

# FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 8 : 20th December 2023



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Welcome to the end of term 😊 It has been a busy, full but exciting one. Thank you for all your support, understanding and help along the way.

I, and the team, wish you a very happy and restful Christmas and hope that you have a New Year that is filled with peace and happiness.

See you in 2024. Take special care

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 – the last day for voting is Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January.**

### School Ties, supporting our Christmas lunch

Our children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch today. We had crackers, games and Christmas music and the afternoon was rounded off with a visit from Father Christmas! Each child received a small gift and we would like to thank our wonderful School Ties for making these special occasions happen.

### Leadership change

Please note that from this point forward, Mrs Jane Ridley will be supporting new schools joining the Trust. In accordance with the leadership structure of the WMAT, Dr Annabel Kay will be taking over the role of Executive Headteacher supporting Ms Turner at Farthinghoe.

### Used stamps - collection box

We now have a stamp collection box in the school office. The collection is for Freddie's Future, a local charity, raising funds for life saving research into Ewing Sarcoma, a rare childhood cancer. So, over the Christmas period, please keep an eye on your post and save your used stamps. Thank you for your support.

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### School Ties – Events

**20<sup>th</sup> December - Family Disco 5-7pm at the Village Hall**

Are you ready to boogie?

Free entry! Including glitter tattoos, photo booth, tuck shop and refreshments.

See you there!

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### Reading Diaries

In line with the DoE Reading Framework which was produced at the end of September 2023 we are doing our very best to promote the love of reading both at home and at school. We hope you are enjoying our Extreme Reading challenge for the Christmas holiday.

We are finding that the Reading Diary is becoming a challenge in this regard and that children, parents and teachers are, at times, finding this a chore to complete. From January 2024 we will no longer be sending home a Reading Diary with your children, however, we will still be encouraging reading at home and in school.

All our children read every day at school either in their whole class reading sessions (KS2) or in their Read, Write Inc session (EYFS/KS1), so all staff are aware of the children's progress and ability.

In an attempt to encourage and make our reading more exciting we are proposing to introduce a Reading Tree in each class. This will comprise of a display board with a bare tree ready to be covered in leaves this will function as an effective whole-class reading record. Each time a child completes a book, they add a leaf with their name and the book, building into a wonderful display.

We believe that adding a leaf to the tree can be a motivating reason to read. For younger children, parents can fill out a leaf when they hear their child read at home (in the same way as they would fill out a traditional reading diary). And at the end of the year, the display can be dismantled and the children reunited with the leaves detailing all of the books they've read. We truly believe that this will be an enjoyable and fun experience for everyone.

### School dinner credit, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Unfortunately, the quality of the pizza that the children received as a hot dinner on Monday, was below the standards we would expect. We immediately complained to our caterer's Dolce, who have apologised profusely and have assured us this will not happen again. As a gesture of good will, all paid orders of pizza on Monday have been refunded to parent accounts.

### **A huge Congratulations to the following children, for receiving this term's Head Teacher's Award**



EYFS – Yi Ning  
Year 1 & 2 – Noah  
Year 3 & 4 – Alfie  
Year 5 & 6 - Zach



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – End of Term

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 5pm – 7pm** – School Ties Family DISCO, Village Hall

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – INSET, School closed to all pupils

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** – Start of Term

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 3.15pm** – Parent meeting for Longtown Residential, yr 5 & 6 parents

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**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – SCARF, Life Education Whole School visit**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – NSPCC Numbers Day – more information to follow**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Parent – Teacher meetings**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 and 6 Longtown Residential**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - End of Term**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Back to School**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day**

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