



Headteacher: Mr Wheeler	<i>"Shine like stars in the sky as you hold on to the word of life"</i> (Philippians 2:15)	Friday 23rd June 2023
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Evening all,

It's been another busy couple of weeks in the life of Pamphill First School for everyone:

- The children were brilliant at the folk festival
- Owls have enjoyed a wonderful trip to Launceston Farm
- The art workshops ahead of the Glow Badbury event have gone down a storm with Owls and Foxes (Stags have theirs next week)

The children have been beyond impressive during the various assessments that have taken place across the school in recent times. The results really highlight the positive direction the school is heading in and the immense efforts the teachers are putting in bearing fruit. Credit of course also goes to the children who have worked so hard and committed to our PAMPHILL behaviours throughout the year. We have a building full of great learners which is the basis for everything else. Teachers are now working on the children's end of year reports which we intend to share with you on 7th July. This will be followed by an informal open evening session in which you are welcomed to pop in to see your child's teachers to discuss the reports if you wish to. You do not need to book a time for this.

We are also gearing up for what looks set to be a fantastic Strawberry Fair next Friday after school. Huge thanks to the group of parents putting this together - their energy and enthusiasm has been awesome and we hope you are all able to join us for some summer fun for all the family! The raffle looks well worth entering too, I might add!

I must also thank those who continue to commit to our new reading initiative. We have seen an increase in the amount of reading at home in recent months which is contributing to the progress the children are making, and how secure they are in their learning. Our reading volunteers on Tuesday afternoons also contribute to this and I thank them again for their continued enthusiasm. Please keep supporting this reading initiative, all the evidence is pointing to huge success with our reading strategy and home is such a big part of that. High quality reading at home is the most impactful thing we can do for our children's learning at home.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Wheeler

Strawberry Fair

Wristbands £5

Included with wristbands:
Bouncy Castle Assault course - Splat the Rat - Hook a Duck - Coconut Shy - Tattoos - Crazy Hair - Splat the teacher - Sweetie prizes & More!

Entertainment

Games

Food & Drink

BBQ - Snacks - Cold Drinks - Tea & Coffee - Pimms - Ice Lollies

Raffle

Stalls include

- Plant sale •
- Strawberries/Blueberries & Cream •
- Lucky Jars •
- Bake Sale •
- Colouring competition •
- Lucky Bottles •

Friday 30th June

3:15 - 5:30 pm

Pamphill School BH21 4EE

Friends & Family welcome

Changes to Transition Day and Sports Day arrangements: Industrial strike action

As anticipated in my message earlier this week, unfortunately we are having to rearrange our transition day due to industrial action being scheduled for the 5th and 7th of July. I cannot yet confirm if the school will close or partially close on those days but I will inform you as soon as possible. Our school pyramid has selected **Monday 10th July as the new date for transition day**, meaning that our new pupils Owls for 23/24 will join us that day; our Year 4s will now go to their new schools; and those moving within the school will spend time in their new classes with their new teachers.

This does mean that we now need to move sports day which was originally scheduled for the 10th. **Sports day will now take place from 1-3pm on Tuesday 11th July** (this was originally the backup date shared previously).

We appreciate your understanding and apologise for any inconvenience.

Staffing Announcements

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to **Mrs Norrish** at the end of this academic year. She has been a highly valued and hugely influential member of the Pamphill team for 7 years and will be sorely missed. Mrs Norrish has supported so many pupils during her time with us and been such a key part of their development. We wish her the very best for the future and hope that she is able to return in the future. We will also say goodbye to our lunchtime supervisor **Debbie Underhill** who has been wonderful with the children during her time with us this year. Both members of the team will be sorely missed.



There's lots to be excited about though and this change will bring fresh opportunities as we finalise our staffing structure for the next academic year. Recruitment processes are underway and we hope that this will involve a closer working relationship with the preschool as well as providing bespoke support for our pupils with additional needs. The teachers will continue to work in their current classes in the 23/24 year and will be ably supported by Mr Farnfield and Mrs Hurley.

Upcoming School /PTFA Events

Friday 30th June: Stags art workshop as part of Glow Badbury Project

Friday 30th June - 3:30-5:30pm: Strawberry Fair

Friday 7th July: NEU Industrial action - further information to follow.

End of Year reports to be shared with parents.

Monday 10th July: Transfer Day (including Y4s to new schools)

Tuesday 11th July: Sports Day (pm)

Thursday 20th July: Leavers' Service 6-8pm

Friday 21st July: Last day of the year inc. church service at St. Stephen's in the morning and our End of Year Party 1-3pm

Some parents have also kindly offered to do a little bit of fundraising by selling **ice lollies after school on Wednesdays** in good weather. Thank you to them!