



Headteacher
Miss K Greenway

12th May 2023

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and enjoyed all the coronation celebrations, despite the weather not being great.

Coronation Celebration

Thank you so much for coming to listen to your children sing and watch them 'parade' around the playground. We were so lucky with the weather in the end and it was a lovely event. We have added some photos to the school website (News and Events/photo Gallery). The children enjoyed their picnic lunch as well, even though it had to be an 'indoor' picnic. I hope they managed to wear their amazing crowns at some point during the weekend. If you bought a FOPs tea towel, I hope you have enjoyed looking at all the pictures drawn by the children. A huge thank you to FOPs for organising this – I will keep my tea towel as a memory of the coronation.

Walk to School Week Mon 15th – Fri 19th May

Next week we are taking part in Hampshire's Walk to School Week and are encouraging the children to walk to and from school on as many days as they can. We know it is not possible for all of you to walk, so if you have to drive, why not try parking a little further away than usual and walking the last part? Not only does walking to school make the children more active, it is also good for their mental health and reduces traffic and air pollution outside the school. We will be discussing these benefits with the children in class, as well as reviewing the Green Cross Code, and at the end of the week all children will receive a certificate for taking part. A letter has been sent home this week with further information. Thank you in advance for all your support!

Maths Workshop Wednesday 3rd May 3.30 – 5.30pm

Thank you to those parents and children who joined the maths workshop. There was a lovely atmosphere and I hope you all enjoyed it. The organisers commented on the children's amazing behaviour and manners. Well done everyone. Any feedback is greatly appreciated.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a Parent Governor vacancy and I will be sending out a letter next week with more information. But if you would be interested in being a Governor and would like to know more about what it involves, please contact myself or James Hawkins (chair.governors@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk). Thank you.

Lateness

This term, there have been an increasing number of children regularly arriving late at the school office – after 9am. Please can I remind you that your child needs to be in school by 8.55am in all classes – registers are taken at 9am and if the children arrive after this they are marked as late. If it is after 9.15am, this lateness is unauthorised. For persistent lateness, a penalty notice and fine can be issued. Our Attendance Policy is on the school website.

Parking

Chestnut Tree Grove

Sadly I have had several complaints recently from the residents of Chestnut Tree Grove (behind the school through the red gate) about parents parking inconsiderately. Please see part of the emails below.

'We have parents using our private drive ways to turn around, our bins being moved as mentioned before, and parents getting out of their cars and walking across our front gardens. If we were to do this on their property I'm sure they wouldn't be very happy either.'

Our small cul de sac consists of a max 10 houses in this end of the street yet we have up to 20-30 parents trying to get to the school through our tiny road.

Can you please advise parents to park in the car park provided before we consult Hampshire & Rushmoor councils on our next steps.'

I do have photos of cars (including registrations) of offenders which I am hoping that I do not have to use. Please could you all help by thinking carefully about where you park or walk to school. I really hope the residents do not have to seek further advice

School Dinners

You may well have seen or heard in the news that the price of School Dinners is increasing. In our school, this only applies to Nursery children. From 5th June, school meals will increase by 20p to £3.00.

Rock Steady

We have 32 children signed up for Rock Steady and there are 4 bands that practice each Friday afternoon. I haven't had the chance to listen yet, but the children have huge smiles on their faces after their session. They will be doing a concert for parents on Friday 14th July at 2.20pm

INSET Days

Just to let you know in advance, a couple of INSET days for next school year. As term starts on Friday 1st September, we will be having an INSET Day on that date. There will also be an INSET Day on Monday 30th October.

Just to make you aware that SCL will not be running on Friday 1st September as they will be having an INSET Day.

TV

We have a TV which is no longer used. A Panasonic TX-37LZD70 46" screen. If you would like this and are willing to give a small donation, please speak to Mrs Roylance. First come, first served.

Have a good weekend.

Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

Wed 24th May am Yr R Assembly

Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June Half Term

Wed 7th June Yr 1 Trip to Wellington Country Park
Fri 16th June Krispie Kreme donuts for Dads
Tues 20th June Yr 1 Assembly
Thurs 22nd June Yr 2 Trip to Beale Wildlife Park and Gardens
Tues 27th June Yr R Trip to Birdworld
Fri 30th June 9-9.30am/2.40 – 3.15pm Book Viewing
Sunday 2nd July FOPS Colour Run & Summer Fair

Fri 7th July INSET DAY (SCL running if enough children)

Fri 14th July am Sports Day
2.20pm Rock Steady Concert
Wed 19th July am Yr 2 Leavers Assembly
pm Yr 2 Leavers Disco
Fri 21st July 1.15pm School Finishes

Friday 1st Sept INSET DAY
Mon 30th Oct INSET DAY