

# FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 7; 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018



Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of our first Term of the academic year, I would like to wish you a very peaceful and happy Christmas.

Having worked hard all term, the children will be ready for a break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries. We have had a busy week which included a theatre trip, Singing at Chenderit and a Decorating day. The children were brilliant Ambassadors for the school and I was very proud of their behaviour.

Before the end of term we have our very own Christmas celebration and Nativity play. On this note I would like to say a big thank you to staff who have organised these extra special events for the children.

Best wishes,

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 07/12** - School Ties Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
- 10/12** - EYFS Parent's Meetings
- 17/12** - School Nativity Play – dress rehearsal 2pm
- 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 (last one 10/12)
- Wednesday: Guitar lessons
- Thursday: Violin lessons
- Friday: Swimming for KS2

### **EYFS and Key stage One Corner**

The children in EYFS and Key Stage One are busy rehearsing for their Nativity play at the end of term. Thank you to all parents who have supported their children in learning their lines and for your contributions to their costumes.

The children really enjoyed our Christmas decoration afternoon and it was lovely to see so many parents and be able to chat in a more informal environment.

We look forward to seeing you all at our performance on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm in the Village Hall.

### **Keystage 2- writing week**

This week the children in year 3,4,5 and 6 have been completing some creative writing. We have been impressed with their use of vocabulary and imagination. We will put these on display during an open day in January. More details will follow next term.

### **School Ties Christmas Fayre – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 5pm–7pm in the Village Hall**

This afternoon is 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.

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### **'Mary's Knitting' – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm in the village hall**

The EYFS and Key stage 1 production of 'Mary's Knitting' will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 4 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 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the village hall. Our dress rehearsal is also more suitable for pre-school aged children.

*We cannot allow any photographs or film to be taken during the dress rehearsal or main performance. We will take photos of the children in their costumes which you will be able to buy for a small donation next term.*

### **Carols and Mince Pies – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

### **Coats**

Please can you ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school every day. The children will be outside at break time and lunch time no matter what the outside temperature is and unless there is very heavy rain. When the children have P.E. they walk to the village hall no matter what the weather and we don't want them to be uncomfortable.

### **Santa is coming to Farthinghoe!**

Mr Boyd has arranged for Santa to visit Farthinghoe on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, starting at Farthinghoe village hall at 5.40pm (sharp). This is always a fantastic fund-raising opportunity for the school, but we do need volunteers to help by taking the collection buckets around with the sleigh. If you are able to help, please leave a message in the school office or let Mr Boyd know. Any children aged under 18 must be accompanied by an adult with only one child per responsible adult please. Please wear warm clothes and bring a torch.

### **Key Stage 2 Swimming**

Next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December will be the last swimming lesson this term. Swimming lessons will recommence next term on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### **First Access Music**

We are very pleased to have once again secured the opportunity for all of our pupils in years 3, 4 and 5 to learn a musical instrument in school. The pupils will be learning to play the recorder with Mrs Janine Mold from Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust. The lessons are free as they are funded through Arts Council England and all equipment is provided. The lessons will take place on a Thursday morning for a period of 10 weeks.

### **Mrs Manley**

At the end of this term we will be very sad to say farewell to Mrs Manley who is leaving Farthinghoe School after working with us for over 9 years. We really appreciate everything she has done for our school and I am sure you will join with me in saying a huge thank you and extend our best wishes to her for the future.

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