

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER : 28th May 2021



Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

Victorian Day - Monday 14th June

We have been immersing ourselves in the history of our local area in keystage 2 and keystage 1 have been discovering all about the work of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. To allow the children to understand what it would have been like to be their age in the Victorian era and to step back in time, we will be turning the clocks back in 1878 on Monday 14th June. The children are invited to dress up as a typical Victorian child (optional) and we will spend the entirety of the day learning and experiencing life as a pupil 143 years ago! Please do not feel that you need to buy any specific clothes for the day, below are some simple costume ideas.

Costume ideas: boys, grey shorts, white shirt, flat cap | girls, plain dress and apron

School Day

We have not received any further guidance on relaxing the social distancing measures we have in place. Therefore, we will continue with the class bubbles and staggered start and finish times, after half term.

Books

The library and the book cases in each classroom are going to be revamped. Furniture and books are going to be purchased to ensure the children are supported in their Reading Journey. With this in mind, we are reaching out to parents to help us do this. 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 21st June only**. In addition, the staff will be drawing up an 'Amazon book wish list' which will be shared before the summer holidays if you would like to make a purchase on our behalf.

School lunches on Monday 7th June

Dolce have advised that on Monday 7th June **only**, their kitchen will be working at reduced capacity. They have therefore asked that orders are not placed for jacket potatoes. They have been unable to remove them from the menu so they may still appear on School Grid. Orders for potatoes will unfortunately not be fulfilled. Thank you for your understanding.

Come and see what we have been doing...

We warmly invite you into school on Friday 2nd 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

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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. In addition, please find flyer attached, detailing a new wellbeing club at the Well Retreat in Brackley.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7th June - Return to School

Monday 14th June - Victorian Day for the whole school

Tuesday 15th OR Thursday 17th June - Year 6 transition day at Chenderit School (date TBC)

Tuesday 15th June, 9.15am - 2.45pm - Muddy Feet at Evenley Wood Garden for EYFS and keystage 1. Children to be dropped off and collected from Evenley Wood.

Friday 2nd July, 2.45pm - Parents to view children's work

Thursday 8th July, 1pm - School picnic and 'Songs from the Musicals' production (school field)

Friday 9th July - EYFS new starters tea and play in the afternoon

Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th July - Bikeability training for year 5 and 6

Thursday 15th July, 9.30am - Sports' Day for the whole school

Friday 16th July - Year 6 Leavers' Service (2pm) and **End of Term**

With warmest wishes and kind regards, Mrs Wendy Whitehouse

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