



Headteacher
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2nd February 2024

Dear Parents

I can't believe there is only one more week until half term – the last 5 weeks seem to have flown past. The children are amazing as always and impress us with their knowledge and skills – hopefully they tell you a little about what they do in school, although I know parents often say 'they tell us nothing!!'

Book Viewing Year 1 and Year 2 Friday 2nd February

It was lovely to see lots of you sitting with your children in Year 1 and Year 2, sharing all their amazing learning. The children really love this opportunity to show you what they have been learning. I hope you enjoyed looking in the class floor books for some subjects as well.

Parents Evenings Year R, Year 1, Year 2 Wed 7th and Thurs 8th February

Hopefully you have all signed up for a meeting with your child's class teacher – if not, you can still access this on Arbor until midnight tonight. Please do come and chat with your child's class teacher – this is really important. If you cannot make either date, please speak to the teacher and she will make a different time.

There will be Governors in school on each evening if you would like to chat to them.

Jamcoding – After school Club for Year 1 and Year 2

I am pleased to say that following the assembly to promote our new after school club, all 16 places are booked. I am looking forward to seeing what the children create.

I am aware that some parents tried to book and there were no more places available. I am working with Jamcoding to see whether they will look at offering two clubs after Easter if there is enough interest. More information to follow.

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 6th February

The children will be taking part in a Computing enrichment day on Tuesday 6th February with a particular focus on Esafety. We regularly teach the children about how to keep safe online during computing lessons, SCARF lessons and general discussions in class. On our school website, you will find our Esafety policy and our Esafety charter (also attached).

Below are some links to websites that may be useful as they offer guidance and support about different areas of ESafety.

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Top Tips for parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Athlete in School

Following my last newsletter, we have been informed that we have a different athlete. It is now Kylie Grimes who is a GB wheelchair rugby player, who won a gold medal at the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo. Her other achievements include winning gold and silver medals at European Championships; and taking part in the 2016 and 2012 Paralympics. She was also born in Aldershot. Next Friday, 9th February, the children will have an assembly all about the event and will come home with a sponsorship form for taking part in the fitness circuit.

Nursery Places

September 2024

We will be sending out offers after half term to those parents who have applied for places in our Nursery starting in September 2024.

If your child was born between September 2020 and August 2021, they could start in Daisies in September 2024. We still have a few places available so please ask for an application form in the school office. If you have friends who have children of this age, please let them know too.

Children's Mental Health Week

5th – 11th February

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the focus is 'my voice matters'. Please follow the link below for an activity you can do together as a family:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/what-matters-to-you-activity-for-4-11-year-olds/>

We would love to see any of the artwork you produce together. Please also see the attached documents with tips for supporting your child's mental health.

Phonics Screening Workshop for Year 1 Parents

Thursday 29th February

7-8pm

Please come and join us for this workshop and find out what your child will have to do when they complete the Phonics Screening Check in June. It will also help you with ideas of how to support them at home. We will also look at reading, different strategies we use at school when reading with your children and how you can use these at home.

It will not be scary, we will not make you do anything you don't want to – BUT, we do want it to be useful. So please let us know if you have any questions you would like answered/anything you would like us to help you with, by emailing them to year1@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk (remember no question is a silly question!)

Winter Bugs

We have been asked to share the NHS message below with parents and carers.

With temperatures dropping this month Clare Joy – an NHS school nurse working locally – explains in this short video some top tips on keeping winter bugs at bay and using the Healthier Together app for advice.

You can watch on the [Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS YouTube channel](#).

Parenting courses –

Please follow the link below to see some free online courses for parents – Positive Parenting, Raising Resilient Children, Introduction to Paediatric First Aid.

[FREE Online Courses for Parents this February.pdf](#)

Requests

- Does anyone have a small sensory tent that they no longer need please? We are looking for one to use in school to give children a safe space when needed.

- You will have noticed that some of the potholes that we have previously filled, have appeared again in the parent car park. Does anybody know of anyone who works for a company that may be able to help us fill these properly – preferably with tarmac so that they last.
- We have a lot of old paint tins (half full) where the paint has separated and can no longer be used. We need to dispose of these and can only take a limited amount to the local tip. Does anybody know of any other ways to safely dispose of old paint?

Have a good weekend and enjoy half term from 9th February.

Take care.

Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

Tues 6 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 7 th Feb	3.40 – 6.30pm Parents Evening
Thurs 8 th Feb	Team Wilder – Mrs Whittaker in school 3.40 – 6.30pm Parents Evening
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th Feb	Half term
Fri 23 rd Feb	pm Athlete in School
Thurs 29 th Feb	7-8pm Phonics Screening Workshop for Year 1 parents
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day – book activities in school
Thurs 28 th March	2.30pm Golden Rabbit Assembly Last day of term
Fri 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays
Mon 15th April	INSET DAY (SCL running)
Fri 5th July	INSET DAY (SCL running)