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Newsletter 02 – Monday 3rd October 2022

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy few weeks, as always, at the start of the new school year. The children have settled brilliantly!

Cheese and Wine

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Cheese and Wine evening. Thank you to all those who were able to make it. During the pandemic it was very difficult for parents to make new friendships, so we are really delighted to be able to hold more events like this now.

Parent Council

We have had our first parent council meeting which was well attended, so thank you to those parents that gave up their time. These are so useful for us as they give direct feedback on issues that arise. We are never complacent and want Pashley to be the best school it can be for your children, so please do feedback to your class reps. Issues discussed this time were;

- mixing of classes and how this is approached
- clubs available after school currently
- ideas for school trips and events
- having photos of Harrisons food
- using Class Dojo and communication with class teachers

Most classes were able to send a rep. Thank you! If your class didn't we'd be really grateful if someone could come along next time so every class is represented. It doesn't need to be the same person, it's just once a term and lasts around an hour and, most importantly, we have really delicious chocolate biscuits.

We love that so many parents are part of informal WhatsApp groups. These are great for parents to communicate and we are grateful that parents take the initiative and set these up. Many of the questions and points raised at the Parent Council came from these groups so thank you to everyone who contributed.

Workshops

The workshops that we held for Year 1 and Year 2 were very popular and feedback from parents was that you really enjoyed the opportunity to pop into class too. As discussed in the EYFS parent workshop we will soon be holding regular 'drop in' sessions for EYFS parents.

Safeguarding

At the parent workshops we have started to include useful tips to help parents with online safety. Below is another really useful link which explains about how to set parental controls.

<https://www.nsppc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Foodbank Fridays

This morning we were delighted that Jessica and Jess from Eastbourne foodbank came in to share with the children what a Foodbank is. As many of you will be aware there are many people in Eastbourne who are finding it difficult to afford food and household supplies. If you are in a position to be able to donate to the foodbank, we will be collecting supplies every Friday this month. Last year, Pashley families and staff donated an incredible amount and we would love to do the same this year!

Attendance

High attendance is key to children's learning. If your child is unwell you need to inform the school either by email office@pashley.e-sussex.sch.uk or ring and leave a message on the absence line. You need to contact the school every day that your child continues to be absent unless you know they will not be able to return for a given time (e.g. chicken pox). If we do not hear from you, we have a protocol we will follow to ensure your child is safe. This takes time and can mean phoning other people on the contact list. To avoid this, we would be very grateful if you could follow the procedures.

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Class attendance

Well done to the top three classes - one in each year group - for great attendance!

Squirrels—98.3%

Robins—97.9%

Foxes—95.8%

All the children in the above three classes will receive 5 Dojo for the great team effort!

Prospective parents

No sooner do we welcome in our new EYFS parents than we start our tours for Prospective Parents for children starting in 2023! Please do come along and see the school in action if you have a little one starting next September. We have put all the information on the website about the tours and events which run through November.

School Entrance

Thank you for all your lovely comments about the front office reception makeover! Lots of you have asked who created it. Mrs Hutchinson worked with groups of children in the Summer Term 6 and then during the school holidays Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Woodgate and Mrs Favell (all creative geniuses!) put it together. We love it – and are so pleased you do too!

Diary dates

Feedback from last year was that parents found the diary dates really useful. We have put together a list of dates and will update monthly with new events coming up when we send out the monthly newsletter.

Black History Month

This year's Black History Month is from 1 October 2022, to 31 October 2022. We will be doing some assemblies and sharing books with children to mark this event.

Quiz Night

Back by popular demand is the Pashley Quiz night! It will be held in the school hall on Thursday 13th October. More details sent out separately by the wonderful Friends of Pashley.

With warm wishes,
Heather Godding – Headteacher