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We aspire for all at Parsonage Farm to feel valued and cared for, to have a continued excitement for learning, ensuring success as they journey onwards.

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good half term and enjoyed the good weather at the end of the week. I certainly enjoyed the sun shining and managed to get out for some walks. Autumn is definitely here now, with the shorter days and darker evenings and all the leaves falling down. You will have seen that the playground and paths are covered in leaves now. Mr Gurung, our caretaker, is out every morning with the leaf blower, but this is a never-ending job. We have a school grounds working party tomorrow morning (Saturday 14th Nov) between 9am and 12pm – please come along and help for a little while.

The children looked great today in all their different colours and thank you for your donations for FOPS Rainbow Raffle.

Remembrance Day

The children did amazingly well completing the two minutes silence on Wednesday 11th November. Thank you for sending your child to school wearing their uniform if they attend Rainbows, Beavers or Squirrels and also, thank you for sending your child in with money to buy a poppy. I will let you know how much we raised for the British Legion, once we hear.



Scholastic – Book Fair

Don't forget, you can still come and buy books after school today and Monday.

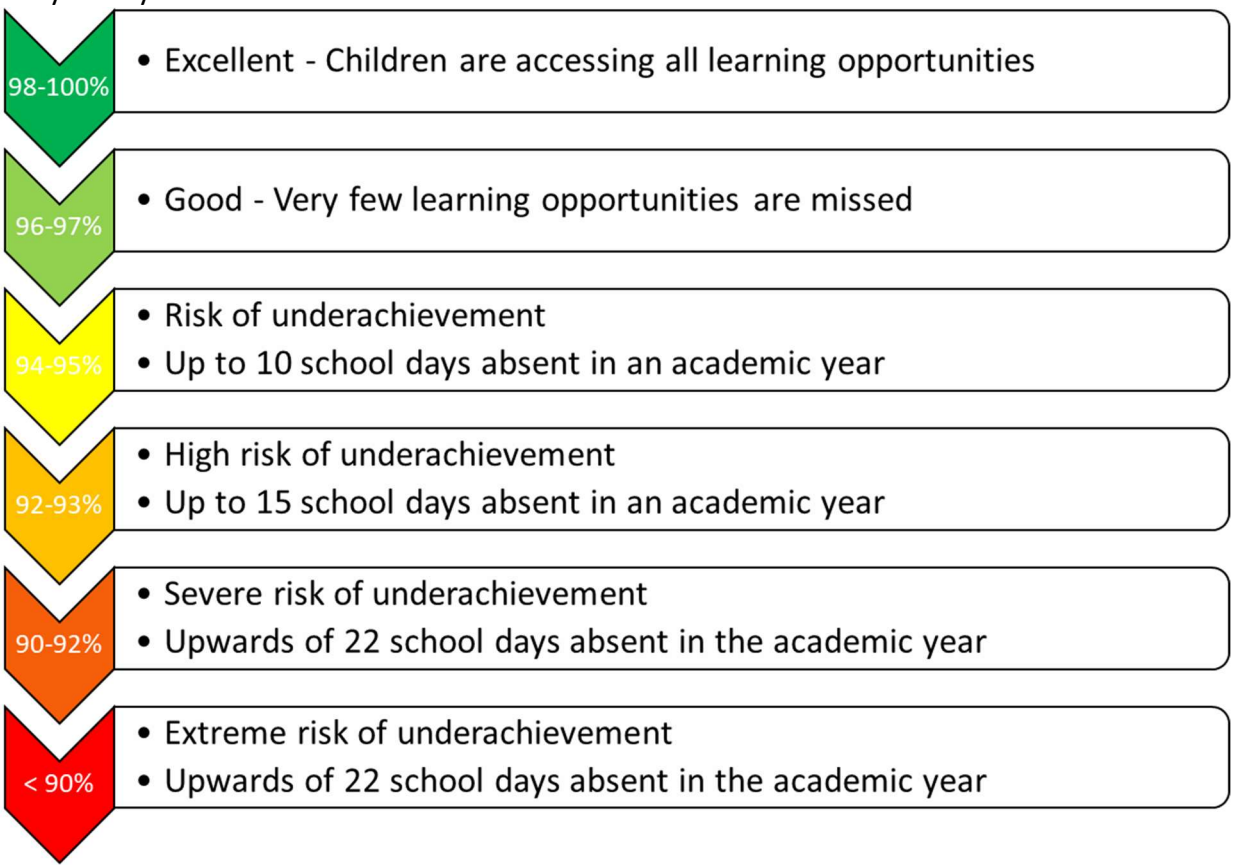
School Photos/Christmas Card Order Deadlines

School Photographs -delivery back to school, you have until **17th November**.
Christmas Cards- delivery back to school, you have until **19th November**.

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 **96.15%** (National average 95.34%).
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 has just been 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.



The policy also states:

- *Ensure your child arrives on time for school every day and is ready to learn. Arriving after registration is recorded as an unauthorised absence. Pupils must be in school by 9.00am.*

The Governors have chosen to monitor lateness this year as more and more children last year were arriving after the registers closed. Again, your child misses out on social time with their friends if they are not in school before 9am.

Year R Parent Meeting Monday 9th November 2.45pm

It was lovely to see some of Snowdrops and Poppies parents at the reading meeting this week. We hope you found it useful and feel more confident to support your child with their reading at home now.

Daisies Parents Evenings

Miss Petty and Mrs Read should have arranged a time to meet with you over the next couple of weeks. Please speak to them if you have not got an appointment time.

Birthdays

We always celebrate with your child in school when it is their birthday – by singing Happy Birthday and listening to them sharing what is happening on their special day. Please can we ask that you do not send in sweets for us to give out to the other children on your child's birthday as we are a healthy school and also have many children with allergies that cannot have certain sweets. Children can also get very upset if they then don't have sweets to give out on their birthday. Thank you for your understanding and supporting us with this.

What is my child learning at school?

Each half term information is added to the website to inform you of what your child will be learning in school. Please follow the links below to access the relevant information for your child/children.

Daisies: Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infant School - Half termly learning

Year R: Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infant School - Half termly learning in Yr R

Year 1: Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infant School - Autumn Term 2

Year 2: Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infant School - Autumn Term 2

Anti-Bullying Week



The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week is 'Break the Silence'. The aim of the week is to encourage children, young people and adults to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together. On Monday 16th November, the children will learn about this in assembly. Our SCARF unit this half term builds on this further.

Please follow this link to our Anti-Bullying policy: 026A7A738B49208A8EC1F0630F361F65.doc

SCARF

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

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 above 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.

Message from FOPS

A huge thank you to everyone who has generously donated items for our Christmas raffle today. Your support is very much appreciated.

Raffle tickets will be sent home tonight. Please return the ticket stubs and money to school. If you have any unused tickets, please return these too, as we can reuse them for the Christmas Fair.

Please remember to book your tickets for the Christmas Fair here – FOPS we would also be incredibly grateful if you could sign up to volunteer, even if you can only spare half an hour. Every little bit of help makes a difference.

You should also have received an email yesterday with further information about the Christmas colouring competition and cake donations.

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 16th December

We would like all children to enjoy a special Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December. This year, our catering team has asked that lunch choices are ordered in advance, rather than children signing up on the morning. This will help the kitchen order the correct amount of food and ensure they can make it a really special Christmas lunch for everyone.

Please use the link provided to order your child's lunch, even if they will be bringing a packed lunch from home.

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Miss Greenway

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Mrs Gray, Mrs Bowyer & Miss Petty

All orders must be submitted by **Tuesday 1st December**.
Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept any late orders for a cooked Christmas lunch, as the kitchen will have already placed its food order. Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 16th December – Fill in form

Reindeer Run - Friday 4th December

We take part in this event to support Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and the children are asked to collect sponsorship.
We are looking forward to the Reindeer Run on the afternoon of Friday 4th December. You are welcome to come and stand on the playground and watch your child and their year group running round. When your child's year group has finished, please can you leave the playground so that the next year group parents can come onto the playground. The approximate timings will be:

1.15 – 1.35 Yr 2 (Daffodils and Bluebells)
1.35 – 1.55 Yr 1 (Sunflowers and Tulips)
1.55 – 2.10 Yr R (Poppies and Snowdrops)
2.10– 2.20 Nursery (Daisies)

Your child will bring home a sponsor form on 27th November which has more information, so let's see how much we can raise for Phyllis Tuckwell.

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. Thank you too for things from our Amazon wish lists – the children love getting new things to use in class.

Requests



- Masking tape and/or Sellotape – the children seem to be using lots of this at the moment

Reminders

- Please remember to name hats, scarves and gloves – there have already been some left on the floor in the corridors!!

Take care and have a great weekend. Hope to see some of you at the School Grounds Working Party tomorrow. Any questions, please just ask.

Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

Fri 13th Nov	Scholastic – Book Fair
Sat 14th Nov	9am – 12pm School Grounds Working Party – help tidy our school grounds
Mon 16th Nov	Scholastic – Book Fair
Tues 17th Nov	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 20th Nov	Road Safety Day
Mon 30th Nov	pm Year 1 Visit to Cove Church
Fri 4th Dec	Reindeer Run – in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell

	2.30pm Golden Rabbit Assembly
Mon 7th Dec	2pm Year 2 Christmas Celebration
Tues 8th Dec	9.15am Year 2 Christmas Celebration
Thurs 10th Dec	9.15am Daisies Christmas Celebration
	2pm Yr 1 Christmas Celebration
Fri 11th Dec	9.15am Yr 1 Christmas Celebration
	pm Rocksteady Concert
Mon 14th Dec	9.15am Daisies Christmas Celebration
	2pm Yr R Christmas Celebration
Tues 15th Dec	9.15am Yr R Christmas Celebration
Wed 16th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 17th Dec	Christmas Parties
Fri 18th Dec	1.15pm Finish – last day of term

INSET Days
Fri 12th Feb
Friday 2nd July
Monday 5th 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