

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 5 : 10th November 2023



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Yet again we are busy here at school.

The School Council are busy coordinating Anti Bullying Week next week alongside Children in Need on Friday. I do hope you will all be able to join in Odd Socks Day on Monday, a celebration of everyone and everything different.

I would like to extend a huge welcome to our new children, Ayden and Alfie and their family, please say hello if you see them on the playground.

We must also say a big hello and thank you to Miss Campbell, she has really 'got stuck in' with Year 5 and 6 and it has been lovely to welcome her (although temporarily) to our family and team, thank you for making her so welcome.

This newsletter cannot go by without us all sending our very best wishes to Mr Elson, wishing you a speedy and safe return.

Take special care, Ms Turner and the Farthinghoe Team

Notices

- **Apologies for the last minute cancellation of this week's KS2 Maths presentation, this has now be rescheduled for next Tuesday 14th November at 3.15pm with Ms Turner & Mrs Fisher**
- **The November instalment of £30.00 for the Longtown trip in Feb 2024 is due by 30th October**
- **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**

Marking 'Anti-Bullying Week' – Odd Socks Day

Our School Council have suggested that in recognition of 'anti-bullying' week next week, they would like all children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November (along with their school uniform). This fun idea celebrates what makes us all unique. The Council will be discussing the importance of Anti Bullying week in assembly this afternoon. This event will be free of charge.

A message from our School Council

Anti-bullying week, Odd Socks Day and Children in Need, by Sienna and Josh

Farthinghoe are celebrating a range of different events including Anti-Bullying week and Odd Socks Day. We believe that it is crucial to inform the world of the situations that several people are in, at different schools worldwide. Hopefully, if every person on earth sends this message, it will finally get through. Farthinghoe are also celebrating Odd Socks day, and we would like it if the children could wear them. We are also doing a Pudsey Day where the children can wear their home clothes and if you would like to do this bring in £1 on the day.

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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>

Bottle tops for Mrs Fisher's Eco-Club

Mrs Fisher's eco-club members are kindly asking for donations of bottle tops – they don't mind the colour or size. They will be creating an eco-inspired piece of art work for school, which we are all very excited to see. Please send bottle tops in via your child's class teacher.

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

- 15th November - Annual General Meeting, KS1 classroom 3:30pm
- 18th November - 2nd December - Online Auction of Promises

There are some lovely items donated for this online auction. Bidding will open from 8pm on 18th November and close at 8pm on 2nd December. Details can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2373058599547029/>

- 26th November - Christmas Craft Fayre, Limes Farm, Farthinghoe 12-4pm

School Ties have organised a children's craft stall. Activities include writing a letter to Father Christmas, making reindeer food, decorating a pop pom Christmas tree, making a bird feeder pinecone (with bird seed and honey), decorating a Christmas tree ornament and other surprise gifts, all for £5 per child.

****Please inform the school office if you would like to reserve a place for your child/children as these are limited.**

- 15th December - Christmas Hamper Raffle

This year we will be holding our fantastic Christmas Hamper Raffle at the Carols around the Christmas Tree event. Thank you to all parents who are donating items. These can be dropped off at the school office or given to a member of School Ties up until Friday 8th December. Raffle tickets are £1 each and will come home with children on (or before) Monday 27th November, to be returned to school with payment by Friday 8th December.

- 20th December - Family Disco - More information to follow soon.

All funds raised from these events will contribute to learning experiences for the children at Farthinghoe Primary School. Thank you so much for any support you can give in these challenging times. We are hugely grateful.

You can contact us on pta@farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/959242150842317/?ref=share> for further information.

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Mrs Woolacott is going in the bin!

We have been made aware that a number of parents are finding that emails from the School Office are ending up in their junk! We have tried several measures to stop this happening, but the issue is still occurring. We apologise for any inconvenience and ask that you regularly check your junk/spam mailboxes. If your email provider allows you to 'report as not junk' – please do this. It may also be worthwhile adding the email address to an address book on your email (bursar@farthinghoe.northants-ecl.gov.uk)

Congratulations to the following children, who have been awarded this week's Star of the Week



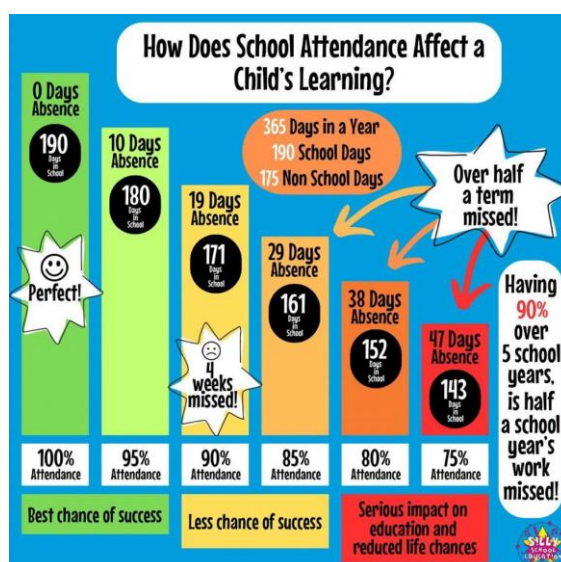
EYFS, Year 1 & 2 – Enya

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Zac



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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 14th November, 3.15pm – Keystage 2 Maths Presentation with Ms Turner & Mrs Fisher

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

Friday 17th November – Children in Need – home clothes

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Sunday 26th November, 12pm – 4pm – School Ties Craft Fair at Limes Farm

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

Friday 15th December, 2.30pm – Carols around the Christmas Tree, all parents and families welcome to join us

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Lunch, orders to be placed via School Grid

Wednesday 20th December – End of Term

Wednesday 20th December, 5pm – 7pm – School Ties Family DISCO, Village Hall

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January – INSET, School closed to all pupils

Monday 8th January – Start of Term

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