

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 6: 23rd NOVEMBER 2018



Dear Parents,

The children and staff really enjoyed our 'Children in Need' ramble last Friday. Despite not being able to complete the planned route the children smiled all morning and enjoyed walking our school field. The children, kitted out in spotty clothing, challenged themselves to do a certain amount of laps. I am always so impressed with our children's resilience and tenacity.

All the money, once it has been collected in, will be given to this worthwhile cause. We have currently raised £318.20! The school council want me to thank you for helping them to make a difference to those children who need it most.

Best wishes,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 29/11 - Flu Vaccinations (Yrs R-5)
- 03/12 - Christmas Making Afternoon at 1.30pm
- 04/12 - Whole school trip to see Aladdin
- 05/12 - Yr. 3/4 singing day at Chenderit School
- 07/12 - Non-school uniform day (bring a bottle)
- 07/12 - School Ties Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
- 10/12 - EYFS Parent's Meetings
- 18/12 - Christmas Lunch
- 18/12 - School Nativity Play at 5.30pm
- 19/12 - Carols and Mince Pies 2pm at the Church
- 19/12 - **End of Term 2**
- 03/01 - **Start of Term 3**

Weekly Reminders

- Monday: After school clubs
- Wednesday: Guitar lessons
- Thursday: Violin lessons
- Friday: Swimming for KS2



EYFS and Key stage 1 Corner

EYFS and Key Stage One have had a busy few weeks ☺

We are presently learning all about Festivals of Light, first we learned about Hanukkah and now we are learning about Diwali. We have made some divas out of clay and will be painting and decorating them next week as well as lighting the candles to see what they look like. We are very excited.

We had a great time doing our walk for Children in Need. Many of the children walked 20+ laps of the field, which means they walked at least 2 miles before forest schools! Well done to everyone.

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This week we have given the children their parts for the nativity and started learning the songs. The children all have a script in their book bags and all say at least one line. We would be very grateful if you could support your child in learning this line. Thank you.

Today (23rd November) is our last forest schools session. We have all really enjoyed the time we have spent at the farm and a big thank you must go to Rosie and the team at Greatworth Hall Farm. We hope to see you all again very soon.

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

On Monday 3rd 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 - there will be plenty of cutting out, sticking, painting and colouring activities for you to get involved in. Their artwork is then used to decorate the school in the run up to Christmas.

We will devote most of the afternoon to this and you are most welcome to join us. We do not extend the invitation to pre-school aged children as the session is designed to give you the opportunity to spend valuable time with your school aged children, completing tasks that they enjoy and may even find challenging.

Key Stage 2 will be making Christmas Wreaths so please could they bring in to school a selection of greenery suitable for including in their wreath.

Whole school trip to see 'Aladdin' – Tuesday 4th December 2018

On Tuesday 4th December 2018 we will be taking the entire school to see 'Aladdin' at Chipping Norton theatre. We will be travelling to and from Chipping Norton by coach, leaving school promptly at 9.00am.

School Ties have once again very generously offered to provide this Christmas treat for the children and are paying for the cost of the tickets and the coach. There is therefore no cost to parents for this trip.

Please can you sign and return the permission slip below and return it to school before Friday 30th November 2018.

Year 3 and 4 Singing Day – Wednesday 5th December at Chenderit School

Thank you to those parents who have returned permission for their child to attend the singing day at Chenderit School on Wednesday 5th December. Please can all outstanding permission slips be returned to school by next Friday 30th November.

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

Only two weeks to go until Farthinghoe School Christmas Fayre. 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.

We are still looking for donations for the secret santa and teddy bear stall. On the Friday of the fayre we are inviting all children to come to school in 'non-uniform' to help everyone get into the festive spirit ready for the fayre. We will not be asking for a monetary donation but please can all children who choose to come to school in non-uniform bring a bottle for the bottle stall. Thank you very much to those families who have already so generously brought in donations for the fayre and bought raffle tickets. If you are able to help on the day, please could you contact Nicole or let the school office know.

Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 18th December

We will be having our Christmas lunch on Tuesday 18th December. Dolce, our usual school meal provider, will be cooking our lunch for us this year and we would be delighted if all children join all of our staff in having a hot meal together on that day. Dolce offer either Roast Turkey and all the trimmings or a vegetarian option.

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The cost of the lunch for all pupils will be paid for out of the money raised from the Friday cake sales. Please can you order either through Live Kitchen or let the school office know before Monday 10th December 2018 if your child would like a hot meal on that day.

'Mary's Knitting' – Tuesday 18th December at 5.30pm in the village hall

The EYFS and Key stage 1 production of 'Mary's Knitting' will take place on Tuesday 18th December 2018 in Farthinghoe Village Hall at 5.30pm. Pupils in key stage 2 will not be taking part in this event.

Please can all EYFS and key stage 1 children be at the village hall, in their costume, at 5.20pm at the earliest, ready for a prompt start.

Due to fire regulations, there is a limit of 150 people seated in the village hall. We therefore ask for your consideration in ensuring that a maximum of 3 people per family (including siblings) attend the main production. If any additional friends or family or Farthinghoe villagers wish to see the production, they are very welcome to come to our dress rehearsal on Monday 17th December at 2pm in the village hall. Our dress rehearsal is also more suitable for pre-school aged children.

Carols and Mince Pies – Wednesday 19th December 2018 at 2.00pm in Farthinghoe church

The children and staff of Farthinghoe School would like to invite you to join them for carols and mince pies in St Michael & All Angels church at 2pm on Wednesday 19th December 2018.

**Whole School Theatre Trip – 'Aladdin' at Chipping Norton Theatre
Tuesday 4th December 2018**

I give permission for my child _____ to go to Chipping Norton Theatre to see 'Aladdin' on Tuesday 4th December 2018.

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 there have been no changes in my child's medical requirements or emergency contact details.

Signed _____ (parent / guardian)

Date _____

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