

# Padnell Post



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18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Spring Term No 10



## Covid Update

...and so the challenge continues! With many staff off poorly with Covid and supply teachers in scarce supply we have done our best to keep school and all year groups open this week with cover provided by both support staff and leadership. Thank you for supporting us and understanding that with a skeleton staff we cannot provide all of the usual services that we normally do.

Our thoughts are with those of you who too are suffering or having to care for children who are positive at home. Year 1 seems to be year group at the moment most affected but we also have chicken pox and sickness across all year groups.

Let us hope that the sunny weather promised over the next 10 days and hopes of Spring's arrival, lifts everyone spirits.

## Parent/Teacher Meetings



Thank you to everyone who met, virtually, with their child's class teacher. We are delighted that 91% of you made appointments. When we are able to establish some stability, we will organise to invite you in to share with your child their books and learning further. Hopefully in the meantime the work shared on Seesaw and Tapestry also provides some insight into life here at school.



## Red Nose Day

Thank you for supporting Red Nose Day today. We will let you know the final total as soon as all monies are counted.



## Smarties Challenge



Thank you so much for supporting this fundraiser. The final total for the smarties challenge was a tremendous £838.64! That means £419.32 to both Guide Dogs for the Blind and PIPSA.



## Science Day

To celebrate Science Week, the children have today gone 'off piste' with the science curriculum and been exposed to some awe and wonder moments involving skittles and volcanoes. It is lovely to see and hear them making observations and connections about what they have seen.



## Eat them to Defeat Them!

Next weeks' vegetable is Tomatoes. Remember last year Mr BG and Mrs Grayson made a tomato sauce and the children were shown that tomatoes come in all shapes, sizes and colours. Do share how you are encouraging healthy eating with your child at home either on PIPSA Facebook or on the home learning platforms.

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## Back to Basics - Wellbeing videos

Are you or your child finding it hard to be positive? Has your wellbeing been a bit low of late? Well, you are not alone! I personally have found the additional pressures of the past 2 years very difficult and I know that many staff, friends and parents have too. So, what can we do about it? Back to Basics is a simple but effective message that helps to support your wellbeing and that of your child.

Please click this link:

<https://youtu.be/TFapsWFGKUY> to take you to this week's video. Each week we will be signposting you to another linked to the 5 words of wellness - connect, give, be active, take notice and learn.



## No Smoking

A parent has asked me to remind you not to smoke at the entrance to the school gates. Please can we also ask that you do not litter the entrance to school with cigarette ends, especially ones that have not been extinguished. Thank you.



South Farnham SCITT have asked that we share this for anyone thinking of a career in teaching. The recruitment event is at The Old Thorns on 25<sup>th</sup> April. See the attached leaflet for information on how you can book.



## Family Fun Day in Havant

If you're looking for something to do in the Easter Holidays then please see the attached information about 4 "Family Fun Days" taking place in Havant.



## Perform-Peter Pan Workshop

Perform are running a special *Peter Pan* workshop during the Easter Holiday in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Grayson  
Headteacher

## **GROW**



**G**iving Citizen  
**R**esilient Learner  
**O**riginal thinker  
**W**ise Worker

## Diary Dates 2022

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 1 Trip to Portchester Castle	Year 1	
Thursday 7th April	Year 1 Turrets & Tiara's Banquet	Year 1	Details to be confirmed
Friday 8th April	Last Day of Term		
Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April	Easter Holidays		School Closed

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Monday 25th April	Return to School		
Thursday 5th May*	Non Uniform Day (Bottle Donation)	All Children	Bottle Donation for Summer Fayre
Friday 6th May	Class Photographs	All Children	
Friday 13th May	Sports Day	Whole School	Joint with Padnell Junior School
w/c Monday 16th May	KS1 Assessments (SATS)	Year 2 Children	
w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week	Whole School	
Friday 20th May	Non Uniform Day (Choc Donation)	All Children	Chocolate Donation for Summer Fayre
Friday 20th May	Reserve Sports Day	Whole School	Joint with Padnell Junior School
Friday 27th May	Sponsored Bounce	Whole School	PIPSA Event
Friday 27th May	Last Day of Term		
Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June	Half Term		School Closed
Monday 6th June	Return to School		



Dates for the whole academic year can be found on our website: <https://padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk/for-parents/dates>