

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER : 16th July 2021



Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

This is the final newsletter before we finish up for the Summer holidays. It's been another turbulent year but we are grateful for our wonderful school community and the support given during the last year! I wish you all a fantastic summer break. I also need to say a 'special' goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and their families as they leave the Farthinghoe School community. Beth, Ella, Grace, Jake, Meredith, Niall, Rosie and Stanley have been a credit to the school and we wish them all the very best for a happy and successful future.

Term dates in September

Currently the guidance suggests that we are able to return to our original school day timings in September. Therefore, as a gentle reminder - the school day for all children will begin at 8.55am, however children may arrive from 8.45am. The school day will then end at 3.15pm.

School production - Thursday 8th July

The School production was a huge success and we were so proud of all the children. You should now have received an email link to the photographs. Photos can be saved and printed, however we kindly ask that the link is not shared.

Sports' Day - Thursday 15th July

Thank you to all the parents and family members that joined us for the very sunny sports' day yesterday. A big thank you must go to Mr Elson for organising the event. It was lovely to see the children leave the field with a selection of prize winning stickers on their t-shirts!

Collections for staff & book donations

Thank you so very much for all the staff gifts that have been received and for contributions to Mrs Harding and Mrs Franko's leaving presents. We have been overjoyed by the number of books purchased from our Amazon wish list - they will all be a fantastic addition to the library in September.

Bikeability for year 6

This year's bikeability course was a huge successful, will all members of year 6 passing the course and therefore receiving their certificates and badges. It is great to know that this group of children are safe, cycling on our roads.

School works during the summer holidays

The school looks very different at the moment, all the displays and resources have been packed away as we prepare for the biggest overhaul we have had in many years. During the summer holidays the school is being rewired and the flat roof is being replaced. Upon return in September, the classrooms will all have been repainted and we will have a new mains wired fire alarm system.

Longtown Residential, year 5 and 6, 2021

As previously advised, we have booked a 4 night stay for our year 5 and 6 children to Longtown Outdoor Learning Centre in November. We anticipate the total cost to be approx. £250.00, which includes the coach transport, activities, food and residential accommodation. We will endeavour to spread the payment costs

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across the entire academic year (2021-2022) but at this stage we would be grateful if you can confirm with Mrs Thompson, whether your child would be keen to attend. Once we have confirmed numbers, full details will be sent out and an initial deposit of £50 will be required before the end of September.

Raisin Funds

The fantastic raisin funds initiative raised an amazing £121.39. The School Ties would like to thank all the children and parents that kindly contributed.

The Maths Factor

We know that a lot of the parents have already signed their children up to Carol Vorderman's Maths Factor and have used it successfully during lockdown. Pearson, the publisher behind this website, have just informed us that they are offering a free course for the summer. For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://www.themathsfactor.com>

Reading Bingo

This is a lovely way to encourage children to read over the summer. Keystage 1 have this chart in their book bags and Ms Turner is really looking forward to seeing it filled in, when they return in the summer.

Missing uniform

J Freeman (year 3) is missing a school jumper - it is labelled. If we could kindly ask you to have a look at home during the holidays, and return it to the school office in September, if discovered. Likewise, if anybody finds any further uniform that is labelled with another child's name - if they could also return it to school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd September - INSET, school closed

Monday 6th September - Back to School

On behalf of the Governors and myself, I would like to say a thank you to all the staff who have worked so very hard to support the children through this very difficult year. We do hope that next year we will be able to return to our normal routines but I know that whatever challenges face us, as a team we will work together to make Farthinghoe an outstanding school.

With warmest wishes and kind regards, Mrs Wendy Whitehouse

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