

# FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 3 : 6th October 2023



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Many, many thanks to those who came along to the Village Show so that the children could perform some of the songs from last years school show. The children were absolutely brilliant and so many people who were there, expressed their delight in hearing them. Thanks, must also go to Mr Elson, who worked with the children before the event and did the 'technical' bit on the day 😊

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Growth Mindset meeting, I am glad you enjoyed it. By now you should have received the presentation from Mrs Woolacott so if you were unable to attend, you can look at it, at your leisure. You may want to share it with your children and see what they can tell you about it. Never underestimate the power of YET.

This week we also sent out two separate policies which I have be rewriting and reviewing, The Relationships Policy (formally the Behaviour Policy) and the Anti Bullying Policy. Please get in touch either face to face or by email if you would like to talk to me about either of these policies.

Farthinghoe School Council is now up and running and the children are taking their responsibilities seriously. They have met with me to distribute roles and responsibilities and also met with Mrs Fisher to talk about the policies I mention above. Some of them have also written a piece for this newsletter so I will let them explain in their own words. Congratulations to all those who were elected into role.

Next week is **#HelloYellow** on Tuesday, don't forget to wear something **yellow** and bring a £1 for Young Minds. Mrs Pegg is also running a Phonics workshop for all parents on Wednesday after school. I hope you will be able to come along and find out more about our phonics programme Read, Write Inc.

Just a gentle reminder to book your parents evening slot with Mrs Woolacott.

Have a great two weeks .....

Take special care, Ms Turner and the Farthinghoe Team

### Notices

- **Please complete our online Home-School Agreement as soon as possible – email sent from office.**
- **The October instalment of £30.00 for the Longtown trip in Feb 2024 is due by 31<sup>st</sup> October.**
- **Slots are now available for Parent-Teacher meetings on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Please email the office to book your time.**
- **Please be reminded, only packed lunches will be provided by Dolce for EYFS, year 1 and year 2 on Thursday, if you ordered one using the paper order form. Please cancel any hot orders you may have already placed.**

### The voting has begun!

We are delighted that we have been selected by TESCO to be a nominee for their 'blue tokens' programme from this month, through to the end of December. We applied for the grant before the summer holidays and our plan is to convert one of our new outside sheds in a reading space/library. We are in contention against two

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other local school projects, with the winning school receiving £1500. You can cast your vote for us NOW at both the large Brackley TESCO superstore and the smaller TESCO Express at Lark Rise in Brackley.

### **School Photographs – order by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**



Your photo proof card will be coming home with your child today.

Orders to be placed online by...  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
[www.mangoinschool.co.uk](http://www.mangoinschool.co.uk)

We are no longer able to accept late orders so please order by the date above.

Every order generates funds for your school too!



### **Local childcare provision**

A Farthinghoe resident has asked us to share the following message with you –

*Are you looking for wrap around childcare, here in the village? I am a child care provider with over 30 years' experience, OFSTED approved with enhance DBS and several excellent references.*

*I live just behind the school and am available for drop off and pick up care during term time.*

*Contact Keri for more information - kericrampton@outlook.com*

### **#Hello Yellow, World Mental Health Awareness Day – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Stand out and show up for young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day next Tuesday. We are inviting our children to join thousands of other people wearing yellow across the country to stand out and show up for young people's mental health. The children are encouraged to accessorise their school uniform with yellow socks, yellow tights, yellow scarves, yellow ribbons, yellow headbands – you get the idea! We are kindly asking for a £1 donation to participate – this will be donated to Young Minds mental health charity.



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### **Whole School Open Morning for Reception parents, September 2024**

We will be holding two open mornings for prospective parents on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. We have posted our advert on our Facebook page and would be grateful if you can 'like and share' it amongst your friends. If you are aware of a village or community notice board, where you may be able to display an advert, please speak to Mrs Woolacott and she can provide a printed version.

### **School Ties**

Welcome to all our new and returning students and families, we hope you are settling into your new class and enjoy the year ahead.

Every parent at Farthinghoe Primary is automatically a member of the Parent Teacher Association. Our aim is to bring together the school community in a variety of fundraising events, and all the money raised is used to enrich our children's school experience.

We are always on the lookout for new event ideas, if you have any suggestions or would like to know more about us, please get in touch [pta@farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk)

We have lots of exciting events planned, including a Halloween colouring completion, an auction and Christmas disco.

Upcoming events:

- Sweetie Shop - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - sweets (including vegetarian) will be on sale in the playground at 3:15pm, 50p a bag.
- Halloween Colouring competition - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - collect a colouring sheet from school to take home and colour in over half term. Return your completed pictures to school on 30<sup>th</sup> October. All entrants will receive a Treat bag on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Farthinghoe School Council. 2023-2024 - by Sienna S and Joshua W**

As the 2023-2024 school year started Mrs Turner made an announcement, she said that we would no longer be proceeding with Ambassadors, as we did last year, and that we would have a school council instead. Mrs Turner also told us that if we wanted to join the school council we would have to write a speech, and recite it in front of the whole school. After almost a week of preparation, we proceeded with the voting and the school council was created. As we are a small school the votes were very close and there were only a few votes between the winners, and it was a very close competition.

Our School Counsellors are :

Olivia B- Year 6 (Head of School Council)

Josh W - Year 6 (Deputy of the School Council)

Jess D - Year 6

Elle B - Year 6

Sienna S - Year 5

Ted P -Year 4

Jessica S - Year 3

James M - Year 2

**Congratulations to the following children, who have been awarded 'Star of the Week'**



**EYFS, Year 1 & 2 – Yi Ning  
Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Ellie Boyd**



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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – #Hello Yellow – accessorise your uniform with something yellow, in support of Mental Health Awareness Day - £1 donation requested

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

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, AM** – EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 school trip to Banbury Museum

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – Parent – Teacher meetings, booking to be made via the Office

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – End of Term

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – Back to School

**Tuesday 31st October** – Halloween Event, organised by the School Council

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

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 9am – 11am** – Open morning for prospective parents, September 2024

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

**Friday 17th November** – Children in Need – home clothes, more details to follow

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, PM** – Christmas Decorating Day, parents to join us

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, PM** – Nativity performance

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – End of Term

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