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### **Newsletter 05 – Monday 9th January**

Dear Parents,

#### **Happy New Year!**

We hope you all enjoyed the break and are looking forward to 2023. As always we have lots planned and are looking forward to an exciting year at Pashley.

#### **School Fair**

It was wonderful to have the traditional Pashley School Fair back. A huge thank you to everyone who donated, helped and organised the fair. It such a big and lively event and it wouldn't happen with out the support of so many including the many people that came along.

The school fair with the amazing Friends of Pashley raised an amazing £3,586.51. This will go towards the many 'extras' that friends provide for the children at the school. As always we are so grateful to have such a dedicated team who organise the day.

Thank you so much to everyone.

#### **Parent Council**

Just a reminder that this terms Parent Council is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am in the staff room. Please do come along to represent your class if you can. It is very informal and more than one parent can attend per class with our aim to have all classes represented.

#### **Attendance**

Well done to our top three classes for the highest attendance so far this year, They are:

1<sup>st</sup> Moles

2<sup>nd</sup> Robins

3<sup>rd</sup> Hedgehogs

There are over xxx children who have had 100% attendance every day this academic year! This is brilliant – well done!

#### **Donations**

We had a message from the Staff at the Short Stay Pediatric Assessment Unit at the DGH. It said, 'thank you so much for all the toys and gifts you gave to the hospital. We will make sure that every child who visits the unit is given a present. Thank you for being so kind. Love from all the Doctors and Nurses.'

#### **Safeguarding**

As you will be aware there are staff in school that have responsibility for Safeguarding in school. This means that if you need to report something in school then you will be guided to one of the following staff.

Heather Godding – Headteacher and Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead

Emma Lewis – Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Sharon Souto – Inclusion Lead Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

We also have three other staff members who are trained as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads and these are Ros Dyer, Clare Butler and Nicki Williams. This means that should you need to talk to someone about a Safeguarding concern there should **always** be someone available. If you see or hear something that makes you feel uncomfortable please do report it.

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### **School Dog**

As some families may be aware we have recently started training a school dog. Charley, our school dog is a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel a mix of three breeds and is 12 weeks old. He lives with Mrs Godding with her family and will be coming into school two or three times a week. He has a crate, in Mrs Godding's office, which is his 'cosy and safe place' but will be seen around school during the day too.

Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Godding will be responsible for his welfare and wellbeing in school and have planned his timetable including mini walks and 10 minute training sessions which some children will be helping with. As he gets bigger we hope all the children will have the opportunity to walk him in the Woodland and the school grounds at some point this year. Having a school dog, this year, is a real pleasure and privilege for the children to learn the importance of taking responsibility for animals and treating them with kindness and positivity.

Little Charley has a risk assessment in place and the school is not responsible for any costs of his general upkeep, including food, vet bills and vaccinations etc.

Charley came in to Pashley a little during the holidays and two days last week and he has already helped a tearful EYFS child who had fallen over and one of our Key Stage One children who was unsettled about coming into school on their first day so is already doing a great job!

We are not aware of any child who has allergies to dogs and as his fur does not moult there is much less likelihood of allergic reactions however, please do let the office know if your child has any allergies we are not already aware of. We very much hope that all the Pashley children will get the opportunity to spend some time with Charley this year but if this is something you would like to discuss in relation to your child, please do speak with Mrs Godding or Mrs Hutchinson. Groups of Year 2 will continue to read with Jenny the Golden Retriever on a Wednesday afternoon and take her for a walk around the Pashley grounds. (If the weather allows!)

### **Dates for your diary**

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