

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 1 : 8th September 2023



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

I do not want to complain but have to ask the question, what has happened to our weather? We break up for the summer holidays and it rains and rains! During our teacher training day last Friday, we were so cold I was considering the cost of putting on the heating and then it was all change!!!! Long may it last, but I am sure it will change very soon so make the most of it whilst you can 😊

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely break, for those that have asked, the wedding was wonderful and as mother of the bride I cried many happy tears. Both girls looked beautiful and we were all very proud. What a fantastic day 😊

The children may have told you about some of the changes that will be happening this year but I also wanted to clarify...

We have always given Cups to each Year 6 child at Leavers' but from this year we want to give EVERY child the opportunity to win a cup. From this year the cups will be presented in celebration of the school values and I am looking forward to seeing who optimises our values so well that we will celebrate them.

We have also decided to retire our Ambassador scheme and appoint a School Council. This will be made up of a single representative from each year group except for Year 6 who will have two children, one will represent Year 6, one will represent our EYFS children. Anyone who wishes to stand may apply by writing a speech to present in an assembly next week (Wednesday). The children will then be invited to vote for the person/people they believe will represent them the best. Please encourage your child to stand, it will be a great adventure to be part of. Watch this space to find out who it will be 😊

One of our main whole school focuses this year will be Growth Mindset and I would like to invite you to a parents meeting so that you may learn more about it. I have spoken to children today; why don't you ask your child to see what they remember 😊 The meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27th September after school 3.30 - 4pm, I look forward to seeing you there.

I think that is all our news so far other than to say, it is great to be back, the children have been fab and may I also extend a huge Farthinghoe welcome to our new families joining us. I look forward to working with you all.

Take special care, Ms Turner and the Farthinghoe Team

Notices

- **The fifth instalment of £30.00 is due by the end of September, for the Longtown trip in Feb 2024**
- The '20p Friday Treat' for all children was an ice pop today. It will return to biscuits next week.

Farthinghoe Village Show – Sunday 24th September

As you may remember we suggested that we would provide an 'Art Gallery' for the upcoming Farthinghoe Village Show on Sunday 24th September. The children were invited to come into Farthinghoe village over the holidays, take a picture of a landmark, a street, or even a building and then recreate this picture in whichever format they like – it may be a watercolour, collage, a pencil sketch or simply using crayons – the choice is theirs!

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We have already received some fantastic pieces of art, but there is still time to get drawing. We need submissions in no later than Monday 18th September, allowing us enough time to mount or frame the work.

House Reward – Attenborough, Yellow House

Congratulations to Attenborough, our winning house last year, with the most House points. As a reward, all children in the yellow house are welcome to wear home clothes to school next Friday (15th September)

School nurse, nasal flu vaccinations

An email was sent out earlier this week regarding flu vaccinations in school on Friday 22nd September. Permission for your child to receive the vaccination, must be given before Tuesday 19th September – this is not an auto opt in. The QR code for providing consent has been printed out and is on the noticeboard on the playground. Simply scan the code with your mobile phone and complete the permission slip.

West Northamptonshire Council

The Farthinghoe Parish Council have asked us to share the following information, regarding council matters which are currently in consultation:

- **Have your say on funding for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities** - please visit the [Have your say on funding for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities](#) overview for further information and how to have your say.
- **Have your say on the Library Service Strategy 2023-2027** - Please visit the [Have your say on the Library Service Strategy 2023-2027](#) overview for further information and how to have your say.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 8th September – Guitar tuition begins with Mr Reynolds

Thursday 14th September – Strings and piano tuition with Mrs Mold begins

Friday 15th September – House Reward Day! Non uniform for members of Attenborough (yellow)

Monday 18th September – Final day to hand in art work for the Village show Art Gallery

Tuesday 19th September, 9am – Final day to provide consent for nasal flu vaccination

Friday 22nd September – Nasal flu vaccination

Wednesday 27th September – Growth mindset workshop for all parents, with Ms Turner in the Junior classroom

Sunday 24th September – Farthinghoe Village Show at the Village Hall

Wednesday 11th October, 3.15pm- Parent Phonics workshop for EYFS and new parents with Mrs Pegg in the KS1 classroom

Thursday 19th October – Parent – Teacher meetings, booking details to follow

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Friday 20th October – End of Term

Monday 30th October – Back to School

Wednesday 1st November, 3.15pm - Parent Maths workshop for EYFS and keystone 1 parents with Ms Turner in the KS1 classroom

Friday 3rd November, 9am – 11am – Open morning for prospective parents, September 2024

Tuesday 7th November, 3.15pm - Parent Maths workshop for keystone 2 parents with Ms Turner in the Junior classroom

Friday 10th November, 9am – 11am – Open morning for prospective parents, September 2024

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