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### **Newsletter 04 – Thursday 1st December**

Dear Parents,

#### **Christmas Events**

So December has arrived. Christmas preparations are coming together in school and we are looking forward to the Christmas Fair on Saturday 11am -2pm. We very much hope you can come and that you are able to come to any other Christmas Events that your children are involved in at school.

While many children and families are excited about Christmas, we do appreciate that for some families Christmas can be a difficult time. Please do see our website for links in the community that may help and also do contact our Inclusion team if there is something you think we may be able to help with.

#### **Woodland Fun!**

Thank you to those families that came and helped with the woodland event organised by Treebourne last Saturday. It was great to hear that so many people helped keep the Woodland safe and flourishing with the new trees being cared for after being planted some months ago.

It's also been great to see (and hear) EYFS up in the Woodland exploring, making hats and revisiting 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. Thank you to those parents that were able to attend the class woodland drop ins.

#### **Parent Council**

We had our termly Pashley Parent Council this week. Term 3's meeting will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January and Term 4's on 9<sup>th</sup> March. Both start at 9.15am in the Staff Room. Please do come along if you can. We welcome more than one rep for each class and always have tasty biscuits!

Having feedback from parents really has made a difference to things we do so we would love to see you, if you can attend on behalf of your class.

#### **Allergies to animals**

We love our farm animals and are also very lucky to have a dog visiting regularly in Year 2, with her lovely owner Lis. Jenny the Golden Retriever is loved by the children, who read to her and take her for a walk on a Wednesday afternoon. As with all our animals we make sure that we have a risk assessment in place and are very careful that children are kind and caring for animals, teaching them the importance of being responsible for their wellbeing and welfare.

If your child has an allergy to any of animals and you haven't already let us know, please do let the office know as soon as possible. This includes allergies to feathers fur and if your child is licked by one of the animals.

#### **Harrisons Catering**

Many of the parents have commented positively about the food and how much the children enjoy the variety and quality of food. We have one of the highest uptakes locally of free school meals and are so lucky to have Kylie and her amazing team at Pashley. Please see our school website where we have put a link on to Harrisons for more information about the catering.

#### **Reading**

It's great to see even more new reading books going home. Please remember to keep the reading books in the book bag and return to school every day so we can ensure all the children are being given chance to practise the sound they are working on in class. Thank you!

#### **Tissues**

An old Pashley tradition is for families to donate tissues to their class and we are in short supply currently in most! (There are a lot of colds at the moment!!) If you are able to donate a box or two, we would be very grateful.

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### **Attendance**

High attendance is key to children's learning. If your child is absent you need to inform the school either by email [office@pashley.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto: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.

Well done to our top three classes with the most attendance! Every day in school does count!

Robins Class – 95.6%

Moles Class – 95.6%

Badgers Class – 94.3%

### **On-line Safety**

Each term we are sharing a new online safety tip. These will be shared in workshops sometimes and have been put on our website too to show how we can work with families in partnership to keep children safe on line.

Mr Page, our Rabbits EYFS teacher, has kindly made two user friendly videos to help. Please [follow the link](#) to watch these.

We will add new videos every term. It's really key that children are taught about online safety as soon as they use devices and there are things that grown ups can do to strictly limit their access.

If any families also have useful tips, please do share these with the school. Pop into the office and ask to speak to either myself or Mrs Lewis.

We still have a couple more weeks left of term 2, with our last day of term on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December finishing at normal time. I am sure I will see you before this date, but if I don't then on behalf of us all at Pashley have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023!

With warm wishes,  
Heather Godding – Headteacher

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## **Dates for your diary**

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 11am-2pm	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 7th December	EYFS Nativity
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Xmas jumper day and Xmas Dinner
Friday 9th December 2.30pm	Foxes Class Assembly
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm	Year 2 Christmas Concert
Thursday 15th December 2.15pm	Year 1 Christmas Concert
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term 2
Tuesday 3rd January	First Day of Term 3
Tuesday 10th January	Twilight training - NO Ladybirds
Friday 10 January 2.15pm	Squirrels parent assembly
Wednesday 18th January	EYFS maths workshop (sign up for one)
Thursday 19th January	EYFS maths workshop (sign up for one)
Monday 23rd January	EYFS Pirate day
Tuesday 24th January 9.15am	Parent Council Term 3
Friday 27th January 2.15pm	Hedgehogs parent assembly
Friday 3rd February 2.15pm	Rabbits parent assembly
Monday 6th February	Inset Day
Friday 10th February	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 20th February	First Day of Term 4