



Headteacher
Miss K Greenway

6th December 2024

Dear Parents

I can't believe it is now December and only 2 more weeks at school. The next 2 weeks will be really busy and many of the normal routines will change which can cause some children to struggle and become unsettled. We will try our best to support them to manage all the Christmas festivities. They will also probably be very tired too!!

Apologies that this is a long newsletter but lots of things to tell you!!

Message from FOPS

FOPS would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Festive Family Fun Day. Thanks also to our wonderful volunteers on the day and in the lead up to the event - we absolutely could not make our events work without you. We have already received wonderful feedback from both parents and children which means the world to us.

After the final count up we have raised an incredible £1763.62 for our school 🎉. This will be going towards some projects next term, will share more on that in the new year.

If you would like to get involved with FOPS, please pop an email over to

fopssecretary1@gmail.com

Merry Christmas from all at FOPS

Staffing

Sadly, Mrs Attwood will be leaving Parsonage Farm at the end of term as she will be starting a new job not in a school. A huge thank you for all she has done for the school and she will be greatly missed. We are in the process of recruiting for a new Senior Admin Officer.

Good luck to Mrs Read who will be starting her maternity leave at the end of term. I will update you in the New year once baby Read is born.

Miss Petty has started her maternity leave as baby Jacob arrived very, very early and unexpectedly two weeks ago. Please be reassured that although still in hospital, Miss Petty is Ok and baby Jacob is doing as well as can be expected for a very premature baby.

Rocksteady Concert

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Rocksteady concert last Friday. The children were amazing – what confidence to stand in front of everyone and sing or play. Some budding rock stars I think!! Your child should have brought home a flier with information if you would like them to sign up for Rocksteady.

Reindeer Run

Friday 6th December

It was lovely to see so many of you supporting your 'little reindeers' running round the playground. Thank you too for all the sponsorship money that you have collected/are collecting – it all goes to such a worthy cause – Phyllis Tuckwell.

A huge THANK YOU to FOPS for organising tea, coffee and cakes in exchange for a donation to Phyllis Tuckwell.

Christmas Performances

Thank you for using Arbor to 'book' your tickets. There are quite a few Year R and Year 1 parents who have still not booked their tickets – you can still do this until Wednesday 11th December. For Year 2 and Nursery parents, we will email on Monday morning to let you know if there are any extra tickets available for any of the performances. It will be first come first served.

We will have a list of who we are expecting to each performance so please come through the school office for morning and afternoon performances.

Christmas Parties Wednesday 18th December

Each class will have a Christmas Party in their classroom and these will be on Wednesday 18th December. The children can wear Christmas clothes – but sensible clothes as they will still go out to play in the morning and at lunchtime.

Daisies will be having parties on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December so all children can join in.

Christmas Lunch Thursday 19th December.

We will have Christmas Lunch on Thursday 19th December. The children can wear Christmas jumpers/Christmas clothes on this day. There will be roast turkey or vegetable wellington – the children will just choose as normal on the morning. Please note there will be NO jacket potatoes. It would be brilliant if every child had Christmas Lunch!!

Daisies – if your child is in on a Thursday, they can have Christmas Lunch just sign up as normal in Daisies and pay £3.20.

Friday 20th December

The children can then wear their own clothes on Friday 20th December, but please can Year R wear their PE kits and school jumpers as they usually wear on a Friday!! Please remember we finish at 1.15pm. If your child is in Daisies and attends an afternoon only session, there will be no afternoon session on Friday 20th December.

Thank you

I wanted to say a big thank you for all the money you have helped raise this term in a variety of ways:

- Poppy appeal - £156.61 – raised for British Legion
- School photos – £ 337.50 - commission raised for the school
- Christmas Cards – £159.50 - commission raised for the school
- Book Fair – £500 worth of books for the school

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you so much for your wonderful support of the Book Fair we held in school last month. It was lovely to see such a buzz and excitement from the children about the books. The school gained "rewards" from every book sold. These rewards have given us an amazing £500 to spend on Scholastic books for school! We spent some of our rewards on books from the fair and ordered some others from the Scholastic website. We have attached a couple of photos of what we have bought with the funds you raised. We still have some "rewards" left to spend on a few more books in the New Year.

Scholastic have a website from which you can order at any time and have collections of discounted books. If you use this link, when you order books, to be delivered to your home, you will still be raising money for school:

[Parsonage Farm Nursery and - Scholastic Shop](#)

Thanks so much again for your fantastic support.

Year R/Year 3 Applications

Please remember applications for Year R and Year 3 places close on Monday 15th January. Please do not miss this deadline, or your application will not be processed and will be considered a late application. If anyone needs help with the process, please ask Mrs Attwood or Mrs Parkhouse in the School Office.

Thank you

Thank you for all the donations of tissues and hand soap – this really is appreciated.

Reminders

- Football Club – please can parents use the parent car park when picking up from football club, rather than parking in the roads around school – we have had complaints from the local residents
- Please can you make sure that the children push their bikes or scooters in the school grounds – not ride them please – as we have had a few near misses. Thank you.

Have a good weekend.

Take care.

Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

Tues 10 th Dec	2pm Year 2 Christmas Performance
Wed 11 th Dec	9.15am Daisies Christmas Performance
Thurs 12 th Dec	9.15am Year 2 Christmas Performance
Fri 13 th Dec	9.15am Daisies Christmas Performance
Mon 16 th Dec	9.15am Year 1 Christmas Performance
	2pm Year R Christmas Performance
Tues 17 th Dec	9.15am Year R Christmas Performance
	2pm Year 1 Christmas Performance
Wed 18 th Dec	pm Christmas Parties – wear sensible Christmas clothes as will be outside
Thurs 19 th Dec	Christmas Lunch - wear Christmas jumpers/clothes
Fri 20 th Dec	1.15pm Finish – last day of term

INSET DAYS

Mon 6th Jan

Fri 4th July

Mon 7th July

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