

# FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 3: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy two weeks. The children are working hard and we are pleased that with the weather staying fine we have been able to spend a great deal of time outdoors.

Last Friday we had a School Ties meeting (PTA) and after a long discussion about the successful events that have taken place over the past few years, the committee have decided that it is time to hand the baton of organising these events on to a different group of parents. I would like to thank Nicki Sneath, Jenny Johnston and Jenni North for all their hard work over the last few years. John Boyd has very kindly volunteered to stay on as treasurer so the finances are in safe hands. The minutes of the last meeting are attached to this newsletter.

The School Ties group organise and run social and fundraising activities throughout the year and the proceeds enable us to support and fund a number of school events that enhance our children's learning experience. The meetings are informal and a great way to meet other members of the school community.

Without a committee the group is unable to carry on, so please do email me if you would be interested in becoming part of the School Ties group (ideally 5 people).

Best wishes,

### School Photographs

Caroline Rushton will be in school to take individual and sibling group photographs of the children during the morning of 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018. If you would like a photograph to include your pre-school aged child/ren you are welcome to stay at the start of the school day and Caroline will do your photos first. Caroline takes the photographs outside so, in the event of terrible weather, this date may have to change at short notice.

### Home School Agreement 2018/19

Thank you very much to the majority of parents who have signed and returned the Home School Agreement and consent forms for 2018/19 as requested. If you have not yet had the chance to check

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 12/10 - School Photographs
- 18/10 - **End of Term 1**
- 19/10 - INSET Day (staff only to attend)
  
- 29/10 - **Start of Term 2**
- 29/10 - No school lunches
- 30/10 - Parents' Evening
- 29/11 - Flu Vaccinations
- 03/12 - Christmas Making Afternoon
- 04/12 - Whole school trip to see Aladdin
- 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

### Tag-Rugby

Thank you and a huge well done to Amber, Ben, Beth, Imogen, Jessica, Lauren, Leo, Lottie, Maggie, Niall, River, Rosie, Shae, Siena, Timothy and Tommy for representing the school at the Chenderit Cluster Tag-rugby competition yesterday afternoon. We are delighted that so many of our pupils in key stage 2 were willing to compete in this sporting activity. This was the largest team that we have ever entered in to a cluster competition and bodes well for the future.

We may not have had the result that we deserved but our team showed great technical skill, perseverance and good sportsmanship. We are very proud of you all!

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and sign the forms, please can we ask that you do this and return them to the school office next week. If you have had un-signed forms returned to you, please can you return these next week as well.

### School Council

Our School Council for this academic year will be:

KS1	Lauren	
Year 3	River	Amber (Deputy)
Year 4	Beth	Rosie (Deputy)
Year 5	Sophia	Jessica (Deputy)
Year 6	Maggie	

The council had their first meeting this week. They discussed how the school could be improved and felt that the playground equipment could be better and will think of ways to raise money to increase the range of equipment available. There were also concerns raised about the playground equipment that we do have not being looked after and so the school council and staff will be monitoring this at playtimes.

It was also suggested that we have 'worry buddies' so that all children have someone they can talk to if they have any worries.

The school council would like to organise a Countryfile Ramble to raise money for Children in Need. This will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. More information to follow.

### After School Clubs

After school clubs will start week beginning the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and will run for 7 weeks with the last session being on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018. All the clubs this year will be run on a Monday to ensure we have at least two members of staff on the school site.

The clubs have been suggested by our new school council so we shall be offering the following clubs this term:

Monday: **Comic making club** - open to all pupils from years 1-3 (maximum 10 children)

Monday: **Homework Club** - open to pupils from year 2-6 (maximum of 8 children)

Monday: **Table Tennis Club** - open to pupils from year 3-6 (maximum of 12 children)

All clubs will start at 3.30pm and finish at 4.15pm. If you would like to join any of these clubs, please return the slip at the bottom of this newsletter before next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Places will be allocated as the slips are returned.

In our last newsletter I asked if anyone would like to run a small keystage 1 cooking club. No one has come forward but if there is anyone that may be interested after Christmas please could you let me know.

We would like to run more clubs so if there are any parents who have a particular skill they want to share could they please let me know.

### Swimming Lessons (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

From the beginning of next term all children in Years 3 to 6 will have swimming lessons at Brackley Pool on a Friday morning. Pupils will be taught following the Amateur Swimming Association Guidelines. ASA's aim is to do all they can to support schools to ensure that as many children as possible leave primary school able to swim at least 25 metres unaided and are knowledgeable and safe around water.

Pupils will travel to/from Brackley by coach. All pupils are required to wear a swimming hat and these can be purchased from school if required. Please sign and return the slip below before Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 giving permission for your child to be taken to Brackley Pool.

We are in the very fortunate position that the school is able to fund swimming lessons and transport for our pupils and so there will be no charge for parents and carers this academic year.

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Swimming lessons, form part of the National Curriculum and are therefore compulsory for your child to take part in. A child will only be excused from taking part if they have an injury that precludes them from doing any physical activity.

### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening for parents/carers of all pupils in Years 1 to 6 will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018. To book an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please sign up on the list in the school office, or email school with your preferred appointment time.

### No School Lunches on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Dolce are unable to supply us with school lunches on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 as the kitchen at Culworth Primary School will be closed. Please provide your child with a packed lunch on this day. If you have any concerns about this, please speak with Mrs Whitehouse.

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### After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2018

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the following after school club:-

Comic Making Club

Homework Club

Table Tennis Club

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent / carer)

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### Swimming Lessons 2018/19 Academic Year (Key Stage 2 Pupils only)

I give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to be taken to Brackley Swimming Pool every Friday morning during Terms 2, 3 and 4 for swimming lessons.

I understand that my child will travel to/from Brackley by coach.

I understand that the school will be using the medical form returned with the Home School Agreement for the 2018/19 academic year and can confirm that I will advise the school if there are any changes in my child's medical requirements or emergency contact details.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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