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## **Pashley Down Infant School**

*Kindness Positivity Honesty Resilience Respect Independence*



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### **Newsletter 2 – Wednesday 5th November**

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back everyone, as we say hello to Term 2. This is of course the term, which has the anticipation of a "Pashley Christmas" at the end. It's such a magical time to be part of the community and I urge you to come to the FOP Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December, including the well-renowned Grotto in the woods!

During December, there are the many Christmas events taking place with the children, so please do check the dates on the newsletter and website, so you don't miss out!

Before we get there, it would be lovely to see many of you at the annual FOP quiz on 13th November. This year, will see a certain person (with no hair) stepping into the very large shoes of quiz master, following the departure of Brett in the summer. I will give it my very best and look forward to having a fun night with you all.

Away from all the fun and games and upcoming festivities, I must turn your attention to the more sobering, brand new, [attendance policy](#). All schools are now required to follow statutory guidelines set out by the government when it comes to attendance, and this policy has been written to reflect these. We have put together a traffic light system, which means children below 90% fall into the amber zone and then the red zone if it decreases to 85%. It's vital that as a school we can demonstrate that we are being proactive in supporting our families when it comes to attendance being 90%+ at the very least for each pupil.

As a result, all families with children who are currently under 90% will be receiving a letter this week alerting them. We completely recognise that either a holiday or a bout of illness will have caused this because we are only a few weeks into the school year. However, we need to start somewhere and it felt fair to wait until now rather than before half term.

November is a very important month for the school as we run our open days for children starting school in September 2026. Please do recommend us to any families you know who are looking at local schools! There are still places to book and the dates are on the website.

Finally, the school (like so many others) is currently in a very challenging situation financially, which is meaning we are unable to spend what we would like to (and need to!) on curriculum resources. We will be sending out Amazon Wishlists very soon, which you obviously have absolutely no obligation to purchase anything for the school, but we would appreciate any support possible at this time.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all the gate over the coming weeks and to another successful term!

Mr Best

#### **Tissues**

Please would parents send in boxes of tissues to use in class. The Pashley tradition may seem unusual, but, especially in the season of sneezes and sniffles, it makes a lot of difference to class hygiene. Thanks!

#### **Panto**

We are very excited to be taking Pashley children to see Peter Pan Pantomime at the Devonshire theatre on Thursday 18th December. This is a very exciting trip for all of us and we look forward to giving this wonderful experience to the children. You should have received an email with further details about the trip.