

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2 : 27th September 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

I hope you have all been taking care and have managed to avoid the floods that have been a huge focus of this week. Certainly my commute has been a whole lot more interesting, especially the mornings, when it is still dark and you do not see the water until you hit it 😊 I have been reliably informed that the weather will be less wet going forward but colder!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and formally welcome our new School Council members, Zac, Piper, Andreea, Ted, Mary, Enya, Maddox and Tate. I am really looking forward to working with you all, thank you for standing.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to all those who stood for election but were not successful this time. Standing in front of your peers and teachers and giving a speech, presentation or reading out a letter is a very brave thing to do and I am very, very proud of you all.

As you all know, Mrs Fisher will be leaving us around Christmas time to start her maternity leave, this may of course be earlier depending on Mrs Fisher and her baby's health. This brings into question what will be happening when Mrs Fisher goes and I am now in a position to let you know.

I will be covering Year 3 and 4 for the period of Mrs Fisher's maternity leave, so will be teaching in Year 3 and 4 until July 2025. Mrs Fisher is hoping to return at the end of the academic year, to be back properly from September 2025. Mrs Thompson, who you and all the children know and who has taught in EYFS and KS1 before, will move up to become the teacher sharing with Mrs Bufton.

We will not be replacing any teaching staff or TA's (other than in Year 5 and 6) in an effort to keep continuity for the children. As our numbers are so small this year, it makes absolute sense to move personnel around rather than make temporary changes.

It was with some sadness after our loss of children during the Summer holidays that we also had to say goodbye to Sienna and Amara this week, we wish them and their family well.

Have a great weekend

Take special care, Ms Turner and the Farthinghoe Team

Notices

- We have confirmed the dates for many of our events, up until Christmas. Please take a look at the diary at the bottom of this newsletter and add them to your calendar
- Today, Friday 27th September, is the final day to sign your child up for the Year 3 & 4 residential trip to Everdon. If you have not yet returned the permission slip/ paid the deposit, but would like your child to attend – please speak to Mrs Woolcott
- The school photographer has visited today – options for ordering will be shared shortly

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Farthinghoe Village Show

The annual village show takes place this Sunday from 12pm – 4pm. We will be running several stalls and games - we hope to see lots of you there.

Food Bank collection week

Ahead of a visit from Brackley Food Bank on Tuesday 8th October, next week we are asking for food donations for this fantastic cause. Please drop donations off in the School office.
Thank you in advance for your support.

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HARVEST DONATIONS

MON 30 SEPT
- FRI 4 OCT



We are delighted to support Brackley Food Bank with this year's harvest donations. Donations can be dropped off at the School Office

ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Breakfast Cereals
- ▶ Tinned Vegetables
- ▶ Pasta & Sauces
- ▶ Biscuits & Long Life Cake

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Late arrival at school

Please can we remind you that school starts at 8.55am. The gate is opened promptly at 8.45am by a member of staff.

Children need to be in their classroom (not the cloakroom) at 8.55 am so that they can start their lessons promptly. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks. Their teacher will not always be able to explain work.

It is very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives and punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others.

We understand that there may be rare occasions when you are unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances. On these occasions please make sure that you contact the school office to inform us when you will arrive.

Children arriving after the gate has been closed will be marked as 'late' in the register and this is deemed unauthorised absence.

Everdon Residential for Year 3 and 4

We are really pleased with the uptake for our Everdon residential in January. If you, or your child, would like to know more about the educational centre, please visit their website <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/everdon-outdoor-learning-centre>

Ms Turner will hold an information evening for parents and children before Christmas. This meeting will provide information about activities, arrangements and a kit list will be provided.

West Northamptonshire Art & Culture Newsletter

This month, West Northamptonshire Council have launched their 'Art & Culture' newsletter. The monthly mailing includes a wide range of events and activities for both children and adults, including workshops, performances, and creative opportunities happening in our local area. To sign up, please click [here](#).

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The October newsletter features lots of fun Halloween-themed events and activities for the upcoming half-term break.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club provision runs every morning from 8am. Children are offered a healthy breakfast of cereals, fruits, yogurts and toast. Bookings can be made via our online booking system (please only make 1 booking per family) <https://booking.appointy.com/en-US/farthinghoeprimary/bookings/calendar>

The daily cost is £4.50 per child and invoices are sent out at the end of each month, with payment due within 14 days.

Labelling of school uniform

Please can we kindly request that **all** school uniform is named. Is it impossible for us to return items to their rightful owner, if they do not have their name either written, on a sticker or sewn inside.

<https://www.mynametags.com/> are a brilliant website with lots of different name label designs. Please use our School ID – 22856, and we will receive commission from any purchases.



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded 'Star of the Week'

- EYFS, Year 1 & 2 - Mila & Harrison
- Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Elle

last week – Amara & Elizabeth (yr 2) & Lucas (yr 5)



Parking within the school vicinity

Please can we remind our parents and families to be considerate when parking at school drop off and pick up times?

You may have noticed the new addition to our Farthinghoe family, Liam – our road safety mascot.

We have been astonished by the amount of drivers that have continued to park directly in front of Liam! The dropped kerb opposite school is a safe point for our families and villagers to cross the very busy Cockley Road. There is ample parking at the Village Hall, so please consider allowing a little extra time to walk up the road to school.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 27th September – Mango in School, photographers – individual and sibling photographs – order details to follow shortly

Sunday 29th September – Farthinghoe Village Show at the Village Hall

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w/c Monday 30th September – Food Bank collection week – kindly requesting donations of tins and jars for Brackley Food Bank

Tuesday 8th October – Brackley Food Bank whole school assembly

Thursday 24th October - Parent-Teacher meetings, booking details to follow shortly

Friday 25th October, 3.15pm – School Ties Halloween Sweet Stall

Friday 25th October – End of Term

Monday 4th November – Back to School

Friday 15th November, 9am – 11am – Open Morning for prospective parents of pupils joining in September 2025

Monday 2nd December, PM – Christmas Decorating afternoon, all parents and families invited to join us

Wednesday 11th December – Santa Fun Run in support of Helen & Douglas Hospice, further details and fundraising information to follow in due course

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day, in aid of Save the Children charity

Friday 13th December – School Nurse visit, flu vaccinations for all pupils – further communication to follow in due course

Thursday 19th December, PM – Carols around the Christmas Tree, families to join us

Friday 20th December – End of Term

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