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Covid Update



You will no doubt be aware of the increasing number of cases within our wider Padnell community. Our thoughts are with those who are poorly at this time and we wish them a speedy recovery. Fortunately, we have not had any confirmed cases either in our children or staff but rest assured that if we do I will contact PHE using the dedicated school line and be advised on the action to take. Last week a parent said to me there was a rumour that the school was closing...I can assure you that you would be the first to know should this unlikely situation occur. What is more likely, as you may be hearing from other sources, is that I will be directed to send home a class or a year group depending on the situation. Sometimes, even with confirmed cases, due to the contamination period and when first symptoms are shown, only the infected person and their families will be asked to remain at home.



Christmas Events

This special time of year is nearly upon us and in school we are trying our best to do as many of the usual events and activities we can whilst mitigating as much risk as possible and working within the guidance.

Planned so far (bubble closures permitting) are:

Monday 7th December – Panto

Each year group will watch the pantomime "Dick Whittington" live streamed from The Kings Theatre. Thank you to PIPSA for paying for this from their yearly donation to the school.

w/c 7th December Christmas Shopping Day

PIPSA have arranged a scaled down version of our traditional Christmas Shopping Day. The attached letter will be sent home today in your child's book bag. Our thanks to the team who have worked with school to find a suitable way forward for this.

Year R Nativity

This will take the form of three recorded videos this year, as the whole year group are not allowed to be in the hall at one time singing! We look forward to sharing this with you in the best way we can. Info regarding costumes etc will follow at a later date.

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Jumper Day - A more detailed letter about this annual event will be sent home in due course, but children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper with their school Uniform. We would ask for a £1 Donation which will be given to the same charity as we supported last year: "Abby's Heroes".

Christmas Dinner – Our caterers, Hc3S will be providing a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16th December. If you do not want your child to have a **red dinner** then please email us (admin@padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk), by **Friday 4th December** to advise if they would like a green dinner or will bring a packed lunch. These will be served in

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classes for years 1 and 2 and in the hall for year R.

Christmas Church Service

In the afternoon, all classes will join an online Christmas service led by Reverend Snares of St Wilfrid's Church.

Thursday 17th December – Santa visit

Although very busy, we're pleased to say that Santa will be coming to see us. He will visit each class in turn and read them a Christmas story. PIPSA again have arranged for a small treat to be given to the children free of charge. Santa and his Elf will be socially distanced from the children and wear visors throughout their time in school.

Friday 18th December – Christmas Show

We will end the year with a Christmas play performed by a visiting theatre company. Again we cannot all see this as a whole school like normal, but it will be performed three times with hall airing in between. Thanks again to PIPSA for paying for this Christmas treat.

Additional classroom activities such as calendars will also continue.

Results - Parents' Evening Questionnaire

38 people responded to our questionnaire.

Overwhelming those that did preferred it due to it being more private, no childcare and fitting in with working arrangements etc.

The negative was not seeing the child's work but our usual 'Open schools' provides this so it may be a combination of these are more suited going forward.

Thank you to those who took the time to give us feedback.



Scootability

The children in Key Stage One had a great time learning how to keep safe when on a scooter. They have shared the importance of wearing a helmet and of adapting your speed in different weathers and in busier situations. They have learnt how important it is to be in control of your scooter and stop safely when coming to a road. They were reminded that as the school site is very busy and parents have previously complained about little ones being knocked over, we have a no scooting on school site rule. Thank you for supporting your child to follow this rule.



Safeguarding

Mrs Giles, Mrs Foster and myself attended refresher 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' training this week to keep our knowledge up to date.

Remember safeguarding of children and indeed each other is everyone's responsibility. If you have a concern about any individuals wellbeing please know that you can bring it to our attention for support. Alternatively, you can report any concern on 03005551386 – adult concerns

03005551384 – child concerns

Crafty Club

The booking system continues to work extremely efficiently. The number of days you can book in advance is continuously rolling over so you are now able to start making your bookings for January if you would like.

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Families Publication

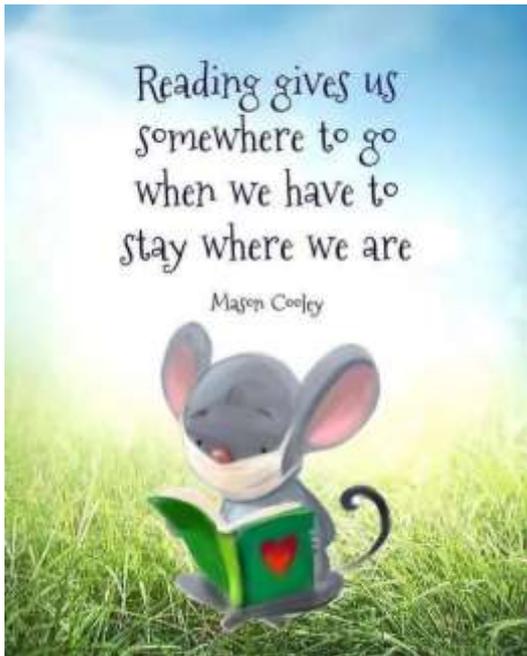
Please find the link below to the festive edition of the Families Solent East magazine, filled with great reads and festive ideas.

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/famnov-dec_solent_east?fr=sNTg2ZjlyNjUyNzU

Read to Succeed

We truly believe that being able to read is the greatest achievement for any child as it is the gateway to everything in life.

Practice makes perfect so please read with your child as many times a week as you can.



Reading stories to your children is just as important as spending a little time working on their own skills. Maybe Santa will bring a couple of new stories for you to share?

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend.

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher

GROW



Giving Citizen
Resilient Learner
Original thinker
Wise Worker

Diary Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Details</u>
Friday 4 th December	Deadline to change Christmas Dinner option	Whole School	If your child would like a green lunch option, or a packed lunch instead of the read Christmas dinner, please email us by 4 th Dec.
Tuesday 8 th December	Year R Christmas Shopping Day	Year R	
Wednesday 9 th December	Year 1 Christmas Shopping Day	Year 1	
Thursday 10 th December	Year 2 Christmas Shopping Day	Year 2	
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Wrapping	All Years	
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper day	Whole School	In aide of Abby's Heroes
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner	Whole School	
Thursday 17 th December	Santa Visit		
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term		
Monday 21 st to Friday 31 st December	School Closed	Christmas Holiday	
Monday 4 th January	Return to school		