



Headteacher
Miss K Greenway

4th October 2024

Dear Parents

So much seems to have happened since my last newsletter, especially with Ofsted visiting last week. Thank you to those parents who spoke with the lead inspector on the playground and also to those parents who filled in the Ofsted Parent View. We will not receive the final report for 30 working days!!

The children have been amazing and are really becoming settled in their new classes, learning the school values and having lots of fun. The weather has been a bit wet, but we have been outside as much as possible.

Staffing

I just wanted to share some exciting news. Mrs Read (who works Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Year R and Daisies) and Miss Petty, Daisies class teacher are both expecting a baby. We are so pleased for both of them and their families.

School Council

Message from Mrs Taylor, who will be organising and supporting the School Councillors. We are really pleased to announce that our school council have been voted in. Each class spent time talking about who the school council are and how they help make decisions in the school. Then in Year 1 and Year 2, the children who were interested in the role put themselves forward. Each class then had a secret ballot and councillors were voted in for the autumn term. In order to give lots of children the chance to experience the role, our councillors will serve for a term and so we will welcome new councillors in the spring and summer term. We will also welcome younger members of the school to join our committee too from the springtime onwards. Our focus for the autumn term will be gathering views. Our school councillors will be surveying children across the school, as well as staff, governors and parents so look out for our surveys coming home over the next few months. We will keep you updated with our progress via the newsletter.

New to Year R Parent Meeting

It was lovely to see so many parents at this meeting and hopefully you found it useful. The presentation that was shared has now been added to the website – [Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infant School - Year R - Poppies Class and Snowdrops Class \(parsonagefarmschool.co.uk\)](http://www.parsonagefarmschool.co.uk)

SCARF

Still time to sign up for this.

This year we are excited to be able to offer parents/carers a 30-minute session with Coram Life Education, who are our providers of the SCARF (PSHE) curriculum. You will already have received an email about this – link below to sign up. Still time to sign up for this.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ynJLi97zMa>

Parents Evenings Year R, Year 1, Year 2 Tues 22nd October and Thurs 24th 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 14th October at 8am and will close on Friday 18th 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. Daisies will have parent meetings later in the term.

Individual School Photos/Family photos Monday 14th October

You will have already received an email from Mrs Parkhouse this week explaining that you can book a family photo slot before school if you would like to – this can be for older and younger siblings as well as Mum and Dad if you wish. All children will have their photo taken during the school day.

We have a new company this year – we feel that the packs they offer for parents to buy are better value for money and hopefully there will be something that is affordable for everyone if you want to buy them – good for Christmas presents for grandparents!! The school will get a percentage of the total amount.

Flu Immunisation Thursday 24th October

Thank you to everyone who has returned the online consent – either saying yes or no. 82% of families have done this – which is brilliant (the NHS target is 75%). If you haven't done it yet or need help doing it – even if you want to say 'No' – please ask Mrs Parkhouse in the office. It is our job to make sure no child is missed – you will not be able to get this done at the GP surgery, as the NHS have set the expectation that this will be done in school for all children from Yr R to Yr 11 (unless they have a specific medical condition). Remember, children are super spreaders of illnesses – it will go round school and if your child is immunised, this should reduce how poorly they are and reduce the amount of time they need to be off school.

Sickness

Unfortunately, we seem to have a sickness bug going around school already. We are ensuring children are washing hands and we are cleaning surfaces. Please remember that if your child is sick, they cannot come back to school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness. Thank you for your help with this.

Asda Cash Pot

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting Parsonage Farm when shopping in Asda. FOPs sent out information about this a while ago.

Grounds Working Party Saturday 9th November 9am – 12pm

Please put this date in your diary and come along for an hour and help tidy our school grounds. At this time of year, there are so many leaves to clear and areas to tidy that it is too much for our caretaker to do on his own. It is a real family event - lots of families come along and help and we provide drinks and cakes/biscuits. I will send another reminder and form to sign up to help in my next newsletter.

Reminders

- Year 1 and Year 2 outside area - please can you help us keep this tidy and not let little brothers and sisters play with the toys and leave them out. Thank you

Have a good weekend!
Take care.

Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

Mon 7th Oct 9 – 9.30am SCARF Workshop for parents – please sign up for this
<https://forms.office.com/e/ynJLj97zMa>

Mon 14th Oct Individual School Photos

Tues 22nd Oct 3.40 – 6.30pm Parents Evening (Yr R, Yr 1, Yr 2)

Thurs 24th Oct Flu Vaccinations

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Mon 28th Oct – Fri 1st Nov Half Term

Mon 4th Nov **INSET DAY (SCL running)**

Sat 9th Nov am School Grounds Working Party – come and help tidy our school grounds

Mon 11th – Fri 15th Nov Anti-Bullying Week

Tues 12th Nov Internet Safety Workshops

Fri 22nd Nov Road Safety Day

Fri 6th Dec Reindeer Run – in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell
2.30pm Golden Rabbit Assembly

Tues 10th Dec 2pm Year 2 Christmas Performance

Wed 11th Dec 9.15am Daisies Christmas Performance

Thurs 12th Dec 9.15am Year 2 Christmas Performance

Fri 13th Dec 9.15am Daisies Christmas Performance

Mon 16th Dec 9.15am Year 1 Christmas Performance

2pm Year R Christmas Performance

Tues 17th Dec 9.15am Year R Christmas Performance

2pm Year 1 Christmas Performance

Wed 18th Dec pm Christmas Parties

Thurs 19th Dec Christmas Lunch

Fri 20th Dec 1.15pm Finish – last day of term

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

Year Group Emails

Daisies - nursery@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk

Poppies and Snowdrops – yearr@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk

Tulips and Sunflowers – year1@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk

Bluebells and Daffodils – year2@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk