planning this, but we will be particularly focusing on physical health.

#### Champions                      Gold Star Badges

As you will know, if your child is chosen as a Champion, they wear a gold star badge for the week and then hand it back on a Friday. Lots of these stars seem to have disappeared and the children say they are at home. Please could I ask you to have a look at home and if you have any star badges, please bring them back to school. Thank you.

#### Mobile Phones

Just a reminder please, to not be using your mobile phones in the school grounds if possible but certainly not be on them when dropping off or picking up your child. If you bring your child into the classroom/corridor, mobile phones MUST NOT be used in the school building.

#### 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 15<sup>th</sup> 2023. This is all completed online at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions).

#### Caretaker

Unfortunately we do not have a caretaker and we currently have an advert out for this post. This is on our school website. If you know anyone who may be interested please tell them about this.

#### Spare Clothes

We seem to be really short of:

Tights – all ages

Leggings – Daisies children

If you have any that your child has grown out/doesn't need any more, we would really appreciate them. Please give them to your child's class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend - take care and keep safe.

Miss Greenway

## Dates for Diaries

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Return to school
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Deadline for Year R and Year 3 applications
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Yr 2 trip to Glive
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	9-9.30am/2.40 – 3.15pm Book Viewing
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.40 – 6.30pm Parents Evenings
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.40 – 6.30pm Parents Evenings
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day – book activities in school 7-8pm Phonics Screening Parent Workshop – Year 1 parents
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Pyjama Day – linked to World Book Day
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March	RE Week – linked to Holi
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	2.30pm Golden Rabbit Assembly