



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

10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents

Where has this half term gone – 6 weeks seem to have just flown by? The children continue to amaze us every day and we are so proud of all their achievements – both in school and out of school. Attached with this newsletter, you will also find a year group newsletter which will tell you a little more about what the children have been up to!

### Book Viewing

It was lovely to see so many parents and Grandparents sharing their children's work with them last Friday. There was a steady stream of parents in the morning and afternoon and a constant buzz of excitement as children turned each page of every book to show their proud parents.

If you didn't get a chance to come, hopefully you saw your child's books at Parents Evenings.

### Parents Evenings

Thank you for coming to Parents Evenings on Monday and Tuesday this week (we will rearrange these for Tulips class after half term). The teachers really value these opportunities to talk to you about your child and how they are getting on. It is also a chance for you to ask questions. But remember, you can ask questions at any time – at drop off or pick up, send an email or ask for an appointment at another time.

I know the teachers talked to you about the importance of hearing your child read regularly and writing in their Red Reading Record books. Please help support your child's reading progress by hearing them read as often as possible (ideally 5 times a week) and recording that you have heard them read. Remember we would love to hear about any other books your child chooses to read in addition to their school books. We understand life can be very busy so a big thank you to those parents who already read at least 5 times a week with their children and who write in the Red Reading Record books regularly. We will be monitoring these Red Reading Books closely in school and rewarding children who read regularly at home.

Year 2 parents – I hope you found the SATs PowerPoint useful and looking at previous papers. The powerpoint is on the school website/parental support/parent meeting information. Any feedback about whether this was a useful way to share this information rather than a specific parent meeting, would be much appreciated – positive or negative.

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

The children have been very active this week taking part in a different physical activity each day as well as playtimes and lunch time play! It has been great fun!! With the theme 'Let's connect', the children have taken part in 'Happy Play' – playing with children from a different year group either in their own classroom or a different classroom – as well as thinking of different ways of looking after our own mental health. Attached with this newsletter is Harold's Wheel of Well-being from

our SCARF programme – why not ask your children about this and find out what they have been learning.

The children had great fun today taking part in our ‘fitness circuits’ in the hall – 30 seconds on six different activities – star jumps, step ups, hula hoops, shuttle runs, hurdles and skipping. Most children managed 5 circuits. There was lots of puffing and panting – but lots of laughter too!! Hopefully your child has collected some sponsors for doing this and can bring the money in after half term or you can pay online – just send the form in so that we can stamp it.

### Internet Safety Day                      Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

The children impressed me with all the things they remembered about Internet Safety when we had an assembly at the end of the day. They definitely understand how to keep safe online and what to do and what not to do. Remember to ask them about this so we can ensure we keep your children safe online. Take a look at our website too for more information.

### Team Wilder Update

It may be cold and frozen out there, but Team Wilder has been as busy as ever.

This month we took Busy Bee Arlo’s ideas for encouraging bats into our grounds. We discussed making bat boxes and creating a couple of Bat Banquets in the school grounds. We chose the raised bed at the far end of the field (which is in full sunlight) and the long, grassed area in the staff car park (which has dappled shade) for our Bat Banquets. Here we will grow plants which encourage insects that bats predate on. What bat could resist that?

There are just a couple of problems: we have neither bat boxes nor bat-loving plants, so here are Team Wilder’s requests.....

....”Hi, I’m Arlo. I’ve got this great idea. We would love bats in our school! We would love bat boxes but we don’t have any money. Would anybody want to make some bat boxes? Please, does anyone want to donate wood because we would love to build with wood.”

...and from Busy Bee Jessica and her Busy Bee friends we have a list of plants that we are looking for....”Wild Angelica, Oxeye Daisy, Common Honeysuckle, Lavender, Sea Holly, Borage, Marjoram and Michaelmas Daisy.” If you have any of these plants in your garden and could provide cuttings, divisions or seeds, we would be very grateful.

If you are interested and think you could help in any way, please get in touch with any of the Team Wilder Busy Bees or me at [gardening@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk](mailto:gardening@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk)

In the meantime, if you would like to know more about bats and how to encourage and protect them, just Google Wild about gardens bats and choose “Stars of the night.”

In other news the Team Wilder Little Bees were out last week making Nature Mandalas from a selection of leaves, bark, sticks etc found out and about. Have a look at the school website under News and Events - Photo Gallery - Team Wilder - January 2023.

Finally, we are very proud to announce that Parsonage Farm were runners-up in the recent Name our Beavers competition for the newly released beavers at Ewhurst Park. The winning names were Chompy and Hazel and one of our classes chose Chomp!

Amanda Whittaker

### Co opted Governor

We have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor – ideally someone from the Local Community. If you know of anyone – may be a neighbour, someone from a local group you are involved with, please tell them about this or share the attached poster. Thank you.

## RE Week      Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> March

The focus of this week will be based around the Hindu festival of Holi. We are looking to plan different activities linked to Holi and would love some ideas, help or support – even coming to talk to the children if you celebrate Holi. If you think you can help, please speak to Mrs Williams in Snowdrops or email her on [info@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk](mailto:info@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk) Thank you.

## Reminders

Please remember if you are planning to take your child out of school for any reason, you need to complete a Leave of Absence form first. These are available from Mrs Attwood in the School Office.

If your child needs prescribed medicine e.g., antibiotics – we can administer this at school if they are well enough to be at school. You need to complete a form in the School Office and sign the medicine in and out each day. If your child needs this medicine in after school club as well, SCL have their own medicine forms.

Let's hope the weather is kind to us over half term and we can all enjoy being out and about in the fresh air and have some special family time.

Take care and keep safe.  
Miss Greenway

## **Dates for Diaries**

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
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	2.30pm L2Me – Yr 2 Music Concert - Recorders
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	2.30pm Golden Rabbit Assembly
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays