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### **Newsletter 4 – Wednesday 21st February**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 here at Pashley. It's always one of my favourite terms, as we see the weather begin to change and I can return to that feeling of driving to work in daylight again. I think it really helps with everyone's mood when we start seeing the daffodils and sunshine more.



I'd like to introduce our newest Pashley member of staff! Mr Read-Riseley is our new caretaker, who will now be job-sharing the role with Mr Geal on a 50/50 basis. He knows the school well due to his children coming to Pashley and, as an ex-fireman and roofer, he brings many skills to the role. We are delighted to have him, which has also allowed Mr Geal to go part-time. I believe they will make a great double act and have already christened them our very own "Robson and Jerome."

Many of you will have met Honey, our school dog, when she has been on the gate with Mrs Souto. Now we are half way through the year, our plan is to start integrating Honey in to the school even more with the ultimate aim for her to be able to spend time in classrooms without the need for Mrs Souto to be there, and thus, her to feel even more part of the school. For this to be the case, we need to train the children to be "Honey-ready". For example, when she walks down the corridor currently, the children get very excited and all want to stroke her. This is of course completely understandable, but can be quite overwhelming for Honey. It will also of course feed in perfectly with our "Respectful Rhino" Value. We will be launching our "Honey-Ready" ethos with the school in a special assembly on Friday.



On the last Friday of Term 3, we held our first "Celebration Assembly", which will now be held at the very end of each term. If your child is going to be receiving a certificate or an award in that assembly, you will get an invite from their class teacher. This is why some Parents were lining up for assembly on that last day, as they had received an invitation but, I know it caused some confusion. I am pleased to say the assembly was a joy and gave us a great chance to celebrate everything that is wonderful about this school.

I would like to finish with a big thank you! I have noticed a real improvement in the parking at drop-off and collection times. Mr Geal and Mr Read-Riseley will continue to be out there through the day so please do alert them if there are any concerns you have but I am pleased to report that I have had no recent complaints from local residents. Long may that continue.

#### **Ladybirds and Clubs**

Kind reminder, all afterschool club queries should be emailed directly to the clubs. If you have any queries about Earlybirds or Ladybirds, please email [ladybirds@pashley.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:ladybirds@pashley.e-sussex.sch.uk)  
Thank you!

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### **Leave of Absence form**

If you are planning to take your child out of school in term time, please make sure you complete the leave of absence form which can be picked up from the school office.

### **Absence Reporting**

We expect children to be at school on time, every day, by 9.00am. If this is not possible due to illness, then please contact our School Office by telephone: 01323 730719 by 8.45 or email [absence@pashley.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:absence@pashley.e-sussex.sch.uk) . Please report the illness each day of your child's absence. For appointments during the school hours, please obtain a medical note or certificate to cover the absence.

### **Dates for your diary for Term 4**

Thursday 29th February	Twilight (No Ladybirds)
Tuesday 5th March	Parents evening 3.20-5.40pm
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7th March	Parents evening 3.20 - 5.40 pm
Friday 15th March	Red nose day (mufti)
Wednesday 27th March	FOP Easter Egg Hunt 3.00 - 4.30pm
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Term 4
Monday 15th April	First Day Term 5