

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 11 : 16th February 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

What a great week we have had and what a fantastic way to end the term!

Those of us who stayed at school have enjoyed a Pancake flipping competition, a day of exploring impressionist paintings and the techniques used (EYFS/KS1) and a day of volcano making, explosions and creating infographs and teaching each other about natural disasters: where they happen and why (LKS2).

Goodness we have been busy!!!!

BUT what about our intrepid Year 5 and 6's?????

What a week they have had!!!!

Caving, climbing, canoeing, high ropes, hill walking, team games, movie night and last but not least a camp fire and marshmallows. What an amazing time they have had and what absolute superstars they have all been. A massive WELL DONE goes to all of them, we are so proud of you all.

These trips do not happen without a lot of work in the background and a massive thanks must go to Mr Elson and Mrs Woolacott for booking and pulling together all the risk assessments and paperwork to make the trip possible.

We must also say a HUGE thank you to Mr Elson and Mrs Hodson for leaving their own families and looking after your families for this week. Because of you guys this trip was made possible and because of you guys, the children made memories they will relive for ever. THANK YOU 😊

Have a great half term everyone

Ms Turner and the Farthinghoe Team

Notices

- **School reopens after half term on Monday 26th February**
- **EYFS & KS1 will be making sock puppets after half term. Miss Campbell has kindly asked for any donations of spare odd socks – these do not need to be pairs!**
- **Mr Reynold's cancelled guitar lesson from this week, has been rescheduled to Wednesday 27th March, please ensure your child has their instrument in school, on that day**

House Reward – Hamilton, Green

As a reward for receiving the most house points last term, the children in Hamilton House are invited to wear their home clothes to school on Friday 1st March. We would routinely have had this treat today, but we didn't want out eligible year 5 and 6s to miss out!

How to contact us

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World Book Day – Where's Wally? Fun Run

On Friday 8th March we have something very exciting planned! Every child is invited to come into school dressed as everyone's favourite elusive book character – Where's Wally!

At 2.30pm we will then venture down to the School Field where we will all take part in a Fun Run. Can you imagine it – 50 Wally's racing round the field?! Parents and families are welcome to join us and cheer the children on.

We are not asking for sponsorship for this event, instead we ask that each child donates a children's book which we will then in turn donate to charity. Children will each receive their £1.00 book token at the end of the day.

Better Conversations - An online tool for Parents to reduce parental conflict

Better Conversations, which is informed by mentalization-based therapy, is a role play tool which can be accessed on a PC or a mobile that gives parents and co-parents the space to learn to communicate more productively with each other, with the aim of reducing conflict between them.

You are invited to join our training session with Tavistock Relationships on Tuesday 27th February 10-12, via Teams to learn about the tool and how it can help parents to help themselves.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

If you are unable to join this training, there will be another opportunity on Thursday 14th March (details to follow)

BT Telephone Handsets, available

We have recently changed our telephone provider and as a result our original BT handsets have become obsolete. We have a set of BT4600 Advance Nuisance Call Blocker, Trio (main handset and base, plus 2 additional handsets). If anyone can make use of these, please pop into the School Office where they are available to collect. We are just asking for a very small donation into the school funds.

School Ties – Events

Leap into Action – 16th February to 28th March 2024

To celebrate it being a Leap Year, we are holding a sponsored Leap into Action event from 16th February to 28th March 2024.

Each child can decide what to leap into but here are some ideas: leap into a new book; leap into Lego and create a crazy construction; hop on one leg; leap into helping around the house.

We hope the children have lots of fun leaping to raise funds for our school.

You can sponsor your child by completing the sponsorship form and use the small box provided to collect the money.

We would be grateful for any contribution you can make. Feel free to pass on to family and friends too.

Sponsorship money should be handed in to school by 28th March.

All funds raised from these events will contribute to learning experiences for the children at Farthinghoe Primary School. Thank you so much for any support you can give in these challenging times, we are hugely grateful.

You can contact us on pta@farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk or

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/959242150842317/?ref=share> for further information.

Thanks for your continued support.

School Ties PTA

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



EYFS – Tate

Year 1 & 2 – Maddox

Year 3 & 4 – Freddie

**Year 5 & 6 – The whole class for their
resilience, determination and endurance on their
Longtown Residential trip!**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 16th February - End of Term

Monday 26th February – Back to School

Friday 1st March – Reward Day for members of Hamilton House, wear Home Clothes to school

Thursday 7th March – Year 5 & 6 trip to the Black Country Museum

Friday 8th March – World Book Day – all children to dress as 'Where's Wally' for Fun Run at 2.30pm on the School Field

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day – more details to follow after half term

Wednesday 27th March – Guitar catch-up lesson with Mr Reynolds

Thursday 28th March – End of Term

Monday 15th April – Back to School

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

Wednesday 17th April – Muddy Feet forest school at Evenley Wood Garden, EYFS – year 2

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday – School closed

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