

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 1: 7th September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable break. It was lovely to welcome the children back on Thursday and we have been really pleased with how quickly they are settling back in to school.

We are very pleased to welcome Monty, Joseph, Piper, Sienna, Mikey and Matthew to our school in EYFS. We also welcome Daisy in to Year 3 and Niall into Year 4. Please do welcome our new families into the Farthinghoe School community.

Mrs Franko has joined our staff team and will be working as a teaching assistant in keystage 1 as well as taking care of the children at lunch time.

I am pleased to say we are now officially part of The Warriner Multi Academy trust; staff and governors have worked hard over the past year to get to this point and we are looking forward to a challenging and productive school year.

Best wishes,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 10/09** – Year 1-6 trip to Warwick Castle
- 18/09** – ‘Meet the teacher’ at 3.30pm in school
- 19/09** – Prince William Award Meeting for KS2 parents at 7pm
- 01/10** - Meeting for parents of pupils in EYFS at 3.30pm
- 18/10** - End of Term 1

Trip to Warwick Castle – Monday 10/0918

Just to remind you that we are taking pupils in Years 1-6 to Warwick Castle next Monday 10th September.

School uniform should be worn and as we shall be outside for most of the day all children will need to wear a waterproof coat and footwear suitable for the conditions. Pupils will need to take a packed lunch and drink for the day, in a carrier bag. Please ensure that everything is disposable.

Pupils in EYFS will stay in school with Ms Turner and Mrs White.

Meet the Teacher – Tuesday 18th September at 3.30pm

This is an opportunity for you to pop in after school if you have any questions for your child's class teacher, or wish to raise any specific concerns about your child as we start the new academic year.

Prince William Award

We are very excited to let you know that we will be introducing the Prince William Award to all our children in Key stage 2. This will take place on a Tuesday afternoon within the school day and will be run by an outside instructor from Skillforce. It is a character and resilience award programme for children aged 6–14 and the first such award programme in Prince William's name. This is a major investment on the schools' part and we are excited to be one of the only schools in the area to be running this new award. Please use this link to find out more <https://www.skillforce.org/prince-william-award-programme/>

Parents of pupils in key stage 2 are invited to a meeting about the award on the 20th September at 7.00pm in the Junior Room.

A422 Road Closure

Everyone was on time on Thursday morning and I would like to thank parents and carers who are putting more time and thought into their journey to school. As I said in my email before term started, we are

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concerned about the closure of the A422 although we are pleased that the Parish Council has arranged the 20mph speed limit outside school.

It is very important for the children to arrive at school on time. Please continue to support your children by ensuring they are in school before registration at 8.55am.

Communication

Our preferred method of distributing letters/newsletters is via email. If you have previously requested to receive letters/newsletters via email we will continue to do so. If you would like to start receiving letters via email, please complete the form below and return it to school. Please note that we do require original, signed paper copies of permission slips.

Milk – Terms 1 and 2

In line with government legislation we offer all children the opportunity to have 1/3 pint of lower fat milk to drink each day. This is free for all pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and 2 and chargeable for pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 unless your child is entitled to free school meals. For all other pupils, the cost of the milk is payable in advance.

If you would like your child in key stage 2 to be offered milk each lunch-time, please can you sign the form below and return it to the school office together with payment of £7.00 to cover the cost of the milk until the end of Term 2.

If your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 and you do not want them to be offered milk, please let us know.

School Bags

We ask that all pupils in Years R to 4 to have a school book bag. This allows the bags to be kept in the classroom without taking up a lot of room and to allow easy access to reading books. Pupils in years 5 and 6 can bring in a suitable bag of their choosing but please do take into account that we only have a limited amount of space available in the cloakroom and that it is a fire escape so the floor area must be kept clear.

Musical Instrument Lessons

For the those pupils that signed up to musical instrument lessons; violin and cello lessons will start next Thursday morning and guitar lessons will start the following Wednesday (19th September) morning.

After school clubs

We will start our after school clubs in the week following half term. If you would like to run a club for our children please let me know.

A message from Mrs Deeley

"Thank You" to everyone for all your good wishes and wonderful gifts on my retirement. My garden seat is very comfortable and has been much appreciated over the summer, as have all the additional presents. Farthinghoe School children have never ceased to amaze and delight me and I shall treasure the books they produced, with their self-portraits and lovely messages. Also, the snowman in July was a lovely surprise! I have so many happy memories of my years at the School and you have given me an unforgettable send-off. Thank you!

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Lower Fat Milk in School (Key Stage 2 pupils only)

I would like my child _____ to be offered milk to drink each lunch-time during Terms 1 and 2 2018/19. I enclose payment of £7.00 to cover the cost of the milk during the 2 terms.

Signed _____

Communication Preferences

Please send all future letters and newsletters relevant to

_____ (child's/children's name/s)

to the following email address/addresses:-

1. _____

2. _____

I will inform the school immediately of any change in email address and will ensure that permission slips are signed and returned to school prior to any date requested.

Signed _____

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