



Headteacher
Miss K Greenway

17th January 2025

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all had a great Christmas and enjoyed some family time. It has been lovely to see the children back, happy and smiling and enjoying time with their friends. It has definitely been rather chilly – although lots of the children don't seem to feel the cold!!

Staffing

Exciting news – Mrs Read had a little baby boy, Alfie, on New Years Day. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Welcome to Miss Draper, who is teaching Daisies, while Miss Petty is on maternity leave. Miss Petty and baby Jacob are also doing well.

Thank you

I wanted to say a big Thank you to everyone who has brought in sponsorship envelopes for Phyllis Tuckwell following our Reindeer Run before Christmas. We raised **£1691.79** through Sponsorships and FOPS café which is amazing.

Parenting Workshops

Thank you to those parents who have already signed up for one or both of these courses. Please email Mrs Parkhouse if you would like to go to either course and she will sign you up. Please let us know any feedback if you do go to one of the courses.

Big Emotions		
Tues 21 st Jan	6.00 – 8.00pm	Cove Junior School
Thurs 13 th Feb	9.30 – 11.30am	Grange Junior School

Anxiety		
Wed 5 th March	6.00 – 7.30pm	Towerhill Primary School
Wed 19 th March	9.30 -11.00am	Cherrywood Primary School
Thurs 27 th March	1.15 – 2.45pm	Parsonage Farm

I have also attached a couple of fliers for other parenting courses being run at local libraries – there is one to learn basic Excel – which I think I need to go on!! These are all FREE!

Reading

Thank you to those parents who did lots of reading with their children over the Christmas holidays – it really is appreciated and makes such a difference.

Attendance

Please remember to phone or email before 9.15am if your child is not going to be in school – and please can you tell us why – this needs to be more specific than just ‘unwell’ – high temperature, sickness etc – as this is now monitored and recorded by the Government.

Please see our school website ([Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infant School - Policies](#)) for the updated Attendance Policy that explains all the regulations and expectations. Please can you ensure your children are in school **before** 9am, when classroom doors will be closed as we have to start the register at 9am. I have also attached a poster about the new attendance rules – this has been sent out by all local schools so you may have already seen it if you have children in other local schools.

SCARF at home

As part of our PSHE curriculum, we use a scheme called SCARF (and Harold the giraffe!). We are pleased to be able to share some half-termly resources for you to use at home to support your child’s learning in PSHE. There are suggested family activities, talking points and occasionally some games or worksheets you might like to print off, although there is no expectation to do so! We would love to see any of the activities you do, so please do send things in with your child or email any photos to your year group email address. Please use these links to access the resources appropriate to your child’s year group.

Nursery and Year R: [Family SCARF - SCARF at home - Keeping safe 3-5 years](#)

Year 1 and Year 2: [Family SCARF - SCARF at home - Keeping safe 5-7 years](#)

FOPS

FOPS will be running a Tuck Shop on Friday 24th January, after school.

A Good Thing www.agoodthing.org.uk.

Do you run your own business or work for a local business? If so, you may be able to help.

How schools can use A Good Thing

A Good Thing is an award-winning platform that connects businesses with charities to donate surplus items instead of sending them to landfill. Schools can use this brilliant resource in two ways – either to donate items they no longer need or to receive much-needed resources.

Donate to local charities via a business account

Schools can register as a "business" to give away surplus items. Local schools have already been taking advantage of A Good Thing! Items such as stationery, furniture, musical instruments, and even an industrial-sized oven have already found a new charity home via the platform.

How to receive items for your school

If your school has a PTA, it can register as a charity to request items listed on the platform. You might find everything from laptops and office supplies to crafting materials and gardening equipment – all free to support your school’s work.

Getting started is easy – it takes just 30 seconds to sign up at www.agoodthing.org.uk. By joining, your school can play a key role in reducing waste while gaining or sharing valuable resources. It’s a win-win for the environment and the your local community.

I have registered the school as a business and FOPS have registered as a charity. If more businesses register and donate items, FOPs will be able to access more free resources that can benefit the school.

Reminders

- Please ensure long hair is tied back at all times but especially on PE days and please remember to take out earrings on PE days.

As always, any questions about anything, please just ask.
Take care, keep safe and have a good weekend.

Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

Wed 29 th Jan	Yr 2 trip to Glive
Fri 7 th Feb	Book Viewing – Year 1 and Year 2 parents
Tues 11 th Feb	Internet Safety Day
Tues 11 th Feb	3.40 – 6.30pm Parents Evening (Yr R, Yr 1 and Yr 2)
Wed 12 th Feb	3.40 – 6.30 pm Parents Evening (Snowdrops)
Thurs 13 th Feb	3.40 – 6.30pm Parents Evening (Poppies, Yr 1 and Yr 2)
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st Feb	Half term
Thurs 27 th February	7-8pm Phonics Screening Workshop for Year 1 parents
Thurs 6 th March	World Book Day
Week beginning 10 th March	Daisies Parents Evenings
Fri 4 th April	2.30pm Golden Rabbit Assembly Last day of term
Mon 7 th – Monday 21 st April	Easter Holidays

+ Parenting Workshops – various dates – see above in newsletter text

INSET DAYS

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