

# FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 9 : 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Welcome back! I know it has been two weeks but in case I haven't seen you or not had a chance to speak to you, Happy New Year 😊

Our New Year has started as it means to go on and we are very busy here in school. The children have settled well and we are very impressed with how hard they are working.

We have had a two-week reprieve from the prospect of an OFSTED visit but next week heralds the start back for them. Whist we are confident that we would do well, it does put an added pressure on all staff each week. Let's see what happens this term 😊

The 2<sup>nd</sup> February is the NSPCC Numbers Day, watch this space as our School Council will be co-ordinating some activities and letting you all know what we can do to celebrate this day and raise money for the NSPCC.

Don't forget to sign up for Parent's evenings, we look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Turner and the Farthinghoe Team

### Notices

- Due to changes to AOL and Yahoo, we are aware that some of our parents have not received our emails this week. Please be assured our email provider is working to rectify this issue ASAP.
- Music tuition invoices were sent out on Tuesday. Please can we kindly ask that these are paid by 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### Parents' Evening – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Following Mrs Woolacott's email this afternoon, please book your parent-teacher slots via the School Office. Appointments are 10 minutes each and if you feel it would be necessary to have an extended slot, please let us know and we can arrange this for an alternative date. Emails sent over the weekend or on Monday will be responded to in the order they are received, on Tuesday, when Mrs Woolacott is back in.

### 'Caught' Reading Challenge

We have received some fantastic entries to our 'caught' reading Christmas challenge. The children have until Monday to submit their photos. The winner will be announced next week in assembly.

### Longtown Residential – year 5 & 6

We hope parents found this week's residential meeting useful. Today we will be sending home parental consent forms which we would be grateful if they can be returned by next week.

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### **Bikeability training for year 6**

Last Friday we sent home consent forms for our cycling proficiency training, taking place later this year. Please can we kindly ask that these are signed and returned to the school office by next Friday.

### **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 are finding that the Reading Diary is becoming a challenge and that children, parents and teachers are, at times, finding this a chore to complete. From this term 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.

### **SCARF Life Education, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

The Coram Life Education & SCARF team will be visiting our school on the above date.

The children's charity Coram Life Education provides our Health and Wellbeing Education in school. Workshops are delivered by skilled educators and the SCARF resource is the framework of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic) education curriculum.

During the morning our children will participate in workshops. These fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshops help children to understand the importance of physical and emotional health; they learn vital life-skills that are also known to help their overall achievement.

- Early Years and Key Stage 1: children learn about keeping their bodies healthy, managing feelings, being a good friend and the safe use of medicines.
- Key Stage 2: children explore emotional needs, choices that can affect health and wellbeing, qualities of friendship, how to cope with bullying and the influence of friends. They also consider the effects and risks of drug use, including medicines, alcohol and tobacco as well as learning about how few people in their age group and older ages, actually use non-medical drugs – this is social norms education.

**A huge Congratulations to the following children, for receiving this week's  
Star of the Week Award**



**EYFS, Year 1 & 2 – Paige  
Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Logan**



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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**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 – please email the office to book your slot

**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** – Year 5 & 6 trip to the Black Country Museum

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day \*\*date change\*\*

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – End of Term

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Back to School

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Swimming at Brackley Leisure Centre commences (12 sessions), year 3-6

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – Muddy Feet forest school at Evenley Wood Garden, EYFS – year 2

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday – School closed

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