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### **Newsletter 09 – Thursday 4th May**

#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

#### **Summer weather and Health and Safety**

It's officially the Summer Term now, although I'm not sure whether Mother Nature got the message as it is not as consistently sunny and warm as it could be. However, just a reminder that all children should have a Pashley sun hat which is to be kept in school with their name clearly on.

On days, where your child needs sun cream to protect from the sun, please apply to your child before school and use a cream that will last the day. Thank you!

#### **Parent Feedback and Parent Council**

The next two dates for Parent Council are next Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May and our last one of the year will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. All parents/carers that would like to come along are very much welcome!

It is always appreciated and very useful to get parent feedback. We recently had a request to use less acronyms and explain school terms more and we would like to thank the parent for this feedback. We discussed this with all the staff in the whole school training session last week so staff are aware. Should you ever be unsure of anything though, please do ask staff and we will endeavor to be more transparent with our language.

#### **Safeguarding - Front Gate**

As you are probably aware, we have had issues with the front gate as it hasn't been closing properly. This has been recently fixed and is now closing fully. The gate is automated and we respectfully ask that it is not pushed as this causes the motor to malfunction. If the motor has to be replaced it costs several thousand pounds so please ensure your children know not to push the gate whilst it is opening.

#### **Attendance**

1<sup>st</sup> – Badgers at a brilliant 97.5%

2<sup>nd</sup> – Foxes close at a fabulous 97.3%

3<sup>rd</sup> – And coming up close behind Robins at respectful 96%

Overall, our attendance is good and above national. We really appreciate the great support and understanding from parents. Thank you!

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### **Online-safety**

If you haven't already, please do check out our [online safety](#) videos with top tips about how to keep children safe and aware online. Thank you to Mr Page for putting these together, they are so useful and so well explained!

### **Pashley Farm**

We have made some changes to the Pashley Farm and the chicken run, "Cluckingham Palace" and the Guinea Pig and Rabbit dwellings, "Carrot Cottage" have both been extended.

Very sadly, Floppy our beautiful white rabbit died recently. She was very old and had the best life

being loved and cared for at Pashley. Having animals in school is wonderful and has so many benefits. One of the things it also teaches children is about the circle of life which can be hard for many.

My leaving gift to Pashley are two baby rabbits. In recognition for my love of Harry Potter, we have named the rabbits Harry and Ron. We will gradually introduce Harry and Ron to the children so they will become used to being carefully handled and socialized.



### **Staff News**

**Miss Brown** - Annalie Brown will be returning in June from her maternity leave. Miss Brown will be going part time on two days so she can enjoy baby Eli. We are very much looking forward to her returning and she will be working for the rest of this year on Mondays and Tuesdays job sharing with the marvelous Mrs Martin in Moles Class.

**Miss Fossella** - Vanna Fossella will be leaving Pashley for new adventures at the end of the academic year. Vanna has been at Pashley for over four years as she came to us as a student in 2018. I have to say Miss Fossella will be very much missed by the children and the staff. She is an absolute natural with the children and has a wonderful warm nurturing manner and is a pleasure to observe teaching. We wish her every happiness and success in the future.

We have recruited a new team member to the cleaning team. Libby Sayers has long standing connections with the school with her family and will be working daily with the cleaning team led by the kindest caretaker in all the land, Mr Geal.

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Talking of Mr Geal, in Term 6 he will be temporarily replaced by Mr Simon Bradshaw. Mr Bradshaw is a recently retired site supervisor from Motcombe, so is very familiar with the ins and outs of looking after a busy infant school. We are very grateful to Mr Bradshaw for agreeing to join our team until Mr Geal returns at the start of the next academic year.

As many of you will be aware, Chloe Blemings is our new school secretary. She is already doing a fabulous job and thank you to everyone who has commented on her sunny welcoming approach in the office. She's a real asset to the team!



**CAP money course**

Friday  
5, 12 & 19 May  
5-6.30pm

Victoria Baptist Church  
Eldon Road, BN21 1UE

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your money, whilst  
your kids are at...



### **CAP money course**

Victoria Baptist Church are running a CAP money course in May to help you handle and understand your finances better. It also coincides with their Church Kids Club, so parents can attend while their little ones have fun. The course is free and you don't need to sign up in advance. Kids Club is just a 50p donation. This is run by a Pashley parent so if you need support with your finances, join them in May

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 11th May	Parent Council Meeting
Friday 12th May	Class Photographs
Friday 12th May 14.15 - 14.45pm	Badgers Class Assembly
Friday 19th May 15.15 - 16.30 pm	Year 1 disco
Friday 26th May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 5th June	INSET Day—No school for children
Tuesday 6th June	First Day of Term 6
Saturday 17th June 11am-2pm	Summer Fair