



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

14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a good half term and enjoyed some reasonable weather. The children have been very busy since they have been back and due to the good weather, have been making the most of their outdoor areas.

It has been National Anti-bullying week this week and during their SCARF lessons the children have been learning about what bullying is and what bullying isn't. There is a useful parent leaflet attached from the National Anti-bullying alliance.

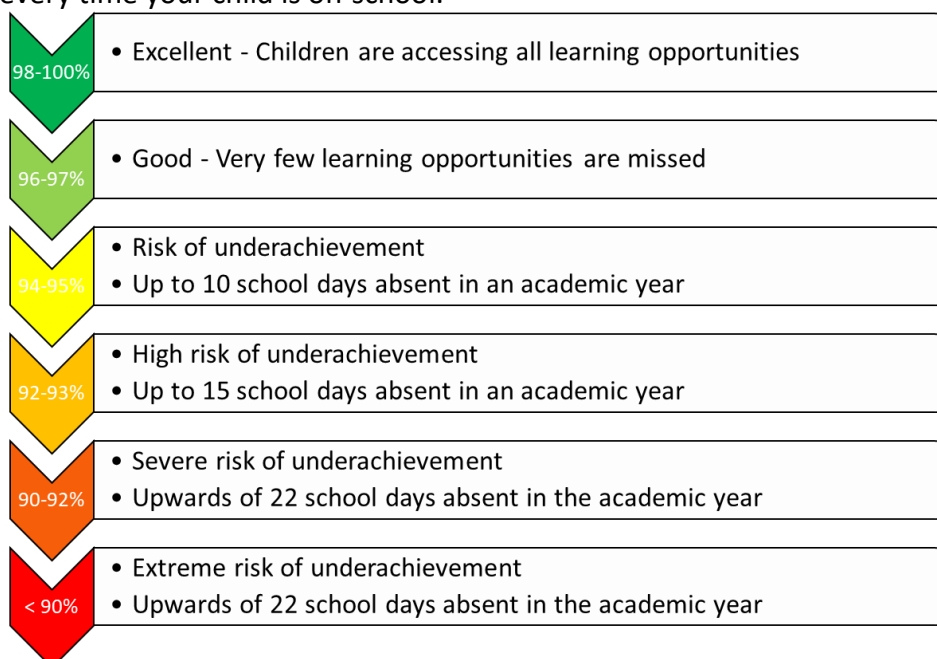
Most children had their flu nasal immunisation (85%) on Monday this week and hopefully that will help us all remain healthy over the coming half term, especially as attendance has been good last half term (see below).

### Attendance

As you will know, we have to monitor children's attendance every day and this information is sent to the Government. I wanted to celebrate that our whole school attendance up until half term was **96.8%** (National average 95.2%).

Well done for making sure your children were at school every day. There are a few children whose attendance is currently below 90% and I will be continuing to monitor this, over this half term, and if it does not increase, I will be writing to you at the end of this term, so that we can work together to improve your child's attendance.

Our Attendance Policy (following the Local Authority model) is on our school website and is just being reviewed by the Governors. In Appendix 3, there is a useful guide for parents and the table below is taken from this. It clearly shows the missed learning (as well as social) opportunities every time your child is off school.



### Grounds Working Party      Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9am – 12pm

Thank you to those parents who have completed the form to say that they will be coming. If you are free and could spare an hour between 9am and 12pm, just come to the school and join us on the playground. It is a good family morning – and the weather looks ok!!

### A Huge Thank You from FOPS!

A big thank you to everyone who helped us raise £472.09 at the Halloween Disco. We're also incredibly grateful for your generous donations to the Rainbow Raffle and for helping your children dress in their class colours.

### Family Festive Fun Event – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

FOPS Family Festive Fun Event is only a few weeks away! If you haven't already done so, please buy your tickets via [FOPS](#).

We're also looking for volunteers, if you can spare even half an hour, it would make a big difference. If you need more raffle tickets, please stop by the office to collect some.

Thank you again for your amazing support, we could not do it without you!

### Primary Behaviour Service Parent Workshop

Anxiety

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November    6pm

Manor Junior School

The second of these workshops, primarily aimed at dads or male guardians is next week and this one is about Anxiety. Please try and go along to

- *Gain strategies to support your child through challenging moments.*
- *Learn de-escalation techniques to defuse tense situations.*
- *Discover effective ways to communicate and connect with your child.*



### Maths

As we had to cancel the Maths workshop due to lack of interest, Mrs Gray has kindly put together some useful maths links – this was sent in an email earlier this week.

### Road Safety Day

Next Friday (21<sup>st</sup>) we will be taking part in Brake's annual road safety day. The children will be learning how to keep safe near roads and exploring different types of transport. As the nights are now much darker, we have attached a flyer with ideas of how to be seen when walking home in the dark.

### SCARF

This half term the theme in our SCARF lessons is 'Valuing differences'. SCARF provide suggested family activities, talking points and some games or worksheets (there is no expectation to print these off) to support your child's learning in school. Please follow the links below to find the activities. 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.

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

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

### Packed Lunches

Please can I remind all parents that we are a NO NUT school – a few children have had Kinda Bueno bars in their packed lunches and these contain hazelnuts.

Also, if your child has grapes in their lunch box, please can you cut them in **half lengthways** as they are a choking hazard especially for children under 5. Part of the new Government Early Years Nutrition guidance states that they should be cut in quarters. -

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### Parent Governor

I am pleased to inform you that we had one application for our Parent Governor vacancy so Sarah Simpson (parent of a child in Poppies class) will be joining the Governing Body.

### IQ Cards and School Photo

The proofs have now been sent home with the children. Please remember to take advantage of the free delivery back to school. Deadlines for ordering:

**IQ cards – 19<sup>th</sup> November**

**School Photo – 26<sup>th</sup> November**

### Hampshire Parent Carer Network

Please see attached a flyer for the Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN) Get Togethers throughout November. These sessions are a great opportunity for parent carers of children and young people with SEND to connect, share experiences, and access support.

Please keep an eye on their website [Hampshire Parent and Carer Network](https://www.hampshireparentcarer.org/) for details of upcoming dates and venues. There is also a flyer for their **Mystery Visits Programme**. This is a fantastic way to help improve accessibility and inclusion in local leisure and cultural venues.

### Hampshire Libraries

Hampshire Library Service are working together with Connect4Communities once again this year to provide signposting and support for members of the community struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. Farnborough Library is holding a drop-in Warm and Welcome Event on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 10am to 12pm. There is no appointment needed. Please see attached poster.

### Thank you

A big thank you to those parents who have kindly donated tissues and hand soap – this is really appreciated. We are happy to receive these at any time – please just send them in with your child.

Don't forget, that our wish list links are on our website, if you are able to donate something at any time it really is appreciated – Sellotape and masking tape is being well used at the moment!!

Have a good weekend.

Take care.

Miss Greenway

## Dates for Diaries

Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	am School Grounds Working Party – come and help tidy our school grounds
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	IQ Cards deadline for free delivery into school
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6pm Primary behaviour Service Parent Workshop
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Road Safety Day 10am – 12pm Warm and Welcome Event – Farnborough Library
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	1-4pm FOPS Family Festive Fun Day
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual School Photo deadline for free delivery into school
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	pm Elf Run – in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell 2.30pm Golden Rabbit Assembly
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm Year 2 Christmas Performance
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am Daisies Christmas Performance
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am Year 2 Christmas Performance
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am Daisies Christmas Performance
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am Year 1 Christmas Performance 2pm Year R Christmas Performance
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am Year R Christmas Performance 2pm Year 1 Christmas Performance
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	pm Christmas Parties
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.15pm Finish – last day of term

Further information to follow – but please ask if you are unsure about anything.