



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

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents

I can't believe another two weeks have gone past already. The children are doing so well although tiredness is definitely starting to kick in this week – I think for children and staff!! There have been a few tears now that they realise they have to come every day!! There is a link below for some NHS Emotional Health free online training if your child is struggling a little with coming back to/starting school (see attached poster).

#### Things to celebrate

In all classes, the children have been learning about the school values which I shared on last week's newsletter. We are very proud of all the children as they are trying hard to remember these and follow them without being reminded. As you can imagine, this is still work in progress. In Daisies, Poppies and Snowdrops, the children will have been rewarded with smilies if they are doing this. In Tulips, Sunflowers Bluebells and Daffodils, they will also have had smilies but they may have been chosen as a Champion. I have enjoyed Champion Club the last two weeks where the Champions have come and played and spent time with me. Well done.

#### Caretaker

Sadly, Mr Rothwell, our caretaker will be leaving at half term. We are looking for someone to take on this role – there is more information and an advert on our school website.

<https://www.parsonagefarmschool.co.uk/page/?title=Staff+Vacancies&pid=27>

We are willing to be flexible about hours, so if you know anyone who may be interested, please get them to contact the school office or send them the link. The closing date is 9<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you for your help with this.

#### New to Year R Parent Meeting

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2.45pm

Please come and find out more about Year R now your child has started school, with a focus on how to support with reading and phonics. The meeting will be held in the school hall, so come to the school office. We will also send a Teams link if you would like to join virtually.

#### Parents Evenings

Year R, Year 1, Year 2

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Please note that for Sunflowers, the dates will be Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Time slots will be from 3.40 – 6.20pm

As we did last year, 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 9<sup>th</sup> October at 8am and will close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October evening. Please do book an appointment so that you can chat to your child's class teacher. If you need help with using this booking system, please ask in the school office.

### Earrings

Please remember that if your child has their ears pierced, please make sure they only wear small studs to school, for safety reasons – not hoops or dangly earrings. Please also make sure they are removed on PE days, or if they cannot be taken out that they are covered with tape or plasters. This again is for safety reasons.

### The Big Ambition – Have Your Say

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England. **The Big Ambition** aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. You can help your child complete this or if you have older children, they can complete it on their own. Please let your child have a voice.

**The Big Ambition** survey will be open until Friday 15th December.

[https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the\\_big\\_ambition/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/)

### Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please can I remind you that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they must be kept off school for at least 48 hours from the last 'episode'. Please make sure you follow this NHS guidance as young children spread germs very quickly however much we support them to wash their hands.

Please can you also remember to leave a message on the answerphone before 9.00am if your child is not going to be in school for any reason.

### FOPS News

#### *Bike shed*

*We are really pleased to announce that our new bike shed is being installed next week, outside Cherry Blossom Hall. The shed is the result of two years of fundraising by parents, and we can't wait to see it delivered and used by the children!*

*To celebrate, we will be running a shed naming competition - see attached poster for details! The winner will be picked by FOPS and announced on the 13th October.*

*We will also be running an after school tuck shop by the new bike shed on the 13th Oct - it would be lovely to see you all and celebrate our achievement together.*

#### *FOPS shed*

*Further to Miss Greenway's email last week, we are in desperate need of a new storage shed. Our current shed is beyond repair and our fundraising stock is now getting wet and mouldy, as well as being eaten by mice! We really need some help in getting a new one - if you can help, or know someone who can, please get in touch via your class rep, or via email [fopssecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:fopssecretary1@gmail.com).*

#### *Christmas Event*

*This year we hope to deliver a fun family event for Christmas, with games, activities and a cafe. The event will take place on Sunday 3rd December - please save the date and look out for more details shortly.*

#### *AGM*

*Finally please don't forget to come along to our AGM on Thursday 19th Oct at 7pm. We have lots of opportunities for parents to get involved with our events - we do not ask for a big time*

*commitment, and any help you can offer, however big or small, is always gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you there!*

### Second hand Uniform

We have a huge amount of second hand shirts, trousers, pinafore dresses etc – much more than we will ever need. Rather than recycle what is surplus to requirement, we would like to send/give it to those most in need – if you are aware of a charity or group that could help, please let us know. Thank you.

### Thank you

Thank you to the kind Mum who took several things to the charity shop for us and also to FOPS for helping us with a tip run. There is still a small collection of things in the Staff Car park that need to go to the tip. If anyone could take these, it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

### Reminders

- Staff Car park – please do not walk down the middle of the car park (the road part) – there is a path around the edge
- Please do not let your children ride their scooters or bikes in the school grounds for everyone's safety
- Please remember to make sure you are not on your mobile phone at drop off or pick up – this is a time when your child needs your full attention

Have a good weekend.

Take care.

Miss Greenway

### **Dates for Diaries**

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	2.45pm New to Year R Parent Meeting – school hall
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.40 – 6.30pm Sunflowers Parents Evening
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.40 – 6.30pm Parents Evening (Yr R, Yr 1, Yr 2)
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	am Flu Vaccination (change to original date on last newsletter)
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.40 – 6.30pm Parents Evening (Yr R, Yr 1, Yr 2) 7pm FOPs AGM

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct      Half Term

<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>INSET DAY (SCL running)</b>
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9am – 11.30am School Grounds Working Party
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Road Safety Day
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Elf Run – in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell 2.30pm Golden Rabbit Assembly
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am Year 1 Christmas Performance 2pm Daisies Christmas Performance
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am Year R Christmas Performance 2pm Year 2 Christmas Performance
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am Year 2 Christmas Performance 2pm Year R Christmas Performance
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am Daisies Christmas Performance

Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm Year 1 Christmas Performance
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	pm Christmas Parties
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
	1.15pm Finish – last day of term

Daisies Parents Evenings will be during week beginning 13/11 and 20/11 – more information to follow