

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 4 : 20th October 2023



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

How quickly time flies, is it really two weeks since the last newsletter?! What a packed two weeks it has been! Thank you to everyone for dressing in something yellow for the Young Minds #HelloYellow day in school and a massive thank you to all those who contributed their £1.00 to put towards this amazing charity.

I have heard very positive things about Mrs Pegg's phonics workshop, thank you to all those who attended. I know there were some of you that were not able to get here, but do not worry. The School Office has, this morning, emailed all KS1 parents, a copy of the presentation.

We had the pleasure of welcoming members of the WMAT into our school last Friday for a Peer Review, there were some very positive comments made about our lovely children and their excellent learning behaviours. It was lovely to see so many of you yesterday for parent's evening, many of you were both surprised and impressed with how much the children have done in such a short time. It is always an absolute pleasure to share their books with you, thank you for making time for this important partnership event.

The last day of term! It feels as though it has been a long one, but next term is even longer so I will try not to complain 😊 The weather has definitely changed but I hope that you get the opportunity to get out and enjoy time with your children and families.

Take special care, Ms Turner and the Farthinghoe Team

Notices

- The October instalment of £30.00 for the Longtown trip in Feb 2024 is due by 31st October.
- Today is the last day for ordering your child's school photograph.
- Please support our school when next shopping in Brackley TESCO and Brackley TESCO Express – drop a blue token into the Stronger Starts box and hopefully we can convert our new shed into a library space

#Hello Yellow, World Mental Health Awareness Day

The school was awash with yellow last Tuesday, in support of #Hello Yellow, World Mental Health Awareness Day. Thank you to all that took part. We raised £32.00 for Young Minds charity.

Closure of Cockley Road, Farthinghoe – Friday 8th December

Please note, on Friday 8th December, Cockley Road (the road adjacent to school) will be closed from 9.30am – 3.30pm as BT are repairing overhead telecom lines. Please be mindful that alternative parking will need to be found. For details of the closure and road diversion, please visit <https://one.network/?tm=136047130>

Whole School Open Morning for Reception parents, September 2024

We will be holding two open mornings for prospective parents on Friday 3rd and Friday 10th 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 Woolcott and she can provide a printed version.

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Tax Free Childcare – payments accepted

If you are eligible to take part in the Governments Tax-Free childcare scheme, you can now use your funds to pay for our breakfast club provision. We are a registered provider and when logging into your account, you can select Farthinghoe Primary School and pay your invoice and the end of each month. To find out more about this scheme, please visit - <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

If you intend to use this method as payment, please inform Mrs Woolacott.

School Ties

Halloween colouring competition - Please return completed colouring sheets to school on 30th October. All entrants will receive a Halloween treat bag on 31st October.

Save the Date:

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Wednesday 15th November

Family disco Wednesday 20th December

We need your help!

We will be holding an 'Auction of Promises' event in December and are looking for donations of products and services to enable us to fundraise and continue to provide activities and resources to benefit the children and support their education.

If you or your place of work are able to donate, please contact us on pta@farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk.

Please also see the attached letter from School Ties, regarding their AGM.

Congratulations to the following children, who have been awarded this term's Headteacher Award

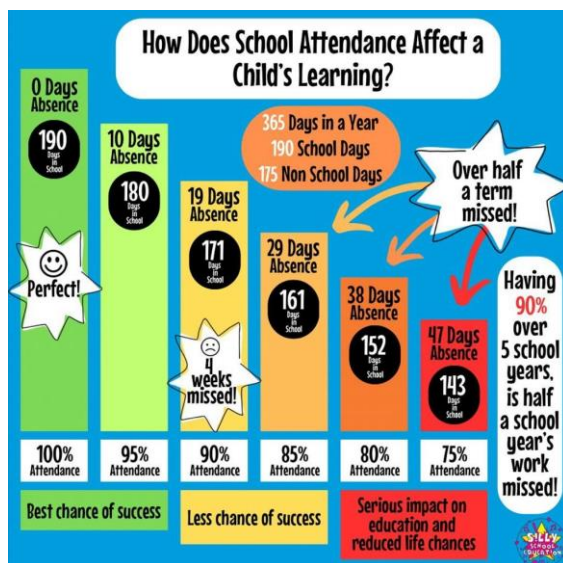


EYFS – Tate
Year 1 & 2 – Amelia
Year 3 & 4 - Rafe
Year 5 & 6 - Dexter



Attendance and the impact on your child's learning

Your child's attendance at school is of paramount importance to us and unnecessary absence can have a detrimental impact on their learning. We kindly ask that non urgent medical appointments are booked for out of school hours or during the holidays. As we reach the colder months, coughs and colds naturally become more prevalent and can have different effects on all of us. The NHS page '[Is my child too ill for school](#)' is a really helpful guide for parents, and details the mandatory absence required for certain illnesses and infections.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 20th October – End of Term, School Ties sweetie shop on the playground at 3.15pm

Monday 30th 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 keystage 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 keystage 2 parents with Ms Turner in the Junior classroom

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

Wednesday 15th November, 3.30pm – 4.15pm – School Ties AGM, School Library

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

Friday 1st December, PM – Christmas Decorating Day, parents to join us

Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'

Wednesday 13th December, PM – Nativity performance

Wednesday 20th December – End of Term

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