

# FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER : 18th June 2021



Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

Following the email communication I received on 15<sup>th</sup> June from the Department for Education, outlining the new Government guidance, I am pleased to let you know that we will be able to hold an outside end of year production and sports' day! However, we must adhere to strict guidelines at all times.

### **School production - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

The children are busy practising their songs for the school production, which we invite you to watch from 2pm **(please note the change of time)** on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July on the school field. We had hoped to be able to have family picnics but unfortunately the guidance states for events run by the school which involve parents, children must remain in their school bubbles. Therefore, we will be eating lunch at school and the children will sit in their classes to watch their friends performing on stage. The school field will be divided into 3 areas (EYFS | Year 1 & 2 | Keystage 2) and you are welcome to bring your own deck chairs but please limit it to 2 adults per family.

\*\*In the eventuality of bad weather, the school production will be rescheduled to the afternoon of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July\*\*

### **Sports' Day - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

This will be held on the school field and will be races only. It will start at 9.30am, when parents are invited to join us to cheer on their children. Spectators are allowed in groups of 30, therefore we will have 3 sectioned areas, all next to the track and we ask that you remain in your group. The group splits will be as follows - EYFS | Year 1 and 2 | Keystage 2. If you have children in different year groups, we ask that you join the group of your youngest child. Social distancing of 1m must be maintained and we request that there are no more than 2 supporters per family. It will be different, as the children will have already completed their round robin field events the previous week, with the scores recorded, ready for the final tally after the races. The children will remain in their year groups for the duration and they will be able to show you their stickers, at the end of the event (approx. 10.30am).

### **Leavers' Service - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

The guidance states that school events, with parents invited, should be held outside. Last year we held an afternoon tea for our year 6 leavers and their parents - this was a meaningful way to celebrate the end of their primary school career and so we have decided to do the same again this year. The children enjoy sharing their memories and their unique talents, along with receiving their school cups. Parents and family of children in year 6 are welcome to join us for this celebration from 2pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Please let Mrs Thompson know how many people will be attending, as to ensure we enough scones are baked and tea brewed!

### **School Photos**

Siblings and keystage photographs, taken by Caroline Rushton, have now been emailed to parents. Photos are ordered directly via Caroline's website, however if they are ordered before Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, no delivery charge will be incurred, as they will be sent home from school.

### **Cardigans and jumpers**

Please can we kindly ask that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. With the recent improving weather, the children understandably take their jumpers and cardigans off and if lost, it is hard to return them to their rightful owner, if they are not named.

#### **How to contact us**

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### **School Uniform orders**

The date for ordering uniform to arrive before the summer holidays, have now passed. We can continue to submit orders until Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, for guaranteed delivery before September. Please note, there will be an additional £5.00 charge on all orders, as they will be delivered to home addresses during the summer break.

### **Books**

The library and the book cases in each classroom are going to be revamped and if you have any children's books that are in very good condition and would like to donate them to the school, we would be very grateful. Please bring any donations into school on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June only**.

### **Come and see what we have been doing...**

We warmly invite you into school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 2.45pm to view your child/ren's books and classwork. Tables will be set up on the playground, and parents are welcome to come and sit and peruse the progress their child is making.

### **Curriculum support groups**

Between now and Christmas we want to offer children 6 sessions of either one to one or small group work, working on any identified gaps that may have developed during lock down. These sessions will be carried out either during or after the school day. When your child is due to start in one of these groups, you will be informed of the timings and the focus. As you may have seen in the media, schools have been allocated funding for 'COVID catch up' and to ensure **all** of our pupils benefit from this, we believe that this small group work will be hugely beneficial.

### **After school clubs**

We plan to resume after school clubs in the Autumn term. We are exploring paid providers and well as those run by staff and parents. If you are able to support or deliver a club, please let Mrs Thompson know.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2.45pm** - Parents to view children's work

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm** - 'Songs from the Musicals' production (school field)

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm - 3pm** - EYFS new starters tea and play in the afternoon

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Bikeability training for year 5 and 6

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30am** - Sports' Day for the whole school

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Leavers' afternoon tea (2pm) and **End of Term**

With warmest wishes and kind regards, Mrs Wendy Whitehouse

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