

Padnell Post



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8th November 2024. Autumn Term No 10

Kids Club – Monday & Tuesday

Please be aware that Kids Club will be held in the hall on Monday and Tuesday morning and in Owls classroom on Monday afternoon. This is due to our SCARF visit, which requires setting up in the community room.



Children in Need

Thank you for supporting this well deserving charity. The new members of the School Council have counted the donations and we raised a very commendable £177.59



Year 2 Trip

The children in Year 2 had a fun filled, informative trip to The SeaCity Museum in Southampton on Wednesday. Thank you to all the staff and parents who escorted the children off site to provide this enrichment experience.



Remembrance Day – Giving Citizens

Children in Years R & 1 stopped to observe the 2-minute silence on Monday (11/11). Thank you to all who sent in money for poppy items, a total of **£354.21** was raised!

Free computer access

Remember that in our Parent Hub we have a dedicated space for you to use a computer and access the Internet or to complete any online courses you may wish to complete. Just pop in and speak with Jo Foster our Parent Partner.

Christmas is coming...Bah Humbug!

Following research, last week staff met to discuss the sensory overload of the Christmas period and the financial pressures on parents at this time of year. Although exciting for many...it can be a period of stress for both children and parents alike and we want to work with you to try and help where we can. In the Parent Hub, should you wish to read it, you will find an article on this subject.

Many schools are reducing the sensory overload by cancelling some traditional events. We have thought at length about this but felt some options would go down like a lead balloon!

However, we have decided to minimise the decorations in the classroom, delay the school tree until Christmas Shopping Day, cut down on Christmas making activities until the last week of term, reduce additional Christmas music and try and keep things as 'normal' and routine as possible for as long as we can.

Please note we have asked the Elves not to visit us in school, as this is also an added pressure on many families. If the Elves do visit you, please discuss with your child that this is something just for home.

Further, to save you a few pennies, we also are asking you to consider the sending of cards. These are dying out in the community so do we need them in school? If you do still wish to, please only send within classes and ensure your child is involved in writing them. Please be mindful that the child that does not get a card every day feels extremely left out and emotional. Maybe an '**All for one and one for all**' approach would be appropriate at this time of year.

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Christmas Events

Many of our traditional events will still take place. We will be visiting St Wilfrid's for a whole school Christmas Service. Year R will continue with their class nativities. Year 1 will perform a Christmas play and year 2 will meet for a Carol Singing Evening. We will have Christmas jumper day along with our Christmas dinner and of course, our fantastic PIPSA team will run the wonderful annual Christmas Shopping Day.



Christmas Shopping Day and

Santa Visit

Yesterday, you will have received three different coloured letters from PIPSA. Please return the green "helper" letter by 26th November and the red Santa visit slip by 29th November, although the sooner the better.

The Christmas Shopping Day sheet (blue) should be sent in with your child on the day itself (6th December).

All dates are on each Padnell Post as well as our website calendar.



Governors

Welcome to Mr Beetlestone and Mr Woolley who have both joined our Governing Body as Co-opted and Parent Governors respectively. They both have children in Year R and are keen to support our community school.



Book Fair

Come Christmas shopping at the Book Fair which will be in school next week. You can visit any morning from 8.20am in the Hall, from Wednesday 20th November until Tuesday 26th November, or from 3.10pm - 3.30pm in Woodpeckers class from Tuesday 19th November until Friday 22nd November.

There are hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy.

Please see the attached QR Code if you would like to make an electronic payment, or there will be a card machine. There will also be a small float if you would like to pay by cash. You can also scan this code to order books if you are unable to make the Fair, as well as making a wish list.

Every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library. Thank you



Leave of Absence Forms

If you need to complete a "Request to Authorise Absence" form, please can you ensure that anyone with parental responsibility completes and signs it.



INSET Day

A reminder that our next INSET Day is Monday 25th November. School will be closed to children. The whole staff team will be involved in Safeguarding training.

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Padnell Junior School Winter Fayre

You will have seen on our list of dates that Padnell Junior School have their Winter Fayre on Saturday 30th November. Mrs Luker will be selling raffle tickets for their Grand Raffle after school next week at £1 a strip.

School Admissions Arrangements

Hampshire County Council, in accordance with statutory requirements, is consulting on proposed changes to the admission arrangements for 2026/27 for all community and voluntary controlled schools within its area and would like to hear your views.

You can view the full consultation **from midday** at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthe-council/haveyoursay/consultations/admission-arrangements26-27>

The consultation will run from Monday 11 November to Friday 27 December 2024.

Holiday Activities & Food (HAF)

Hampshire County Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme offers an exciting programme of fun activities and nutritious meals for families meeting certain criteria.

Please see the attached letter with details of how you can book.

Active Wellbeing Project

The Active Wellbeing project for the Borough of Havant is being launched and they would love your support in helping them understand what being active means to you!

Active can mean a wide range of things for different people, and age and ability are no barrier here – they want to hear from everyone, whether you play a sport, love riding your bike or simply enjoy spending time at the park.

*The **Active Wellbeing project** want to hear what people enjoy doing to be active, what stops them from being as active as they would like to be and what would make it easier for them to be active.*

They would love to hear from you, your school families and your team – please share the link with them!

This exciting project is open until Monday 25 November 2024 and anyone can take part by visiting www.havant.gov.uk/activewellbeing.

*Not online? Not a problem! Visit the Parent Hub or anyone can visit their **local library or community centre** to find out more and give your views via a paper form, or paper copies of the feedback form can be provided on request.*

Alternatively, please contact Havant Borough Council at 023 9244 6019 and ask to give your feedback to the Active Wellbeing project.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher



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Parent Hub with our Parent Partner

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Help & Advice on sleep, eating, behaviour, support, relationships.

Food bank info, community events.

Pre-loved Uniform, Coat Swap

Stay and play for little ones

Coffee and Chat

8.40am – 10am

Diary Dates 2024 - 2025

Date	Event	Year Group	Info
Monday 18th November 6-7pm	Prospective Parents Evening		Is your child 4 before 31 August 2025? If so, they will start school in September 2025. Come along to one of our two parent meetings.
Monday 18 th November – Friday 22 nd November	Junior School Raffle Tickets on Sale	Whole School	£1 a strip, from the Juniors
Tuesday 19th November to 26th November	Book Fair	Whole School	Travelling Book Fair will be in the school from the afternoon of Tuesday 19th November

			until the morning of 26th November.
Thursday 21 st November	Year 2 Titanic Dress Up Day	Year 2	Children to come dressed as a person from the Titanic
Thursday 21 st November – 2pm	Year 2 Parents in class Please sign up with your child's class teacher	Year 2 Parents	You are invited to come and work alongside your child in the afternoon (from 2pm), to complete an art activity
Monday 25th November	INSET Day	Whole School	School closed to Children
Tuesday 26 th November	Deadline for Christmas Shopping Day Helper Request	Whole School	If you are able to help at all on Christmas Shopping Day, please return the slip, or email, by today
Friday 29 th November	Deadline for Santa Visit response	Whole School	Please return the "Santa Visit" Form, noting if your child would like to see Santa or not
Saturday 30th November	Padnell Junior School Winter Fayre		
Monday 2nd December	Christingle Service	Children only	
Friday 6th December	Christmas Shopping Day	Whole School	Children to bring in their "Shopping Lists" and money in a named purse/envelope today
Friday 6th December	Father Christmas visiting	Whole School	
Wednesday 11th December Doors open at 2pm for	Rabbits Nativity	Rabbits Parents	

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2.15pm Performance			
Thursday 12th December Doors open at 8.45am for 9.15am Performance	Squirrels Nativity	Squirrels Parents	
Thursday 12th December Doors open at 2pm for 2.15pm Performance	Foxes Nativity	Foxes Parents	
Monday 16th December Doors open 1.45pm for 2pm start.	Butterflies Christmas Show	Butterflies Parents	
Tuesday 17th December Doors open at 9am for 9.15am start.	Ladybirds Christmas Show	Ladybirds Parents	
Tuesday 17th December Doors open at 1.45pm for 2pm start.	Dragonflies Christmas Show	Dragonflies Show	
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day		
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner	Whole School (Children only)	Must be pre- ordered on SchoolGrid
Wednesday 18th December 5pm-6pm	Year 2 Carol Service	Year 2 children, parents & carers	
Thursday 19th December	Whole School Church Service	Children only	St Wilfrid's
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term		
Friday 20 th December	No After School Kids Club		
Monday 23rd	Half Term		School Closed

December to Friday 3rd January			
Monday 6th January	Return to School		