

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 5: 9th NOVEMBER 2018



Next week is **Anti Bullying Week**. In assembly we will be talking about how bullying is a behaviour choice, and that children can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities.

The theme this year is '**Choose Respect**' with the aims of learning:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online

Please talk to your children about the importance of respect and being kind to everybody, even if they may not be our friends.

If you would like to find out more about this national campaign, information can be found on the website www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/

Best wishes,



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 13/11** - School Ties meeting at 2.30pm in school
- 16/11** - Children in Need Walk
- 29/11** - Flu Vaccinations (Yrs R-5)
- 03/12** - Christmas Making Afternoon at 1.30pm
- 04/12** - Whole school trip to see Aladdin
- 07/12** - School Ties Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
- 10/12** - EYFS Parent's Meetings
- 18/12** - Christmas Lunch
- 18/12** - School Nativity Play
- 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

EYFS and Keystage 1 Corner

The children have been busy celebrating the Autumn festivals. They spent an enjoyable afternoon bobbing for apples and searching for spiders and all things creepy in our outdoor classroom on the 31st.

To mark Guy Fawkes night, we created firework pictures and made yummy chocolate sparklers.

In honour of Remembrance day the class have made poppies and written their own prayers. These will be displayed in Farthinghoe Church to honour the fallen of the village.



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What we have been doing this week in Keystage 2

The children in Keystage 2 have been studying the meaning of remembrance. After looking at the key events of the First World War, the children have been moved to write poetry and create art work on this important topic.

The church is displaying information about the fallen from Farthinghoe and we were able to use this research in our Literacy lessons.

Prince William Award

In the session this week the children used the research from their homework task regarding a member of their family who had served in or had something to do in any of the uniformed services whom they could remember for Remembrance day. Thank you to parents who helped with this project. The children then planted remembrance poppies which will grow over the next year.



Christmas Making Afternoon – Monday 3rd December 1.30pm-3.30pm

On Monday the 3rd of December we will be holding our Christmas decorating afternoon at school. For those of you not familiar with this event; we invite parents, grandparents and friends to help the children with their Christmas artwork. Their artwork is then used to decorate the school in the run up to Christmas.

Keyboard lessons

We are hoping to trial keyboard lessons for children in Years 1 and 2. Mrs Mold will be coming into school on 22nd November to talk to the children about the lessons. The children will then be given letters explaining the cost of the lessons and the commitment that is needed when learning an instrument.

School Photo Orders

I hope that you all love the photographs taken of your child/ren by Caroline Rushton, our school photographer. The deadline for ordering school photos is Wednesday 28th November. Orders will be delivered to school and will take approximately two weeks to produce. To order prints please follow the instructions attached to the proofs.

Flu Vaccination

Pupils in Years R – 5 are being offered a flu vaccination which will be given by the school nurses on Thursday 29th November. If you would like your child to receive the vaccination, please return the consent form (which was sent home on Monday this week) before Monday 19th November.

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School Ties Christmas Fayre – Friday 7th December 5pm – 7pm in the Village Hall

Only one month to go until Farthinghoe School Christmas Fayre 2018! Once again it is a chance for the whole school community to come together to start celebrating Christmas. Please come along, enjoy the fun and help raise money for our school.



Thank you to everyone who is kindly selling **raffle tickets**. We have 23 super prizes so far! There is also a STAR prize for the family who sell the most tickets. So, when returning tickets please also put your name inside the envelope.

Thank you to those parents that have already brought in **Christmas jars**. We have collected 30 so far, and the target is 50. This is a popular stall, so please do bring any filled jars into school.

Gift donations for the **Secret Santa shop** is our next collection. This is a stall where the children can choose and wrap presents for their family. There will be a collection box next to the gate for you to put any unwanted presents that you think could be re-gifted on this stall.

The next **School Ties Meeting** will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 13th November in the staff room.
All are very welcome to attend.

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