

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 5 : 9th November 2020



Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after a much-needed half term break. This term the children across the school are raring to go in Maths - with the main topic focussing on the Core operations. In Literacy we are looking at rich literature. Year 5 and 6 children are reading a book by Malorie Blackman, 'Pig Heart Boy', in Year 3 and 4 we are spending four weeks looking at 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and in Keystage 1, Ms Turner is reading the 'BFG' to the children. As usual during this term, we have lots of paintings of crisp autumn scenes and fireworks!

Despite the commencement of a new lockdown nationally, things are relatively unchanged for us as a primary school. We will continue as we were with bubbles (although teachers and support staff may move between bubbles) and staggered drop off / pick up times etc. However, the guidance reinforces a few key areas, and I thought a few reminders might help:

- Please continue to avoid any gatherings of adults at the school gate and only arrive at school at the time your youngest child begins
- Only one parent / carer should be picking up / dropping off
- Although the guidance for primaries does not specify mask wearing, if you would like to wear one, please do
- If you or any of your household has symptoms of Covid-19, you must book a test and isolate until a result enables a return to school or a period of isolation is completed
- As a school we will be following Government guidance and will no longer be notifying parents that a child/ren in school has had a COVID-19 test
- If a child develops symptoms in school, they will be quarantined until they can be collected and then they will need to have a test and isolate as above (siblings in the same household will also need to return home and isolate)
- In the event of one of the children having a positive test, we will be advised by the DfE / PHE which parts of the school require a period of isolation and home-learning will be provided, as per our remote learning plan
- Apart from this, all children should be in school, unless you have been advised by your GP to say that your child is clinically extremely vulnerable

Armistice Day - on Wednesday 11th November at 11.00am we will be holding a 2 minute silence throughout the whole school to recognise and remember those who lost their lives through war and conflict.

Children in Need, 'Bubble Birthday Parties'

Following Friday's communication from our year 6 prefects, please be reminded that the children are welcome to come into school on Friday 13th November, in their best party clothes. We kindly ask for a small donation to the 'Children in Need' collection.

PE

A gentle reminder that children in **EYFS through to 6**, will need to come into school on Mondays and Wednesdays - in their PE kit. They will stay in their kit for the duration of the day.

Christmas Arrangements

We are currently making tentative plans for our Christmas this year. At the moment, we are considering having a live Nativity outside on the afternoon of Monday 7th December for keystone 1 - this may be held on the school site or at Mr & Mrs Billington's garden (which has suitable animals!). This would be classified as worship and Reverend Sue will lead our celebration, however numbers would be restricted to 30 (this includes the children and staff). It may be that only one parent can attend. The performances would be conducted in 2 groups -

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EYFS and then year 1 and 2.

Please bear with us as this relies on lockdown being lifted on Thursday 3rd December. Dates have been allotted for the Christmas Parties and lunch - please see the calendar at the bottom of this newsletter.

Drama

Last week saw our first movement and drama session with Ms Regelous (Esme, Florence & River's Mum). Nicole is a qualified Drama teacher and has very kindly offered to teach this valuable subject on Friday mornings with keystone 1 and keystone 2.

School Ties, 'Thank you' gifts

A huge thank you from all the staff for the thoughtful gifts of the mugs and biscuits. They were very well received and we were all grateful for the recognition of the staffs' hard work in these unprecedented times.

Forest School

The children and staff had a fantastic first Forest School session with Jo from Muddy Feet at Limes Farm. Please visit our website to view our wonderful photos from the session - <http://www.farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk/forest-school-with-muddy-feet.html> We can't wait for our next visit on Tuesday 17th November.

School Ties

Christmas Cards - The online portal for purchasing your child's Christmas cards is now open. Everyone has been emailed their links. Orders need to be placed by Monday 9th November (today).

Chair's Report - Please find attached the Chair's Report for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Amazon Smile - Farthinghoe School Ties are delighted to announce that we now have an Amazon Smile account set up for the school. This means that you can raise funds for the school while you shop online with Amazon! Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases.

The account has been set up under the name Farthinghoe School Ties. It would be fantastic if we could get as many families as possible to sign up - maybe even some of your friends and families too. All funds raised through Amazon Smile will go to Farthinghoe School Ties registered charity. In turn this will be used to support the school and the children. Quarterly statements will confirm how the 0.5% donations of all eligible purchases have accumulated.

To set up an Amazon Smile, please follow the instructions below:

Step 1 If you are not already an Amazon Smile member, sign up using your web browser. You will need to do this on the web using your laptop/iPad, rather than using the Amazon app on your phone. Click on the Amazon Smile link and follow the on-screen instructions. You can also download a widget to your browser bar to make it even easier to remember to use Amazon Smile when shopping online using your laptop.

Step 2 To enable Amazon Smile on your phone, go to the Amazon app (download it from the app store if you don't have it already) and then click on Settings. Follow the instructions from there to turn on your Amazon Smile account.

And that's it! Now every time you shop on Amazon, you will automatically be raising money for the school. A huge thank you in advance for supporting our fundraising efforts in these challenging times.

Please do share with family and friends. A huge thank you. Farthinghoe School Ties Team.

Coats and Clothing

Keeping warm! Now that the temperature has started to drop, please could you ensure that your child wears sufficient warm clothing as we are keeping the classrooms well ventilated with windows and external doors open wherever possible. They may bring a fleece and maybe wear a vest or t-shirt under their school uniform.

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School Photographs

The final day for ordering school photographs is tomorrow, Tuesday 10th November. If you incur any issues with logging into Caroline's website, please contact her directly at info@carolinerushtonphotography.co.uk

Flu Vaccination

Please ensure consent for your child to have the nasal flu vaccination, is completed online before Friday 4th December. If you require Mrs Thompson to resend the initial email, please email her at bursar@farthinghoe.northants-ecl.gov.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 13th November - 'Bubble Birthday Parties' for Children in Need - party clothes

Tuesday 17th November - Muddy Feet Forest School for keystage 1

Thursday 3rd December - Christmas Decorating Day

Friday 4th December - Reveal of our 'Advent Calendar Window/Gate' for Farthinghoe Village

Monday 7th December - potential date for Keystage 1 Nativity - details to be confirmed

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'

Friday 11th December - Flu vaccination for all children in Reception through to Year 6

Tuesday 15th December, AM - Keystage 1 Woodland Christmas Party (as part of their Forest School session)

Tuesday 15th December, PM - Keystage 2 Harry Potter themed Christmas Party at Limes Farm (as part of their Forest School session). Costumes will not be necessary

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch, to be ordered via SchoolGrid

Friday 18th December - END OF TERM

With warmest wishes and kind regards, Mrs Wendy Whitehouse

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