

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 4: 18th October 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

At Farthinghoe School we believe that it is important to teach children good manners, as not only are they important life skills but they play a fundamental role in developing empathy and emotional vocabulary.

Therefore, we will be awarding one child a month our new 'Manners Award'. This will reward children who demonstrate our school values as well as kindness and politeness to the whole school community.

The first recipient of this award is – Leo

May I wish you and your family a happy and restful half term break.

Best wishes,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29/10 - Start of Term 2

29/10 - No school lunches

30/10 - Parents' Evening

31/10 - Secondary School Application Deadline

29/11 - Flu Vaccinations

03/12 - Christmas Making Afternoon

04/12 - Whole school trip to see Aladdin

07/12 - Christmas Fayre 5-7pm

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

Monday: After school clubs

Wednesday: Guitar lessons

Thursday: Violin lessons

Friday: Swimming for KS2

Friday: Forest Schools for EYFS and KS1

School Photographs – rearranged date

Caroline Rushton will be in school to take individual and sibling group photographs of the children during the morning of Monday 29th 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 again at short notice.

No School Lunches on Monday 29th October

Dolce are unable to supply us with school lunches on Monday 29th October 2018 as the kitchen at Culworth Primary School will be closed. Please provide your child with a packed lunch on this day.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will start week beginning the 29th October 2018 and will run for 7 weeks with the last session being on 10th December 2018. All the children who have sent back a slip giving permission to attend a club have been allocated a space.

All clubs will start at 3.30pm and finish at 4.15pm.

KS2 Tag-Rugby Tournament

Yesterday we had our own tag-rugby tournament organised by Mr Elson. The children organised their own teams and team names with playtimes being used for training. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the games and we certainly have some very talented tag-rugby players in key stage 2! Well done everybody.

We were very lucky to have Ben White and Jack Holloway spend the afternoon with us, refereeing each match confidently and calmly and encouraging all the players. The children appreciated how fair they were.

Congratulations to the winning team, 'Banana Bunch'.

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Thank you to Mrs Billington and Mrs Barrett for offering to run a cooking club after Christmas. As we have had two people volunteering to help run this after school club we will be able to run a club for both key stage 1 and key stage 2.

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)

The children in Years 3 to 6 will start swimming lessons at Brackley Pool on a Friday morning after the half-term break. **We still do not have permission for a number of children to attend** so please can you make sure you return the permission slip at the beginning of the week back after half-term. A further copy of the permission slip is at the end of this newsletter.

All pupils should wear appropriate swimming attire to conform with safety and teaching requirements. Girls should wear a one piece swimming costume and boys wear swimming trunks without pockets (not loose fitting swim shorts). Swimming hats must be worn and can be purchased from school at a cost of £1.50.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening for parents/carers of all pupils in Years 1 to 6 will be held on Tuesday 30th October 2018. Thank you to all those parents who have signed up for an appointment slot.

Spelling Lists Year 3 and 4

The children in Year 3 and 4 have been given dated spelling lists which they are expected to learn each week. Please support your child in learning these words.

School Ties

Thank you very much to all the parents who attended the School Ties meeting this week. Plans for the Christmas fayre were made and the event, as in previous years, promises to be a huge success. Nicole is coordinating the fayre so please let her know if you are able to help.



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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 _____