



Headteacher
Miss K Greenway

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Dear Parents

I can't believe another 2 weeks has gone by – time seems to be going so quickly. It has been a cold couple of weeks but has warmed up now. As always, the children are being amazing and working so hard and following all the school values. Please come and share their work with them next Friday at Book Viewing.

Strikes

As you are aware, some teachers are striking across the country next Wednesday 1st February and there are more strikes planned in March. Just to confirm, that Parsonage Farm will be open for all classes.

Book Viewing Friday 3rd 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.

If you are coming in the morning, come through to the hall with your child as you drop them in class. If you are coming in the afternoon, please come to the school office and you can then collect your child from their class and go into the hall. Please just ask if you are not sure.

Parents Evenings Year R, Year 1, Year 2 Mon 6th & Tues 7th February

Time slots will be from 3.40 – 6.20pm

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 30th January at 8am and will close on Friday 3rd Feb evening. Please do book an appointment so that you can chat to your child's class teacher.

Year 2 parents – don't forget there will be a SATs powerpoint running as a slideshow during Parents Evenings for you to watch/read and I will be around for any questions you may have (look at last newsletter if you need more information).

Children's Mental Health Week Monday 6th – Friday 10th February

This week is run by children's mental health charity Place2Be to raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is Let's Connect. The attached letter 'Tips for Parents' explains more. Please do read this as it has some great suggestions.

In school during this week, we will be particularly focusing on physical health and all children will take part in some physical activity every day (as well as their normal playtimes) – maybe yoga, riding the trikes and bikes round the playground, dancing, alphabet exercises, running round the playground several times, with a sponsored 'circuits' activity on Friday. All money raised from

sponsorship will go to the school and School Council are keen for this to be used to enhance the Friendship Area on the playground. Sponsor forms and more details will be sent home next week.

FOPS Quotes for a concrete base & Help to repair our shed roof

This year, we are hoping to deliver a new covered scooter shed by the Cherry Tree Close entrance to school. We raised over £11k last year from our events, which is a fantastic amount and we are really excited to be able to deliver such a big project at school!

We have several quotations for the shed already, but are desperately seeking competitive quotes from local companies for a concrete base to site it on.

If you own, or know of, any local groundworks companies who would be interested in submitting a quotation for this work, please email us and we can provide further details and dimensions.

We are also appealing for some volunteer help to get our storage shed watertight. We rely on our shed to store equipment, BBQs, games etc which we use for our fundraising events. Unfortunately, the roof has completely failed this winter, and our valuable resources are now getting badly damaged by water and mould.

If you, or anyone you know (grandparents, family, friends or neighbours) is handy and could spare us a few hours to help re-felt the roof, please do get in touch.

How to contact us:- We have FOPS members on all year group WhatsApp chats, and this is the quickest way to get in touch. Just send a message and someone will reply! Alternatively you can email us at: fopssecretary1@gmail.com.

You can also follow us on Instagram [@fops_parsonagefarm](#), or join our Facebook group.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Friends of Parsonage Farm Infants School (FOPS)

Labelling Clothes

Please, please, please can you talk to your children about taking responsibility for their own clothes but all red cardigans or jumpers do look the same if they are not labelled. I have already taken a large amount of unnamed, unclaimed uniform home and washed it!! Please can you LABEL your child's clothes – if you have a second hand one with someone else's name in, please put your child's name in it – they can't find it if it doesn't have their name in it. Sorry to nag, but it is too expensive to just lose clothes!

Dogs

Please can I remind you that dogs are not allowed on the school site. Please can I also ask that you don't leave dogs tied up at any entrance gates either as you may believe that they are fine with children, but we never know. We need to ensure everyone's safety. Thank you for your help with this.

Have a lovely weekend - take care and keep safe.
Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

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