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Giving Citizen Resilient Learner Original Thinker Wise Worker

10th January 2025. Spring Term No 1

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a great break and are looking forward to a great year ahead.

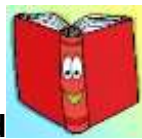
We began this week reminding the children of their uniqueness and the choice they can make to 'Be the nice Kid'.



Curriculum Newsletters

Please see the website for this half term's Newsletters and Key Vocabulary sheets:

<https://www.padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Newsletters&pid=40>



If you read you will succeed

99 children had 99 ice creams this week to celebrate their reading at home. This half term 5 Friday's count, starting next week (17th January).

Following feedback, we ask that if your child is absent from school on a Friday either because of a holiday, appointment or illness, you send, via the school office, a photo of their reading record if you are concerned they may miss out on the reward. Thank you.



Year 1 African Workshop

Children in Year 1 enjoyed a morning of music and dance yesterday to enhance their half term topic linked to Africa.



Baby its cold outside!

Don't forget that we run a free coat swap in our Parent Hub if your child has outgrown theirs. Feel free to add yours to the rail if it is clean and still in good condition. Mrs Foster will place the trolley outside the hub as a reminder to you all.

Please make sure your child has a warm coat with them everyday.

Beat The Blues & Cake Bake

Children will be busy next week colouring in little flower notes of hope and love ready for our school councillors to accompany myself and Mrs Young in spreading good will in our local community on "Beat the Blues" Day – Monday 20th January. The end of January can be hard for lots of people who feel the winter blues or are struggling financially, so this our little way of spreading cheer.

In addition our wonderful PIPSA team are being 'Giving Citizens' and baking some delights ready to sell to you after school on this day so don't forget your pennies to purchase a tasty treat!



Attendance

Our whole school Attendance figure for the Autumn term was 97.02%. Thank you for working with us on this. Every day missed means your child has learning to catch up on and this can cause anxiety, so it really does make a difference.

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As shared with you previously, it is my duty to inform you regularly of your child's attendance. This ensures that it is accurate and also, that if it slips below the required 96%, we work together to improve this. We are aware that holidays and genuine illness impact this figure, but we are obliged to still send the information regularly. So, if your child has missed some schooling over the last half term, please expect a letter on Monday. Do however, come and see me if you need any further explanation or are having any difficulties. Thank you.



Whole School Dinner Day -

Also attached is the special "Into the Wild – Outback" menu for **Thursday, 16th January**. This is Census day and the second of our whole school dinner events. It will run just like it did in October with all except a few children with exceptional reasons being given a hot school dinner on this day.

Thank you for your support with this day. For those that don't know, this bizarrely impacts on the school budget, so it really helps if we can work as a team on this event.



Dolce Lunches

Thank you for your understanding of the changes to lunches this week. The problem is damaged cooking equipment due to a leak in the junior school roof, which is being addressed. However, we may need to be patient and understand that there could be other alternatives until it is sorted.

Attached is this term's menu, which can also be found on our website:

<https://padnellinfant.ovw8.juniperwebsites.co.uk/site/data/files/B12F76EB4C98F6C7394E70D3864E0521.pdf>



Changes



Please keep us up to date if your financial circumstances have changed either due to separation or employment. It could mean you are entitled to support from school.

Also, if you have moved house over the holidays or you, or any of your emergency contacts, have changed phone number please let us know. Thank you.



PIPSA

PIPSA, as well as the Bake Sale on Monday 20th January, are also running the popular Sponsored Bounce- Thursday 13th February info to follow next week

Don't forget to add our Summer Fayre to your diary – **Saturday 7th June**. Many hands make light work!

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Hampshire Children's Partnership

<https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/> is a great source of support to parents and families providing advice on a huge range of topics from parenting young children to dealing with teenage issues. Log into the Parent and Carers section to find out more.

Multiply Sessions

Multiply is excited to offer two valuable opportunities for parents to join **FREE online sessions** on Better Money Habits and Eco-Friendly Finances. Please see the attached for details.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher



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Diary Dates 2024 - 2025

Date	Event	Year Group	Info
Thursday 16th January	Whole School Dinner Day		
Monday 20th January	Beat the Blues Day		TBC
Monday 20th January	PIPSA Cake Bake		
Tuesday 11th February	Internet Safety Day		

Thursday 13th February	Wear a Scarf Day		All children to wear a scarf to school
Thursday 13th February	Sponsored Bounce		Sponsored Event for Child Epilepsy
Thursday 13th February	Last Day of Term		
Friday 14th February	INSET Day		
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February	Half Term		School Closed
Monday 24th February	Return to School		



Parent Hub with our Parent Partner

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
8.40am – 10am

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

Food bank info, community events.

Pre-loved Uniform, Coat Swap

Coffee and Chat

**Stay and play for little ones
every Wednesday**