

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 7 : 8th December 2023



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

The term before Christmas is always busy but can you believe we have just eight (**yes 8**) days left of this term! It felt like November lasted forever and December started, I blinked and missed it 😊

How are your preparations going? Slow would be a good description of mine, unlike many of my lovely colleagues who take great delight in telling me they have brought all their presents, wrapped them and they are now under the tree or on their way to Father Christmas. I really must get a 'wriggle' on!

As you know, this year we introduced School Councillors to our list of pupil responsibilities (didn't they do a great job of decorating the tree?) But did you know that we also introduced Reading Ambassadors, members of our school community who are 'crazy' about reading and want to share their love of books with us all.

For Christmas this group of pupils are running a competition, Extreme Christmas Reading. What will be the most unusual place you get caught reading in this Christmas? There is a poster explaining what you have to do attached to this newsletter but we would love to see photos of your children or even yourselves reading your favourite or new Christmas book in the most unusual place you can find. Please email your photos to either myself or Mrs Woolacott.

Please remember to stay safe!

Next week, EYFS and KS1 will be performing The Landlord's Cat on Wednesday at 2pm, our KS2 children will be supporting us by helping us in singing the songs for this performance.

Next Friday we will be singing Carols around the Christmas Tree where our fantastic School Ties (PTA) will be serving hot chocolate. I do hope you can make both events and look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great weekend.

Stay safe and well.

Ms Turner and the Farthinghoe Team

Notices

- **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**

Biscuit Friday

All of the children absolutely love their sweet treat during afternoon break on a Friday. Unfortunately, we are noticing an increasing number of children do not have their 20p contribution. This small fundraising initiative is so important to our School and provides such valuable funds – in recent weeks it covered the cost of the supplies for Christmas Decorating morning.

How to contact us

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Website: www.farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk

If your child is in EYFS or keystage 1, you are welcome to give your child's 20p to their class teacher at morning drop off. Thank you for your continued support.

School Ties

15th December - Christmas Hamper Raffle

Our **fantastic Christmas Hamper Raffle** will take place after the **Carols around the Christmas Tree** event on 15th December. Thank you to all parents who have donated items. Prizes include hampers, champagne and restaurant vouchers.

Raffle tickets are £1 each. Children received ten tickets to take home (last month) and these can be returned to the school office with payment, thank you. Please contact the school office if you would like more tickets.

20th December - Family Disco 5-7pm at the Village Hall

Free entry. Please bring change for the tuck shop and refreshments. We will be selling sausages, veggie sausages, burgers, crisps, sweets, popcorn, mince pies, bread rolls, mulled wine, bottled beer, and soft drinks.

You can **pre-order cooked food** (this will help us minimise waste) by **Friday 15th December**. Contact Kath, Annie or Sam, or send an email to pta@farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk.

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



EYFS, Year 1 & 2 – Joshua

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Mikey



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 13th December, 2pm at the Village Hall – 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

Wednesday 17th January, 3.15pm – Parent meeting for Longtown Residential, yr 5 & 6 parents

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Monday 29th January – SCARF, Life Education Whole School visit

Thursday 8th February – Parent – Teacher meetings

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – Year 5 and 6 Longtown Residential

Friday 16th February - End of Term

Monday 26th February – Back to School

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

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