

# FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 2: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many parents at the Junior Prince's Award meeting on Wednesday evening. After listening to John's presentation I feel confident that this scheme will really help the children develop their confidence, resilience and leadership and teamwork skills.

In the classrooms we have been continuing to learn about improving our Mindset and I am sure this award will enhance this.

Congratulations and thank you to Ben, Beth, Daisy, Jessica, Leo, Maggie, River, Rosie, Siena and Timothy who represented the school at the Chenderit Cluster Cross Country Competition yesterday afternoon. Every child showed great enthusiasm and determination to do their very best, so well done to you all! Well done to Beth and Rosie who came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 3 and 4 girls race.

Best wishes,

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**25/09** - Start of Prince's Award for Years 5 and 6

**27/09** - Year 6 Health Screening (School Nurse)

**28/09** - School Ties meeting at 2.30pm in school

**01/10** - Meeting for parents of pupils in EYFS at 3.30pm

**04/10** - Chenderit School Open Evening (for pupils in Years 6) at 7pm

**18/10** - **End of Term 1**

**19/10** - INSET Day (staff only to attend)

**29/10** - **Start of Term 2**

**30/10** - Parent's Evening

**29/11** - Flu Vaccinations

**03/12** - Christmas Making Afternoon

**10/12** - EYFS Parent's Meetings

**18/12** - School Nativity Play

**19/12** - Christmas Lunch and Party

**19/12** - **End of Term 2**

#### Weekly Reminders

Wednesday: Guitar lessons

Thursday: Violin lessons

### Workshops

We would like to run two workshops for parents and carers after half term:

- Helping your child learn their times tables
- Helping your child learn to read

We would like as many parents as possible to be able to attend, so please could you complete the slip at the bottom of the page to indicate your interest and so that we can organise these at a time when it is suitable for most parents.

### After school clubs

We are finalising our list of after school clubs to be offered from the start of Term 2. We would really like to run a healthy eating cooking club on a Tuesday afternoon after school. Are there any parents that would be interested in running this? This would be for a small group of children in Keystage 1. Details of the clubs that will be offered and a permission slip will be in the next school newsletter.

### Home School Agreement 2018/19

Your child will be bringing home today the Home School Agreement for the 2018/19 academic year. This will be accompanied by a medical form for use on school visits and a data collection sheet.

Please do read the home school agreement carefully as there have been changes made to it from previous years.

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### **Woodlouse houses**

As part of our science topic on living things, the children in Keystage 1 have been finding out about where Woodlice live. We went outside and found over 50! Next week we will be building our own woodlouse houses. If you have any materials for 'junk modelling' please could you bring them in on Monday morning. Thank you.



### **Forest School**

We are really excited to announce that the children in Keystage 1 will be taking part in 6 Forest School sessions at Greatworth Hall Farm in Terms 1 and 2. The philosophy of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences. The children will have the opportunity to learn about the natural environment and at the same time establish and grow in confidence, self-esteem and become self-motivated. Ms Turner will be writing a separate letter giving more information.

### **School Council**

Ms Turner would like to thank all those children that have sent a letter of application for the role of school councillor. The children will be interviewed and a decision will be announced in the next newsletter. This is an exciting new venture for Farthinghoe School and we hope to bring you news of all our projects in the near future.

### **Y6 Health Screening**

All children in Year 6 should have brought home a letter from the school nurse regarding health screening. This is an 'opt out' health screening. If you do not wish your child to be included, you need to return the reply slip to school by next Wednesday 26th September.

### **Parking at the Village Hall**

Thank you very much to all parents/carers who continue to park at the village hall when dropping off and picking up their children. With more staff having to park at the village hall to allow for buses to pass along Cockley Road, we are aware that parking space at the village hall is limited and there will be occasions when 'double parking' will be needed.

Please can I ask for tolerance and understanding from all parents/carers when using the village hall car park; especially when a short amount of waiting to be able to exit the car park is required. Thank you.

### **School Transfers**

If your child is due to start school or transfer to secondary school in September 2019, the following are the closing dates for applications:

For secondary school applications - 5pm on 31/10/18

For primary school applications - 5pm on 15/01/2019

You can apply online at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions)

On time applicants will receive the offer of a school place on Offer Day which is 1st March 2019 for Secondary School offers and 16th April 2019 for Primary School offers.

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**Parent/Carer Workshops 2018**

I would be interested in attending the following workshops (please tick all that apply):

Helping my child learn their times tables

Helping my child learn to read

The following times of day are convenient for me to attend:

Afternoon (within school day)

Afternoon (3.30pm)

Evening

Name of Parent/Carer \_\_\_\_\_

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