



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

6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents

Welcome back, welcome to our new families and welcome to Mrs Taylor, new Bluebells teacher.

I can't believe that it is the end of the first full week back since the summer holidays. It has been so lovely to see the children back in school. Lots of happy, smiley faces, lots of busy classrooms and outside areas and lots of animated chatting!! It has been lovely to see all of you too and hopefully you have managed to chat to your child's new class teacher if you have needed or wanted to.

I am aware that there is lots of information at the beginning of a term. I have tried not to put too much in this newsletter and I may well send one next week as well (rather than the usual fortnightly newsletters). The newsletters are added to the website as well. I have put dates at the bottom of some things already planned for this term. Please do ask if you do not understand anything or need more information.

#### Year Group Email Addresses

Just a reminder that if you need to email your child's class teacher then you can use the year group email address. These will be looked at, at some point during each school day, but please do not use these for urgent messages. Please note that the email address for Daisies and Year R has now changed. Please make sure you use these new emails as the previous ones will no longer be monitored.

Daisies - [nursery@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk)

Poppies and Snowdrops – [yearr@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk](mailto:yearr@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk)

Tulips and Sunflowers – [year1@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk](mailto:year1@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk)

Bluebells and Daffodils – [year2@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk](mailto:year2@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk)

#### Parent Meetings for Year R, Year 1 and Year 2

These dates were sent out last term, but I have listed below.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm – Year 2

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm – Year 1

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm – Year R

These meetings are to tell you a little more about the expectations for you and your child now that they have moved into Year R, Year 1 or Year 2. There will be opportunities to ask questions as well.

#### PE

On PE days, please can the children come dressed in plain jogging bottoms/leggings, t-shirt and their school cardigan or jumper. They can wear trainers. Please make sure all earrings are

removed. If, for any reason, they cannot be removed, please tape them over before your child comes to school.

### PE Days

Year 1 – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Year 2 – Mondays and Wednesdays

### After School Clubs – Yr 1 and Yr 2

Information about clubs was sent out before the summer holidays and Jam Coding information was sent out this week. Please note if we don't get the required sign-up numbers for Jam coding this will be cancelled, and we will be in touch with those parents who have already signed up. There are still some spaces for Nerf Club (run by Premier Education) on Thursdays from 3.15 – 4.30pm. £5 per session - £35 for half term. Please book through Arbor.

### Measles

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have issued an urgent call to parents to ensure their children catch up on missed vaccinations before they head to the classroom amid fears of a further surge in measles cases as the new term begins.

[UKHSA warns of back to school measles surge - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. It can be a very nasty illness and in some children can be very serious, leading to hospitalisation and life-long complications. Getting vaccinated not only gives children protection but it also helps to prevent the spread of the disease and protect those more vulnerable.

### Attendance

The government (DfE) have produced new guidance 'Working together to improve school attendance' which came into force in August. I wanted to share with you just a couple of the key messages.

- **Daily Attendance Data Sharing:** *All state schools in England are now required to share their daily attendance registers with the DfE and local authorities. This initiative will create a comprehensive attendance data set to identify and support students at risk of persistent absence.*

As a result of this, when you let us know that your child is not in school and they are 'unwell', please can you tell us why e.g. sickness, diarrhoea and vomiting, high temperature, bad cough, ear ache

- **Legal Interventions:** *New regulations standardise the use of fines for unauthorised absences. Parents will face increased fines if their child misses five days of school without permission. The fines have been raised from £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days, and from £120 to £160 if paid within 28 days.*

I will be sharing more information about the new expectations as the term progresses. Please try and make sure your child is in school every day. If your child is not able to come to school, please make sure you have let Mrs Parkhouse in the office know before 9.15am otherwise you will receive a phone call (as stated in our Attendance Policy). It is our duty of care to make sure you and your child are ok and safe.

### Parking

Sadly, I have already had complaints from our neighbours in Chestnut Tree Grove (through the alley way). Please can we show respect to our neighbours if we are parking in a residential area

and also respect their properties – not throwing rubbish into their gardens. Thank you for your help with this.

### SCL Breakfast and After School Club

There have been some changes with drop off and pick up arrangements due to the new gates to the staff car park and to ensure everyone's safety. Please now always park in the parent car park (which will stay open until 6pm) and walk across the playground to the Meadow doors to pick up. If the playground gate is locked, there is a 'doorbell' on the gate post – please ring it and a member of the SCL team will come and open it or bring your child to you. Thank you for your help with this. Any questions please ask the SCL team.

### Reminders

- Named water bottle – please make sure your child has this every day
- Name **all** clothes please – I can't believe how many unnamed clothes I washed and recycled over the holidays!!
- Jewellery – please can you make sure your child is not wearing bracelets or necklaces to school – this is for their safety. If they are wearing earrings, please make sure they are studs not hoops.

Have a good weekend!

Take care.

Miss Greenway

### **Dates for Diaries**

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.45pm New to Year 2 Parent Meeting
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.45pm New to Year 1 Parent Meeting
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.45pm New to Year R Parent Meeting
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9 – 9.30am SCARF Workshop for parents (more info to follow)
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual School Photos

Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	3.40 – 6.30pm Parents Evening (Yr R, Yr 1, Yr 2)
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> oct	Flu Vaccinations
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Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov     Half Term

<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>INSET DAY (SCL running)</b>
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	am School Grounds Working Party – come and help tidy our school grounds
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Internet Safety Workshops
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Road Safety Day
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reindeer Run – in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell 2.30pm Golden Rabbit Assembly
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.15pm Finish – last day of term

More dates and further information to follow – but please ask if you are unsure about anything.